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Three of UNM-Gallup's graduates at commencement ceremonies on May 13.

2004 Commencement Held May 13

UNM-Gallup Graduation ceremonies took place May in at Gallup High School Gym. About 2000 family and friends attended, watching more than 200 UNM-Gallup and UNM students walk across the stage to receive certificates and diplomas.

Special guests were Vice President Frank J. Dayish Jr. of the Navajo Nation, Lt. Gov. Carmelita Sanchez of Zuni Pueblo, and Ruby Wolf, chair of the UNM-G Local Board. Provost Brian Foster was also on the stage to help disperse the diplomas with Dr. Elizabeth

Miller, Executive Director. Provost Foster also presented the annual Distinguished Citizen award, which went to long-time UNM-Gallup supporter Sally Noe.

Also participating were Kris Pikaart, chaplain of RCMH, the Army National Guard Transportation Company, and Gwenda McDaniel singing the National Anthem.

A total of 185 Associate degrees and 47 certificates were presented, as well as 45 Bachelor's degrees and 23 Master's degrees from the Upper Division.

Department of Transitional Studies To Be Launched in July

On July 1, a new department will debut at UNM-Gallup. The Department of Transitional Studies will be responsible for all sub-100 courses, including English, Reading,

Mathematics and Study Skills.

Additionally, this new department will house the learning support center (CASA) that provides tutoring and other

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New & Noteworthy

3 Students Chosen for Summer Research Enhancement Program

Three UNM-Gallup students were selected to participate in this year's Summer Research Enhancement Program sponsored by Dine College. They are Stella Benally, Darlene Bitsoi and Gail Quam.

They will spend three weeks at the Tsalle campus learning about diabetes and research methodology. Then they will return to their homes for six weeks to conduct their own diabetes research project and regroup at the Shiprock campus in order to polish their presentations and reflect on their work. The students receive seven credits, a \$3000 stipend, and room and board while on the campus.

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From the Executive Director's Desk

'Achieving the Dream' Grant a Boost for Transitional Studies



Beth Miller, Ed.D.
Executive Director

I am very pleased to announce that the University of New Mexico-Gallup is among 27 community colleges in five states selected to participate in Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, a new initiative designed to enhance the academic success of low-income and minority students. UNM- Gallup will receive a \$50,000 investment grant to develop plans for addressing this challenge and will be eligible for additional funding to implement its plans.

Achieving the Dream is a multi-year initiative funded by Lumina Foundation for Education and involving several national partner organizations. A team of national reviewers selected the 27 participating institutions from among 60 community colleges that submitted proposals. Eligible colleges were regionally accredited, public, associate degree-granting institutions. Each college was required to have an enrollment that was at least 33 percent minority students or 50 percent students who receive government-supported financial aid.

I believe this grant will enable us to do great things at this college and

will be a tremendous asset to our students. Transitional Studies are an important component of our mission, and this grant will go far to help us achieve our goals of improving student success and retention.

Other good news is that our college has joined 119 others as participants in the Academic Quality Improvement Program, or AQIP, an arm of the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission (the organization that grants accreditation to universities and colleges throughout the country). AQIP promotes continuous improvement in the culture of colleges and universities by providing an alternative process through which an already-accredited institution can maintain its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. Working with AQIP, we will show we meet accreditation standards and expectations through various exercises. These events are crafted to demonstrate that the institution involved is meeting certain standards for quality. We are the first branch institution in the country that receives its accreditation from under the umbrella of a parent institution (UNM) to participate in this program. We are excited about the opportunities for improvement that this participation offers us, as well as the prestige that successful completion of this program will afford us.

Transitional Studies

services. Anticipated enrollment in the Transitional Studies Department for Fall is 800.

Jim Sayers, Associate Professor, has been elected Chair; Mary Snaden (English), Fran Pawlowski (English/Math) and Thomas Kaus (Math) will

also be part of this department.

Transitional Studies is currently in the midst of hiring another tenure-track Developmental English instructor and hopes to hire an additional mathematics instructor.

