

# unm-g views

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News of Note

## Administration announces campuswide initiatives

A first-time ever convocation was held on August 16 to introduce a number of initiatives for the coming year.

Beth Miller, executive director, led the administrative team that made the presentations, which included introductions of the new Dean of Instruction, Christine Marlow, and several new faculty, adjunct faculty and staff.

### Learning-centered Institution

Chief among the initiatives was the announcement that UNM-Gallup will become a learning-centered college. This effort will be directed at improving the

success of the college's students, many of whom require transitional studies to ensure their success. Learning will be the primary goal of the institution rather than teaching. Current literature on this concept maintains that the learning centered approach is well suited for community colleges, which have traditionally adapted their language from universities and four-year colleges to describe values and practices. Community colleges over recent years have also tried to adapt language and practices from business and industry. As more community colleges

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### UNM-G to host special Business/Education Forum

The college will host a special Business/Education Forum September 23-24. Educators, business persons, politicians and others will be invited to this event, which will be hosted on the campus in an effort to create a better understanding of the community's workforce needs and how the college can best respond.

## UNM-Gallup plans to inform public on 2004 G.O. Education Bond B

UNM-Gallup is spearheading the McKinley County campaign for the 2004 Education Bond B, to be voted on November 2 during the general election.

At stake is \$94 million in education funds, of which \$1 million is marked for a new Health Careers Building for the Gallup branch, as well as \$260,000 for infrastructure, plus approximately \$73,000 in funds for library acquisitions.

If passed, the rise in taxes would be about 31 cents per \$1000 or assessed value of property.

Although the education bonds usually pass in McKinley County, the organizers of the campaign say that those with an

interest in the advancement of higher education cannot take the passage of the bond for granted. Presidential election years are said to be more difficult for the passage of the bond, because voters sometimes get impatient with reading everything on the ballot and do not get to the end.

UNM-Gallup also wants to get the word out about the bond issue because so many citizens vote absentee these days. Absentee voting for McKinley County is October 5-30.

"We at UNM-Gallup appreciate the support of the community," said Beth Miller, UNM-G executive director. "We hope voters will consider this issue carefully."

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# From the Desk of the Executive Director

By Beth Miller, Executive Director



**Beth Miller**

Community colleges and universities across our country are addressing the issue of student preparedness in a variety of ways. We are no exception! Our work with the Lumina Foundation's Achieving the Dream

initiative will allow us to further refine our strategies based on good data that inform our decisions. We are one of 27 community colleges in the country selected to participate in this initiative and we look forward to networking with the other participants over the next five years as we develop more effective ways of helping students complete their educational programs. At UNM-G students are and always will be First!

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adopt this learning-centered approach, it has been hailed as offering the greatest opportunity for increasing student success and retention.

Becoming a learning centered institution will mean that UNM-Gallup will be devoted to student assessment as a means of determining success. Colleges that adopt this concept will choose indicators of institutional effectiveness, with critical success factors identified for each core indicator. Students evaluate teachers, and administrators are evaluated as well.

### Lumina Foundation Grant

The transition to a learning-centered institution comes at a pivotal time, as the college was recently awarded a \$50,000 Achieving the Dream Investment Grant from the Lumina Foundation. A ten-step action plan has been initiated. Administrators see this grant, which will help in the college's efforts to ensure suc-

cess to those students requiring transitional help, as working in tandem with the transition to becoming a learning-centered institution.

### Transitional Studies Department

The recent creation of a Transitional Studies Department is another component of the shift to a more learning-centered college environment. The Department, which will be chaired by Jim Sayers, will offer primarily developmental reading, English and math classes in an effort to improve opportunities for success for UNM-G students. Students entering college will be tested for competencies in math and reading, and will be expected to reach a certain level in these subjects before they can go on to other courses.

A number of 100-level courses that are introductory and the generation education disciplines are also being developed.

## Calendar

- Sept. 6: Labor Day holiday, campus closed
- Sept. 9: Reception, Roger DiCamillo, Ingham Chapman Gallery
- Sept. 20-Oct. 22: Exhibition of the works of Norah Lovell, UNM-Taos artist. Ingham Chapman Gallery. Gurley Hall Case: Lewis & Clark exhibition
- Sept. 23-24: Business/Education Forum
- Oct. 5-30: Absentee Voting
- Oct. 18: Second 8-week term
- Nov. 1-Dec. 10: Exhibition of the work of Jennifer Lynch, Taos Artist. Gurley Hall Case: Lewis & Clark exhibition.
- Nov. 2: Election, General Obligation Education Bond B.
- Nov. 11: Veterans' Day (no classes). All offices will be open.
- Nov. 24-28: Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes). All offices will be open on Nov. 24.
- Dec. 5: Holiday Magic
- Dec. 11-18: Final examinations

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**Our Mission:** UNM-Gallup develops lifelong learners in a context that is responsive to the cultures of this region.

**Don't forget the 2004 Education Bond B on Nov. 2**

# Around the Campus

Welcome to **Dr. Christine Marlow**, our new Dean of Instruction. Dr. Marlow comes from NMSU, where she held several positions, including Associate



**Christine Marlow**

Dean of the Graduate School, Project Director of the New Mexico Alliance for Graduate Education and Director of the School of Social Work. Marlow, who has a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Chicago and two M.A.'s, one in Social Work from the University of Chicago, and one in Anthropology from NMSU, was also a Fulbright Scholar in 2002 at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. She is currently a Professor in the School of Social Work, NMSU.

