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Merisotis is an expert on a wide range of issues. He is well versed in domestic and international issues, including talent development, higher education financing, minority-serving colleges and universities, learning outcomes, and the social and economic benefits of higher education. His work includes extensive global expertise, with experience in southern Africa, the former Soviet Union, Europe and other parts of the world.

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Merisotis commits his time and energies as trustee for a diverse array of organizations around the world, including his alma mater, Bates College in Maine. He serves as vice chairman and investment committee chair for the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the world's largest museum for children, and is a member of the board of directors for the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, the leading voice for regional economic development in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. He also serves on the board of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece, a bicultural institution that includes a college, a high school and an elementary school. He also is special adviser to the executive committee of the London-based European Access Network. His previous board service includes terms as president of the Economic Club of Indiana; as chairman of the board for Scholarship America, the nation's largest private-sector scholarship and educational-support organization; and as board vice chair for the Washington Internship Institute.

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Lumina Foundation is an independent, private foundation committed to increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates and other credentials to 60 percent by 2025. Lumina's outcomes-based approach focuses on helping to design and build an accessible, responsive and accountable higher education system while fostering a national sense of urgency for action to achieve Goal 2025.