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Andrés Luna, II Appointed New Interim CEO of The Young Americans

CORONA, CALIFORNIA – July 7, 2020 – The Young Americans announced its Board of Directors has unanimously selected Andrés Luna, II as the organization's interim CEO effective July 1, 2020. He succeeds interim CEO Katiina Dull, who recently resigned.

A San Bernardino native, Mr. Luna has a successful 35-year track record in music and education with experience in innovative practices with increasing duties and responsibilities from the classroom to the district office administrator. For nearly 20 years Andy served as Director of Choral Music at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School followed by leadership roles as Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Special Programs, and finally Senior Director of Secondary Education all at Rialto Unified School District.

Mr. Luna is gifted at creating and monitoring policies and practices that promote diversity, a safe learning atmosphere, and helping cultivate an innovative environment that encourages open communication with colleagues, students, parents, and the community. He has a passion for nurturing and helping young people to develop their talents and overcome obstacles and achieve their personal pursuits.

Andy graduated from California State University, San Bernardino in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and Voice Performance as well as graduate studies. In 1998 he earned a Master of Arts degree in Choral Conducting and Music Education at California State University, Fullerton, and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration at Azusa Pacific University in 2000.

“We believe that Andy will be a strong leader for The Young Americans as it continues to inspire young people and audiences around the world,” says Phil Lisle, Board President. “Andy immediately stood out as someone who has deep experience in executive leadership, music education, and in bringing organizational transformation that will help move the group into the future stronger than ever.”

“As a former educator, administrator and performer with The Young Americans (New Kid '77), I am excited to have the opportunity to finally give back to an institution that has helped shape who I am today,” remarked Luna. “I’m confident my experience and talents can help strengthen and improve this beloved organization, building upon the traditions of our founder, Milton C. Anderson, to continue its proud traditions and worldwide impact for years to come.”

About The Young Americans:

The Young Americans, founded in 1962, is a charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of understanding and goodwill among people throughout the world through music, dance, performance, academic education, and cultural interaction among Student Members and their audiences.