

Aaron Vargas is a die-hard longhorn having attended his first UT football game before the age of one which became the catalyst for degrees from the University of Texas (B.A. '12) and Texas Law (J.D. '15). Aaron's interest in environmental law can be attributed to his father, Hector Vargas, who works at Texas Instruments handling environmental matters from the technical side. His father brought Aaron to his first Superconference in 2014 (well snuck him in) and they have attended and sat together every year since.

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