In discussing how her experience will benefit her at UNM-Gallup, Marlow said, "One of my strengths is knowledge of higher education in this state; I also have networks, which were established during the 19 years I was at NMSU, as well as experience working with under-represented students.

"I'm delighted to be at UNM-Gallup and excited by the possibilities for growth," Marlow said.

Other new employees include:

Faculty: **Beverly Begay**, Cosmetology; **Jeff Davis**, Auto Tech; **Satya Lee**, Nursing; **Carmen Adams**, Nursing; **Magdalena Morris**, Nursing; **Robert Heichelbech**, MCHS teacher.

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**Elsie Baldwin**, Administrative Assistant II for Public Relations, has been attending the Management Academy at the Albuquerque Campus. Baldwin is the first UNM-Gallup employee to be accepted into the program.

Kudos to **Florentin Smarandache**, assistant professor of Mathematics. Smarandache recently had another book published, titled "A Trilogy in Paradoxism-- An Avant-Garde Political Drama." The book concerns three scenarios in which members of a repressive regime seek to control citizenry through propaganda, intimidation and the secret police. Smarandache, who escaped from totalitarian Romania under the repressive Ceausescu regime, uses several forms of avant garde writing, mainly what he calls paradoxism,

to express his subjects.

**John Taylor** is the interim principal for the Middle College High School for 2004-2005.

**Teresa Wilkins**, professor of anthropology, served as a judge for Navajo rugs at the InterTribal Indian Ceremonial this past summer. For the first time in many years, a rug took best of show. "An awesomely beautiful piece," Wilkins called it. Wilkins also will judge for the Navajo Nation Fair in September. She also recently completed her manuscript titled "Navajo Weaving at the Crossroads: Weavers and Traders on the Navajo Reservation." It is being published by the University of Oklahoma Press and will be available in September 2005.

**Pamela Stovall**, assistant professor of journalism, reports that one of her short stories recently won first prize at the International Moondance Film Festival in Boulder, in a category where there were hundreds of entries. Stovall organized the first Native American Health Writers Institute, which met in May and had 14 attendees from tribes nationwide.

**Suzette Wyaco** is returning as director of enrollment management in Student Services.

## Ingham Chapman Gallery Schedule Set

Current and upcoming shows for the Ingham Chapman Gallery at UNM-Gallup this fall are:

**Roger DiCamillo**, August 9-September 10, with reception September 9, 6-8 P.M.; Gurley Hall Case, Chapman Collection.

**Norah Lovell**, Taos Artist UNM, September 20-October 22; Gurley Hall Case, Lewis & Clark.

**Jennifer Lynch**, Taos artist, Lynch Press, November 1-through December 10; Gurley Hall Case, Faculty & Staff.



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***Your vote counts!  
Don't forget higher education in the November 2 election.  
At stake: \$1,260,000 for UNM-Gallup on the  
G.O. Education Bond B ballot.***

## **Community Education classes set for fall semester**

Community Education classes are gearing up for the fall semester at the UNM-Gallup. Call 863-7738 for more information or come by cashiers in Gurley Hall to register. Registration deadline is one week before class starts.

Some of the classes available are:

### **Beginners Sign Language -**

When: Wednesday evenings  
September 29, October 6, 13, 20,  
27, November 3, 10 & 17. Time:  
6-8 P.M. Location: Lions Hall 103,  
Fee: \$50, Instructor Elisa Sarracino

**Flower Arranging -** You will  
leave each class with an arrange-  
ment that you made yourself.  
When: Wednesday evenings  
October 27, November 3, 10, and  
17. Time: 6-8 P.M. Location:  
Lions Hall Sunroom, Fee: \$35 plus  
\$30 for supplies, to be paid to

instructor Denise Silva on the 1st  
day of class.

**Computer Basic -** This class is  
for anyone that is interested in the  
Basic Computer Concepts and  
skills needed to operate a comput-  
er successfully. When: Tuesday  
evenings October 5, 12, 19, 26 and  
November 2 and 9. Time 6-8 P.M.  
Also Friday afternoons October 1,  
8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5.  
Time: 1-3 P.M. Place: UNM-  
North Side Campus. Fee: \$30, for  
each session. Instructor: Lloyd  
Madrid

**Dog Obedience -** An 8-week  
course providing basic obedience  
training on and off leash. For fur-  
ther information call Danny Sal  
Da Na, 778-5725. When: Monday  
evenings, September 27-Novem-  
ber 15. Times: 5:45-6:45 P.M.  
Location: Lions Hall, Fee: \$50.

**Beginners Crocheting -** Learn the  
essential basics. When: Tuesday  
evenings, September 7, 14, 21, 28  
& October 5 & 12. Time: 6-8  
P.M. Place: Lions Hall. Fee: \$30  
Instructor: Margaret Gonzales  
**Gift Basket & Bow Making -**  
Learn how to put beautiful gift  
baskets together for all occasions  
and learn how to make big, beauti-  
ful bows. 1st week, Best Friends  
Basket; 2nd week, Baby &  
Birthday Baskets; 3rd week,  
Christmas Basket. When: Tuesday  
evenings October 26, November 2  
and 9. Time: 6-8 P.M. Location:  
Lions Hall Sunroom. Fee: \$15,  
Instructor: Ara Green

**Call 863-7738  
to register for Community  
Education Classes.**