**Holiday in New Mexico**

The 2\textsuperscript{nd} annual “Holiday in New Mexico” will be hosted on Monday, December 1\textsuperscript{st} complete with entertainment, posole, biscochitos, luminarias, a balloon glow, games and fun! The holiday celebration will begin at 5:00 PM and continue until 8:00 PM. Embedded within this year’s event is a special opera performance by students from the UNM College of Fine Arts who will be performing “The Bear Essentials of Opera” which is a family-friendly musical version of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears.” Directed by professors Leslie Umphrey and Sam Shepperson, the fine arts students will also perform two school time performances of their show on Tuesday, December 2.

Holiday in New Mexico is a way of celebrating with the Gallup community and thanking our students and their families for choosing UNM-Gallup.

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Thank you

On behalf of the University of New Mexico – Gallup Campus, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the citizens of McKinley County for their passage of Bond C. Your support was profound as indicated by a passage rate of 71% countywide, as opposed to the 60% passage rate statewide. Your support of our campus will allow for the renovation of the unfinished lower level of the Zollinger Library. This cornerstone building on our campus is a place where students and community members can find spaces for either quiet individual study and reflection, or group meeting rooms for larger study groups and presentations.

With the additional space provided from Bond C proceeds, our students and our community will now have a dedicated area for the collection and curation of local collections of art and historical displays. The ability to preserve and present these exhibits will enhance the educational experience of our students and will provide a place for community members to view and interact with a wide range of culturally relevant treasures which reflect the diversity of our local population.

We are very grateful to the citizens of this great county for approving Bond C and supporting the importance of education and the student services that enhance and improve academic experiences for all students. The passage of Bond C, however, is not just a vote for our students. Approval to move forward with the renovations and improvements to the infrastructure of our campus will also allow us to serve all our stakeholders in true community college fashion.

Thank you again.

Dr. Christopher Dyer
Medieval Brass Coffin Rubbings

UNM-Gallup instructor, Martin Link, will publicly exhibit his collection of monumental brass coffin rubbings during the month of December in the display cases in the Gurley Hall Commons area. This exquisite collection of medieval rubbings was given to Mr. Link by his friend and fellow historian Lee LeCaptain for use in Link’s “Medieval Mayhem” class this semester.

During the Medieval period, from the 12th to 17th centuries, many British families designed commemorative metal plates which were placed on the coffins of deceased family members. Some of the plates were quite ornate, and many depict stories of the life of the deceased or events related to that time period. The students of Mr. Link’s class are fortunate to benefit from these unique and historically significant artifacts and UNM-Gallup is lucky to have the opportunity to exhibit such a large and rare collection.

“Ornamentation and Time” by Jason and Jeff Hackett. On display at the UNM-Gallup Ingham Chapman Gallery
The UNM-Gallup Health and Wellness Committee presented “Wellness Week” from October 27\textsuperscript{th} -October 31\textsuperscript{st}. Each day offered some type of wellness activity to encourage healthy living for all UNM-G employees. Scheduled were:

- Monday, October 27\textsuperscript{th} – Frank Sanchez, martial arts and kickboxing instructor, presented a session on 15 minute workouts that can be done during breaks and at your desk;
- Tuesday, October 28\textsuperscript{th} – Amanda Tanner, personal trainer, spoke on the role nutrition plays in an overall wellness life strategy;
- Wednesday, October 29\textsuperscript{th} – All-campus salad potluck;
- Thursday, October 30\textsuperscript{th} – Employee Health Promotions health fair in the morning, Glow Stick Zumba in the evening;
- Friday, October 31\textsuperscript{st} – Noontime walk on campus fitness trail.

Many thanks to the Health and Wellness Committee for providing these opportunities to make healthy choices!
SkillsUSA Conference Hosted by UNM-Gallup

While the UNM-Gallup students were enjoying a much-deserved fall break, the UNM-G campus became the designated starting point for the SkillsUSA New Mexico 2014 Fall Service Learning and Leadership Conference. The statewide conference took place from Saturday, October 11-Monday, October 13th. Student delegates from every section of New Mexico convened to take part in leadership training seminars and perform service learning projects as part of “Project Helping Hands.”

The gusty winds did little to dampen the enthusiasm of these future leaders who worked to make improvements at the following work sites:

1. Playground of Dreams – participants sanded and sealed the individual wooden beams of the community-built playground and cleaned up the site to make it safer for children;

2. Zuni Fairgrounds-the students disassembled the entire fairgrounds area to prepare the area for construction of a new community center. Under the direction of welding instructor Joe Sanchez the crew battled the high winds that resulted in more than one episode of singed hair to completely tear down the bleachers and all surrounding fences;

3. Manuelito Children’s Home-the roof of the gymnasium was reinforced by the Skills USA students at this facility which specializes in the care of Native American children.

