Skills USA

Nineteen of our CCTE students attended the New Mexico Skills USA statewide competition in Albuquerque in early April. These students represent area high schools and are dually enrolled at UNM-Gallup in a variety of career technical classes where they learn a trade while receiving both high school and college credit. This was the first year UNM-Gallup had a team at the state competition and the students walked away with six medals, qualifying the winners to travel to Louisville, Kentucky in June to participate in the National Skills USA competition. The winners were as follows:

- **Gold medal** in Welding Fabrication; a three-person team from the CCTE Welding Technology Program fabricated a jack stand from specifications distributed earlier; students worked with drafting personnel to develop a blueprint, which was submitted to the judging staff; students created their project on Friday morning (about a 6 hour span); the team was comprised of Tyler Johnson, senior from Miyamura HS, Devin Spencer, senior from Miyamura HS, and Roman Thomas, senior from Gallup HS.

- **Gold medal** in Career Pathways Showcase/Human Services; a three-person team from the CCTE Fire Science Technology program of study created an eight-minute presentation about one aspect of their training area; the team selected ICS – Incident Command System; this was presented via a PowerPoint.

Melody Natewa, soon-to-be UNM-G graduate, has opened her own new business called Akira’s Cleaning Service. Melody plans on pursuing her BA degree in General Management. Congratulations on this new endeavor.

Welcome to Rae Ann Vargas-Ruiz who is the new Administrative Assistant III in the Education, Health & Human Services division.

Congratulations to the employees who were recently honored for years of service at an awards ceremony on the UNM main campus. Recognized for their UNM-G years were: Ralph Casebolt, 30 years (posthumously); Darrell Thompson, 25 years; Dr. Bruce Gjeltema, 20 years; Pearl Morris, 20 years; Samir Wahid, 20 years; Elouise Lee, 15 years; Elvira Martin, 15 years; Abigail Montoya, 15 years; Lavon Mraz, 15 years; Paula Sayers, 15 years; and Pamela Stovall, 15 years.

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Good evening and welcome to the 2nd Annual UNM-Gallup Donor Appreciation Dinner. I cannot believe it has been an entire year since I stood up here and welcomed everyone to the 1st annual event. And what a year it has been!

I want to say a special good evening to our student scholarship recipients whose lives have been profoundly affected by the generosity of donors who support student success. Thank you for choosing UNM-Gallup for your education – we think it’s one of the best decisions you’ll ever make. We are proud to be part of your educational journey.

We have much to report on since this time last year. Of particular importance to our students and the community is the completion of our Early Childhood and Family Center. This Center will be the first of its kind in this area and will function as a model for similar centers across the region and the state.

This year also saw the opening of the new UNM-Gallup Veterans Resource Center. Under the direction of Mr. Nick Brokeshoulder, we will be providing specialized services to our student veterans. We will also be encouraging the thousands of veterans in this area to come to UNM-Gallup and take advantage of their education benefits. The VRC will provide a supportive environment for those who have given so selflessly of themselves for others.

Also in the preliminary planning stages is a new Career Technical Education building. UNM-Gallup is a huge player in the economic development initiatives of this area. As the primary provider of workforce development skills, we are poised to create and offer training courses based on community and industry needs. We are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with our community partners to provide educational services to improve the economic condition of our area and be responsive to workforce needs.

UNM-Gallup also received a Department of Labor grant for almost $1
presentation, examples of the students’ ICS 100 and 200 FEMA certifications, ICS books, and a display of an ICS chain of command chart; the students shared their knowledge and information with a team of four judges; the team members were Joelle Allen, senior from Miyamura HS, David Moreno, senior from Middle College HS, and Patric Soce, senior from Miyamura HS.

