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News of Note



Approximately 300 people, including officials from UNM, the Navajo Nation, Zuni Pueblo and other groups, attended UNM-Gallup's 35th anniversary celebration.



Pauletta White is new MCHS, CCTE Principal

Pauletta White, a former high school teacher, guidance counselor and administrator for 17 years, has joined UNM-G as principal of the Middle College High School and the Center for Career and Technical Education. She has a Bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University, and a Master's from Western NM University.

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UNM-G Celebrates 35th Anniversary; Honors Founders of Branch Campus

Hundreds of local citizens and representatives of the University of New Mexico main campus had the opportunity to meet the new UNM president, Louis Caldera, during a celebration of UNM-Gallup's 35th anniversary on Sept. 16.

Caldera, a graduate of West Point and the former Secretary of the Army during the Clinton Administration, arrived in Gallup the night before to meet with the

local community. He was given a bolo tie created by a Zuni artist and presented by Zuni Pueblo Governor Arlen Quetawki and Lt. Gov. Carmelita Sanchez.

Special guests on the program were some of the ten founders of the Gallup Campus, who were honored for their various roles in helping establish the college: Ernest Becenti

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From the Desk of the Executive Director ... by Beth Miller, Executive Director

As I reflect upon our 35th anniversary celebration, I am reminded of the strength of partnerships. Our founders, the Lions Club, UNM faculty and administration, legislators, and many other community supporters all worked together to improve the quality of life in this region. We continue to strengthen these partnerships and build new ones that address the educational needs of our community. I'd like to devote this issue's column space to mention a few of our valuable partnerships. Because of space limitations, I will continue this topic in the Winter Issue of the newsletter.

Our CCTE program (formerly the Area Vocational School) is a successful 19-year partnership between UNM-G, Gallup McKinley County Schools, Zuni Public Schools, Ft. Wingate BIA High School, and Rehoboth Christian School. Approximately 400 high school junior and seniors earn concurrent credit while

learning a vocational skill. Our chartered Middle College High School is a partnership with UNM-G, GMCS, UNM, the State Department of Education, and the Commission on Higher Education. Two recent partnerships that are benefiting the community are the Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service grants and the Diabetes Prevention Specialist programs. With the RUS funds, we are building the infrastructure necessary to provide distance education courses in various public school sites in the county. Entities such as Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital, Gallup McKinley Mega Central, and Rehoboth Christian School are also benefiting from these grant monies.

With funding from the CDC, we are also developing academic programs in diabetes prevention specialist. **(To be continued in the Winter Issue in December)**

Mobile Computer Lab Helps Students Hone Skills

Many students at UNM-G may never have had an opportunity to develop the computer skills that are so necessary for success in today's college environment.



Developmental English Instructor Mary Snaden helps student Tammie Yazzie with her Web CT skills on one of the computers from the mobile lab.

But because of a Rural Utilities grant, some are getting a chance to hone those skills.

With monies from the grant, the college has purchased 24 Gateway notebook com-

puters in a mobile computer lab. The computers have a wireless interface with a cabinet that is hooked into the college's T-1 line. Students check out the computers for class time and are taught a variety of skills.

Associate Professor Mary Snaden has been making good use of the computers in her Developmental English classes. Students, besides learning the basics of computer operation, also learn how to navigate through a distance course using Web Course Tools, or WebCT--course management software--which is designed to create and manage web-based learning.

Snaden's students access hand-

outs on the computers, submit assignments, post and exercise peer review of rough drafts, and submit portfolios online.

"We are fortunate to have this piece of equipment," Snaden said. "The wireless-internet notebook computers afford instructors with the flexibility to familiarize the students with computer technology at the student's own pace in a non-threatening environment."

Calendar

October 13: Indigenous Day
 October 23: Paraguayan Band, Regalo de Amor, UNM-G Commons, 11:30-1:30 p.m.
 November 11: Veterans Day

November 26-30: Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 7: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday Magic, Gurley Hall Commons
 December 13-20: Final Exams
 December 21-31: Holiday Break.

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35th Anniversary



Top, from left: Ara Green and Flor Salazar help decorate the Commons for the 35th; UNM Provost Brian Foster presents Dr. Elizabeth Miller with a plaque commemorating her appointment as UNM-G Executive Director; at left, Student Advisor Maggie Robinson hands out college literature to potential students; above, from left, Dr. Miller, UNM President Louis Caldera, Provost Foster and UNM Regent Sandra Begay-Campbell.

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Sr.; the late Clair Gurley, represented by son Pat; Ferrel Heady; Van Dorn Hooker; Robert Lalicker; Paul McCollum; Eric McCrossen; the late Harvey Whitehill; Walter Wolf; and John Zollinger. Representatives from the Lions Club were also present to receive a plaque in recognition of their donation of land and Lions Hall to the campus.

Provost Brian Foster introduced Beth Miller as the new Executive Director of the Gallup campus. Dr. Miller was presented with a sash of office, woven by Zuni artist Gregory Boone, by directors of the three branch campuses: Dr. Alice Letteny of Valencia; Dr. Alicia Chavez of Taos; and Dr. Carlos Rodriguez of Los Alamos.

Also on the program were UNM Regent Sandra Begay-Campbell and Roxanne Gorman of the

Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance Department.

During the afternoon, the celebration continued with entertainment by dancers and musicians, tours of the campus and viewings of historical displays.

A number of former employees, students, administrators and persons key to the establishment of the campus traveled from far afield to be present at the anniversary. Some of these participated in an archival project where they were interviewed by Barbara Stanley, local radio host, on videotape.

Local residents Sally Noe, Octavia Fellin and Martin Link helped put together a photographic and newspaper clipping history of the college, which was displayed in one of the Gurley Hall cases.

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Ends Jan. 30;
Classes start Jan. 20*



Tammi Watts Wins Gateway Computer

Tammi Watts, a sophomore Nursing student from Window Rock, won the Fall Drawing for the free computer given away by the Gateway Corporation.

UNM-G Student Places 2nd in NMAMP Poster Contest

Jonathan Clyde, a UNM-G student pursuing a degree in pre-med, recently placed second out of 25 undergrads competing in a national poster contest.

Jonathan is a participant in the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation at UNM-G, the goal of which is to retain minority students in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering.

AMP has been providing minority students with scholarships and encouragement to participate in summer research at four-year institutions.

Jonathan and another UNM-G student, Nilcholas Beltran, presented their posters in the 2003 Student Research



Jonathan Clyde

Conference sponsored by NMAMP and Raytheon Missile Systems. They also presented their posters in the SACNAS meeting in Albuquerque in early October.

Watch for the Winter Issue of UNMGviews
in December.