All the participants exemplified the mission of Skills USA which is to “empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.” Ann Jarvis, faculty sponsor for the UNM-Gallup SkillsUSA chapter notes that “the Service Learning and Leadership Conference allowed UNM-G students the opportunity see what was going on with other students around the state and allowed them to take a leadership role.” Twenty-three UNM-G students participated in the conference. Other faculty advisors for the UNM-G SkillsUSA group are Joe Sanchez and Robert Encinio.
UNM-Gallup provided the venue for the Gallup Young Authors’ Conference on Friday, October 24th. Approximately 170 5th graders from the Gallup McKinley County School District attended the event where they were able to participate in a variety of writing workshops intended to improve and expand their writing abilities.

According to event organizer Toni Skalican, the goal of the conference was to have “each student leave the conference with generated pre-writing techniques for engaging an audience in stories, and ultimately, the intrinsic motivation to write for personal growth and fulfillment. The conference, as a pilot, will serve as a sustainable model for writing initiatives in other school districts, carrying on annually for Gallup McKinley County students for years to come.”

Facilitators for the writing workshops were Carolyn Kuchera (UNM-Gallup), Carmela Lanza (UNM-Gallup), Sonya Burton (UNM-Gallup), Phil Neilson (JFK Middle School), Elizabeth Lawrence (Gallup Middle School), and Toni Skalican (Gallup Middle School). Conference participants engaged in workshops during the morning and early afternoon, enjoyed lunch in the Gurley Hall Commons and took a campus tour to round out their day at UNM-Gallup.

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UNM-Gallup awarded TAACCCT Grant

UNM-Gallup is part of an 11 school consortium that was recently awarded the Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant. The SUN PATH project was awarded to the New Mexico group as part of an application that emphasizes allied health care and cybersecurity career pathways.

The TAACCCT grant is intended to provide job training to veterans, employees who have lost their jobs due to work being outsourced internationally, and low-skilled adults. TAACCCT grants are provided to community colleges and other institutions of higher education to expand and improve the delivery of career training programs that can be completed in two years or less and prepare participants of the program for employment in high skill and high wage occupations.

The Department of Labor is helping to ensure that community colleges help adults succeed in acquiring skills, industry credentials and degrees for employment in high paying jobs. At the same time, the program helps institutions of higher education meet the needs of employers for high skilled workers.

Through partnerships with local employers, TAACCCT grant recipients are able to design curriculum, hire faculty and put programs in place to accelerate the rate at which students complete their certificate and degree requirements and enter into the workforce.

UNM-Gallup, under the direction of Project Director Laura Blalock, will introduce a new curriculum that combines Health Information Technology and Information Technology into a new Electronic Health Records certificate. This program will prepare graduates to enter into the medical technology field at a time when changing federal regulations are requiring a more advanced skill set than in the past.

UNM-Gallup was awarded $867,000 over three years to roll out the EHR program. Funds are available to hire needed faculty and staff to instruct in the program and provide support to student participants. Also funded will be a new simulation lab for the nursing program. Local industry partners include Rehoboth McKinley Christian Healthcare Services, the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation and the Gallup McKinley County School District.

Partnering institutions in the New Mexico consortium include: Santa Fe Community College (lead institution), Central New Mexico Community College, UNM-Valencia, UNM-Taos, UNM–Los Alamos, San Juan Community College, Mesalands Community College, Eastern New Mexico-Roswell, NMSU-Alamogordo, and ENMU-Ruidoso.

The UNM-Gallup TAACCCT planning team worked closely with the other partnering institutions for several months to prepare the successful grant proposal. Work has already begun to fill the grant-funded positions, submit new curriculum for approval and recruit students into the program.
UNM-G Student awarded scholarship

Gayle Woodcock, Director of Dental Assisting at UNM-Gallup attended the Summer Camp 2014 convention of Dental Health Methods of Education, Inc. Attendees of the summer conference contributed to fund raising efforts and raised enough to award two $1,000 scholarships.

A lottery was conducted to select the winners, and Gayle’s name was drawn for a student scholarship ticket. Faculty of the UNM-G dental assisting program selected Geneva Williams to receive the award. According to Ms. Williams, “As you may know, applying to dental school is an expensive process and my search for employment has been challenging. Thankfully, I can continue with my plan to apply to dental school for the Fall 2015. This award has allowed me to take the Dental Admission Test, send in my college transcripts to the ADEA, AADSAS office and send my application to at least four dental schools.”

Retirement of Linda Burson

Linda Burson, Instructor at the UNM-Gallup Zuni site, will be retiring at the end of the semester after 22 years with UNM-Gallup. Linda was recognized at the Local Advisory meeting held in Zuni in Wednesday, November 19th. Executive Director Dr. Christopher Dyer presented Linda with a Zuni bowl to thank her for her service to the students of UNM-Gallup.

Retirement of Louise Lopez

Louise Lopez, Community Education Coordinator, retired at the end of October ending a long career of successfully designing community education programs for UNM Gallup. Louise’s service was celebrated with a campus pot luck party.
Ms. Native UNM Gallup

Congratulations Nicole Young
Ms. Native UNM-Gallup 2014-2015

UNM Medical Students visit UNM Gallup

Students from the UNM School of Medicine visited the UNM-Gallup campus as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations for the SOM. Students participated in an alumni luncheon, enjoyed some outdoor activities and attended the Charity Invitational dinner sponsored by Rehoboth McKinley Christian Healthcare Services.
Veterans Day