- **Gold medal** in Extemporaneous Speaking; individual event during which contestants are given a topic and five minutes to prepare; Alec Baldwin, a senior from Miyamura HS who is enrolled in the CCTE Fire Science Technology Program, was the recipient of the top honor.
- **Silver medal** in Customer Service; Govinda Lingayat, a student in the CCTE Health Careers Program, participated in many different scenarios including how to best deal with angry/confused/irritates/multiple customers. Govinda is a senior from Gallup HS.
- **Bronze medal** in Job Skills Demonstration A; this contest has students demonstrate a skill related to his/her area of training; Leonard Tom, a senior from Gallup HS, is enrolled in the CCTE Fire Science Technology program of study. He donned his PPE – personal protective equipment (fire gear), explaining the importance of each piece.
- **Bronze medal** in Welding; an individual event during which the participant takes a written test and demonstrates six different welding processes; Andres Escamilla, senior from Miyamura HS, was selected third in the state out of approximately 30 competitors.

**Congratulations to the winners and their faculty sponsors Ann Jarvis, Joe Sanchez & Robert Encinio!**

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million this year that will allow us to introduce a new Certificate in IT Healthcare. This new program will provide training to help our students be competitive in this new age of electronic medical records.

As you can see, the momentum is always moving forward at UNM-Gallup. Our dedication and promises to our students and our commitment to our community partners will continue to drive all decision-making at UNM-Gallup. We will never stop striving for excellence in all that we do.
LGBTQ Resource Center

The UNM-Gallup LGBTQ Center opened this spring as an on-campus resource center that serves students, staff, faculty and community members who are members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning population. The center offers a variety of support services such as safe zone trainings, confidential HIV testing, counseling as well as a library and computer center.

Center Director Alma Rose Silva-Banuelos is happy with the welcoming attitude of UNM-Gallup. “We’ve been embraced with open arms at UNM-Gallup,” she said noting that the administrators have been extremely supportive of the need for the Center. Renae Swope, Program Assistant, will be handling the day-to-day operations of the Center and will be have the Center open for business Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 AM to 3 PM.

One goal of the center is to allow students to attend and graduate as their authentic selves. The LGBTQ Center is located in the basement of Gurley Hall in the Student Life area. It will strive to raise awareness, offer trainings and offer a safe zone for students. For more information, please contact the Center at 726-6473.

Business after Hours

UNM-Gallup and Teach for America hosted the February 26th Chamber of Commerce “Business After Hours.” Local business members were treated to appetizers and desserts prepared by the CCTE Culinary Arts students. Dr. Christopher Dyer, UNM-G Executive Director, and David Hinkle, CEO of the Gallup Chamber of Commerce welcomed attendees to the event. Teach for America members spoke about the success of their program and what their teaching experience has meant to them. A short trivia contest shared information about both TFA and UNM-Gallup and resulted in the awarding of great door prizes to winners.
**Tuition Increase at UNM-Gallup**

At the most recent meeting of the UNM-Gallup Local Advisory Board, a tuition increase of 7.1% was discussed and ultimately approved for the Fall, 2015 semester. Tuition will increase from $60.60/credit hour to $64.90/credit hour. In addition to tuition, students are charged mandatory fees that include a Technology fee ($4.20/credit hour), a Student Senate fee ($2.00/credit hour), and a Building Fee ($4.20/credit hour). This brings the total charge per credit hour, including tuition and fees, from **$71.00** to **$75.30**. Please refer to the chart below for a summary of tuition only increases across the UNM branch campus system (not including fees).

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**Welcome to New Student Senate Officers**

The UNM-Gallup Student Senate has been reactivated after a brief hiatus. We welcome their new leadership and look forward to their energy and plans for campus involvement.

**President:** Jarvis Bahe  
**Vice-President:** Mark Nez  
**Secretary:** Lori Howard  
**Treasurer:** Janie Shorty  
**Senator:** Delfred Sam  
**Senator:** Shelby Lee  
**Senator:** Stacey Whitegoat  
**Senator:** Ferrell Chapo  
**Senator:** Gabriel Stone  
**Senator:** Maryellen Tom

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**Anime Exchange**

Dr. Yi-Wen Huang and the UNM-Gallup Asian Club have hosted three anime exchanges this year. The exchanges, held on November 20, February 5, and April 2, were very successful and each were attended by approximately 30 people. Anime is a style of Japanese film and television animation that is popular with both adults and children.


