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PCC Chancellor selected for regional leadership award

Pima Association of Governments announced that Pima Community College Chancellor Lee Lambert is the recipient of PAG's 2019 Thomas L. Swanson Regional Leadership Award.

The Swanson award is given in honor of a former PAG executive director, the late Thomas L. Swanson, to acknowledge an individual or organization that has affected positive change in the region in the areas of transportation, air quality, water quality or economic vitality.

Lambert was recognized for his efforts in workforce development and economic vitality initiatives to bolster the region. His accomplishments include launching Centers of Excellence to meet industry workforce needs, creating a Vice President of International Development role at Pima Community College and building key relationships with Mexico, Arizona's largest trading partner.

"When Chancellor Lambert was hired to lead Pima Community College, he faced both staffing and public relations challenges," said Lea Marquez Peterson, who nominated Mr. Lambert for the award. Peterson chairs PAG's Economic Vitality Advisory Committee on which Lambert serves. "He quickly built allies and worked to build "Chancellor's Goals" that aligned with his board and the needs of the community. His efforts have been very positively responded to by businesses both large and small in the region."

His vision has assisted Arizona in maintaining close bi-national relationships with Mexico, and it is focused on the workforce of the future. Other accomplishments include strengthening partnerships with the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, ministries of Education and Foreign Relations, and other Mexico institutions, which have helped provide over 340 scholarships to Mexican-origin and Hispanic students.

To view past Swanson award recipients, please visit www.PAGregion.com.

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