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## Los Rios Foundation Elects Fowler and Taghavian to Board

SACRAMENTO – The Los Rios Foundation has elected Gordon Fowler of 3fold Communications and Alex Taghavian of the Linked Learning Alliance as the two newest members of its volunteer board of directors.

“We are thrilled to welcome Gordon and Alex to the board,” said Board Chair Dave Younger. “Their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to this community, as well as to the Los Rios Community College District, will strengthen our board and our colleges and, in turn, the Sacramento Region.” The Los Rios Foundation’s mission is to invest in the students of the Los Rios Community College District to help them succeed and reach their educational goals.

Fowler serves as president and CEO of 3fold Communications. After 15 years of national, success-filled marketing and advertising experience in high-level positions in the private and public sector, he launched 3fold Communications in 2004. Ten years later, 3fold Communications has become an award-winning, multi-million dollar agency and a leader in socially conscious marketing. Born in New Zealand and raised in South America, Fowler is the proud father of three sons who can outwit him in two languages. He has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Communications from Georgetown University.

Taghavian serves as the senior program manager of the Linked Learning Alliance. Along with his duties at the Linked Learning Alliance, he serves on the board of directors of the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce and NextEd, and is immediate past chair of Cap to Cap. Additionally, he was selected as a winner in the Sacramento Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” honors for 2013 and received the Leadership and Service Award from the School of Education at Drexel University in 2013. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a master’s degree from Sacramento State and a doctorate of education from Drexel University.

Beverly “Babs” Sandeen, Los Rios’ vice chancellor for Resource and Economic Development and president of the Los Rios Foundation, said, “The Los Rios Foundation is going to benefit tremendously by adding these local leaders to our board. They are both dedicated to the communities Los Rios serves, and we look forward to serving alongside them as we work to improve the lives of students.”

## **ABOUT LOS RIOS**

The Los Rios Community College District is one of the nation’s most respected learning institutions and the second-largest community college district in California, serving the greater Sacramento region. Los Rios includes: American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges; six major education and outreach centers; and specialized workforce and economic development programs for regional businesses, governments and organizations. Los Rios colleges offer AA/AS degrees, certificates and transfer-education opportunities in more than 70 career fields. The District’s 2,400-square mile service area includes all of Sacramento County, most of El Dorado County and parts of Yolo, Placer and Solano counties. About 77,000 students are enrolled in the four Los Rios colleges. For more information, go to [www.losrios.edu](http://www.losrios.edu).