Donor Reception

The 2nd Annual UNM-Gallup Donor Reception was held on Thursday, March 5th at the newly opened Hilton Garden Inn. The event gave scholarship donors the opportunity to meet the students they are funding, and gave scholarship recipients the chance to thank those helping them achieve their educational goals.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Dyer said “I want to thank our scholarship donors. You literally change lives when you support our students. You allow our students to chase their dreams and open doors that might not otherwise be opened for them.”

Event participants enjoyed a saxophone performance as well as a documentary video spotlighting individual student scholarship beneficiaries. Some of the struggles faced by students were illustrated in the video as well as the gratitude students feel towards their donors.

Event coordinator Ara Green was pleased with the evening and noted “The event was a great success. We reached out to the community and connected students with their scholarship donors. This is the first step in creating a new image for UNM-Gallup as a true community college. We had overwhelming community support for the event.”

In closing, Dr. Dyer again noted the importance of scholarship donors. “Students who are supported by your gifts go on to become community leaders, health care providers, teachers and vibrant members of our community. Some go on to attain even greater educational accomplishments, but they never forget the beginning they had at UNM-Gallup. They never forget the kindness of a donor who cared enough to help them overcome financial hardship in the quest to improve their lives.”
Workforce Development Summit

UNM-Gallup hosted the 2nd Annual Workforce Development Summit March 10th & 11th. The theme for the on-campus Summit was “Collaborating to form regional partnerships to improve the workforce, family lives and our economies.” The goal was to explore how workforce development agencies can be more responsive to the needs of the community. The event was sponsored by the division of Community Based Education and Workforce Development.

Keynote speakers for the event were Dr. Barbara Damron, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Higher Education Department, and Carol Coen, Vice Chancellor of the Workforce, Economic and Resource Development Workforce Institute at San Jose City/ Evergreen Community College District. Both speakers emphasized the role of institutions of higher education in providing a trained workforce for local industries. The need to be proactive in anticipating developing industry trends was discussed as well as the importance of close collaborative relationships between colleges as workforce training centers, and local workforce development agencies.

Breakout sessions were available to Summit participants in the areas of:

- Health Issues in Rural Areas
- Hispanic Community Outreach
- Upcoming Healthcare/IT Certificate through SUN-PATH Grant
- How to Become an Addiction Counselor in New Mexico
- Safety in Your Workplace
- Getting Veterans Back into the Workplace
- Online Training as a way of Meeting Rural Healthcare Needs

Local Human Resources specialists hosted a panel discussion titled “Why People Don’t Get Hired.” Panel facilitators were Susan Macias, Human Resources Administrator at Rehoboth McKinley Chris-
2015 Student Art Show
Coast-to-Coast Lobo Watch Party

With a rousing cheer of “Everyone’s a Lobo, Woof, Woof, Woof!” a group of ardent UNM fans and alumni converged on Sammy C’s Sports Bar & Grill on Saturday, February 21st as part of the UNM Alumni Association’s Coast-to-Coast Lobo Watch Party. UNM-G joined a group of Lobo alumni watching the televised game across the country. Alumni groups from Seattle to Boston and over 20 locations in between gathered to cheer the Lobos as they took on the UNLV Runnin’ Rebels. Our beloved Lobos may not have won the game, but the crew at Sammy C’s had a great time cheering, snacking and celebrating being part of this nationwide event.

The UNM-Gallup Visiting Scholars

Presents

The Navajo Nation’s First Poet Laureate, Luci Tapahonso

Luci Tapahonso is professor of English Literature and Language at the University of New Mexico. In 2013, she was named the inaugural Poet Laureate of the Navajo Nation. She is the author of three children’s books and six books of poetry including A Radiant Curve, which was awarded the Arizona Book Award for Poetry in 2009.

Tapahonso received the “Lifetime Achievement” award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas and a “Spirit of the Eagle” Leadership Award for her key role in establishing the Indigenous Studies Graduate Studies Program at the University of Kansas.

She is recipient of other awards including the Native Writers Circle of the Americas named Tapahonso the “Storyteller of the Year,” the 1998 Kansas Governor’s Art Award, and Distinguished Woman awards from the National Association of Women in Education and the Girl Scout Council of America. She was honored as Grand Marshal for the Northern Navajo Fair Parade (1991,1999) in her hometown of Shiprock, New Mexico.

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