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## **Marco Campos Named 9NEWS Leader of the Year**

Note to editors: Download Campos' headshot here.

DENVER –STEM education champion and business founder Marco Campos has been named the 2015 9NEWS Leader of the Year by the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation and 9NEWS.

A Colorado native, Campos is the founder and managing principal of Campos EPC, an engineering, procurement and construction services firm specializing in providing services for oil and gas pipeline and facility organizations. As a community-minded business, Campos EPC is dedicated to investing human and financial resources in STEM education efforts across the state, with an emphasis on female and under-represented minority students. In 2012, Campos EPC was recognized as the Minority Owned Business of the Year at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Awards.

"This recognition is a tremendous honor and validation of Campos EPC's efforts to establish a community outreach program and foundation that supports under-represented minorities and female youth aspiring to a STEM-related career," Campos said.

Through Campos' <u>partnerships with Denver Public Schools</u> and multiple Colorado universities, he is leading a statewide initiative that impacted 350 female and minority students in 2014 alone. Campos aims to directly reach over 2,500 students by the end of 2017 through summer programs, scholarships, internships, job shadowing and other STEM-related programs.

"Marco is an incredible example of what it means to be a business leader in Denver: To be invested in not just building your business, but in building a better community," said Katie Kramer, executive director of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation.

"We believe Marco's leadership will inspire others in the business community to leverage their talents and resources to help our community thrive," said Mark Cornetta, president and general manager of 9NEWS.

Campos will be recognized at the Leadership Foundation's annual benefit, the 9NEWS Civic Leadership Luncheon, on March 19 at the Colorado Convention Center. To learn more about the event and table and sponsorship opportunities, <u>click here</u>.

The 9NEWS Leader of the Year award recognizes annually an emerging leader who has made a significant and lasting contribution to state. 9NEWS has awarded a community leader each year since 1999. Click here to view a list of former winners.

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