Calendar

- July 5: Campus Closed for Independence Day
- July 6: 2nd 4-week term begins.
- July 9: Registration closes for 2nd 4-week term
- July 17: Last day of 6-week term
- July 31: Last day of 8-week term, 2nd 4-week term
- August 9-September 10: Roger DiCamillo, Ingham Chapman Gallery; Case: Chapman Collection
- August 10: Orientation, Calvin Hall 248, Gallup, 5-9 P.M.
- August 18: Zuni Campus Orientation, 1-4 P.M.
- August 23: Fall instruction begins; Student Welcome, Gurley Hall Commons, 9 A.M. & 4 P.M.
- September 6: Campus closed for Labor Day holiday
- September 20-October 22: Norah Lovell, Taos artist, Ingham Chapman Gallery; Case: Lewis & Clark.
- December 18: Last day of fall semester

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Outstanding MCHS Student



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Shaili Ghimire, a student at the Middle College High School, received a certificate at the recent UNM-Gallup graduate ceremonies, recognizing her as the Outstanding MCHS Student of the Year. Shaili, who is a native of Nepal, is headed for Mt. Holyoke in the fall, where she will study to be a pediatrician. She plans to return to Nepal to practice medicine. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shankar Ghimire.



UNM-Gallup Students Shine



Culinary Student Cooks Her Way to a Scholarship

Jessica Gallegos, a student in the University of New Mexico-Gallup's Culinary Arts program, recently won a gold medal in the Skills USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America cooking competition. In addition to the medal, Gallegos won a \$3000 scholarship for the school of her choice once she graduates from Gallup Central, where she is a senior. Gallegos won the competition for preparing Coq au Vin.

She plans to take courses at UNM-Gallup next year, and then is considering studying to be a pastry chef at the Cordon Bleu in Scottsdale, Ariz., after graduating from high school. She is the daughter of Corine and Denis Gallegos. Her instructor in the Culinary Arts program is Charles Lincoln, a chef with Chelles restaurant.

Area Students, Community Attend Annual Open House



Student Advisor Eddie Crank, left, congratulates Felicia Weaver, a senior at Rehoboth Christian School on winning the drawing for a Gateway computer during the Open House. Felicia was among about 100 local students who toured the college.



The Social Sciences Department was among many departments represented at the Open House. From left: Work Study Juanita Delgado; Associate Professor Dr. Dale Mason; and Dr. Harry Sheski, Acting Chair of Social Sciences.

Student Services and the Public Relations Department hosted the college's annual Open House on April 29. There were tours, refreshments, demonstrations, information tables and a creative music contest.



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Register now for second 4-week summer term, starting July 6; register for fall semester by Aug. 27; classes start August 23



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Earth Day 2004

Brandon Leekela, left, and Amanda Martza help collect trash on Earth Day, celebrated April 21 on the UNM-Gallup campus. The Student Senate and the Service Learning Department sponsored a number of activities to heighten awareness of the environment.

Staff Senate Holds Elections for 2004-05

Elections for the Staff Senate Officers were recently held. Results were as follows:

President - Darryl Smith from Small Business Development

Vice President - Joe Saucedo from Physical Education

Secretary - Melissa Collings from Extended University

Treasurer - Elouise Lee from Accounts Payable

Speaker - Denise Silva from Cosmetology

Members at Large - Lt. James Madrid and Lloyd Madrid

Update from Zuni Campus: Construction Tech Class Honored



Assisting with the luncheon were, from left, Admin Asst. Bernadette Benally ; Program Manager Erin Collins, and Senior Advisor Laura Leekela. Inset: Class members serve themselves.

The staff at the Zuni campus recently honored Loren Leekela's Construction Tech class with a luncheon. It was in appreciation of the class's work on campus, building a number of structures, including an outdoor adobe oven, a picnic table, sidewalks and other structures. The class is also involved in the restoration of the house of El Santo Nino in Zuni.