



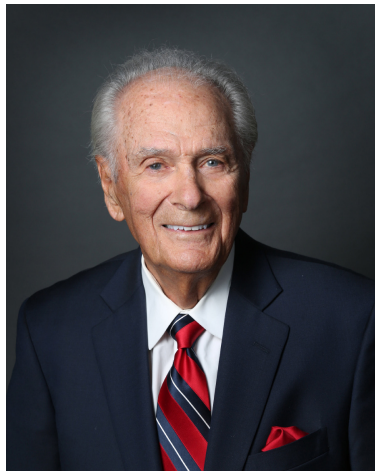
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**DR. JAMES MANILLA, FORMER PCC LEADER AND UA VP,
APPOINTED TO VANTAGE WEST BOARD**



TUCSON, Arizona. (April 25, 2017) – Vantage West Credit Union (vantagewest.org), southern Arizona’s largest credit union, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James Manilla to serve as Associate Director to the Vantage West Board of Directors.

As former President/Chancellor of Pima Community College and Vice President for Development at the University of Arizona, Dr. Manilla brings with him a wealth of leadership experience and professional achievements, along with personal integrity and the willingness to serve and provide insight in support of the Board’s objectives.

The Vantage West Board of Directors helps set the strategic direction of the credit union, supports efforts to ensure it maintains an excellent financial standing, and guides the credit union as it continues to provide value to the membership.

About Dr. Manilla

Dr. Manilla has distinguished himself in the academic field with a lifetime career marked by key leadership roles in various organizations. Upon retiring in 2015, he served as President of four community colleges, culminating in his role as President/Chancellor of Pima Community College from 1979-1987.

For the next 18 years, Dr. Manilla took on his next leadership position as Vice President for Development at the UA. During this time, he led two successful fund-raising initiatives as Executive Director for the first Capital Campaign to raise \$100 million, and then again five years later to raise \$1 billion.

Throughout this professional career in Tucson, Dr. Manilla was active in various community organizations. These include Board of Director roles with the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Metropolitan Convention Visitors, Davis-Monthan DMSO Board (founding member), Green Fields School Board, and Tucson Airport Authority.

A native of Skaneateles, New York, Dr. Manilla honorably served in the U.S Armed Forces from 1942-1945 and was deployed to Europe during World War II.

Dr. Manilla obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1949, and later earned his Master's degree at Syracuse University and Doctorate degree in higher education administration at Wayne State University.

Dr. Manilla is currently a member of the National Leadership Council of the University of Arizona Foundation.

About Vantage West Credit Union

Vantage West Credit Union is a \$1.7-billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of more than 145,000. Vantage West has 17 branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast global membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full-service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans,

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