Welding Instructor Honored

The American Welding Society of New Mexico recently honored UNM-Gallup welding instructor Joe Sanchez as their Educator of the Year. Joe was honored at an awards ceremony on January 22 where he was acknowledged for his teaching accomplishments as well as his contributions towards the success of the UNM-Gallup welding program. Patrick Bauman, Chairperson, American Welding Society, Section 75, District 20 notes “It is the efforts of people like you that promote welding as a career and keep our society viable...thank you for your efforts and devotion to promoting welding in our section.”

“To be acknowledged by my peers as the Educator of the Year chosen from among many other welding colleges is quite an honor,” said Joe. Nominations for this honor came from all Certified Welding Instructors within Section 75, District 20 of the American Welding Society. District 20 includes all of New Mexico, Colorado and Montana, and Section 75 includes all of New Mexico.

Joe has been instructing welding classes at UNM-G for the past six years after restarting the program from hiatus status. When he started, the program did not even have books and the first year he had just enough students to allow the program to run. Currently there is a waiting list of students.

Welcome to Ken Roberts, Interim Dean of Instruction. Ken assumed duties as the chief academic officer on January 5, and will lead the search committee for a permanent Dean.

Nick Brokeshoulder has been selected as the Director of the new Veteran’s Resource Center. The Center is located on the second floor of Gurley Hall and will provide support services to all student veterans.

Thank you and good luck to Dan Sanchez on his retirement as the Director of the UNM-Gallup Small Business Development Center. Dan has been with the Center for 7 years – 3 years as a Business Advisor and the past 4 years as the Director. Dan’s last day with UNM-G was January 31.
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

Dr. Dyer’s Letter to CCAP as Newly Installed President

Welcome to the Community College Affiliate Program (CCAP) family of institutions!! We are a growing coalition of 25 two-year institutions from Hawaii to New York, affiliated with the National Council for Science and the Environment. The Community College Affiliate Program (CCAP) advances sustainability education and training and environmental science on Associate degree-granting institution campuses. CCAP will advance:

- the quality of interdisciplinary environmental and sustainability education;
- student engagement, leadership and research;
- collaboration with other community colleges, four-year institutions and federal agencies; and
- the participation of administrators, faculty and staff in environmental and sustainability efforts.

Along with its NCSE-affiliated universities, members of CCAP gather annually in Washington DC to work together on issues critical to the environment and higher education, and to improve environmental and sustainability educational outcomes and research and environmental literacy across the nation. CCAP has the critical role of being a primary interface between student citizens and their community, and works at a grass-roots level to advance awareness and effective community action in the education of environmental stewards and professionals. Through our leadership of environmental programs, centers, schools, colleges, and institutes, we strive to enhance the understanding and effectiveness of our academic programs. The CEDD winter meeting gives us a forum for the presentation and discussion of innovative approaches CCAP members strive towards to provide diverse student populations with skills and knowledge for successful careers in environmentally healthy and sustainable communities. NCSE will build upon its ongoing and extensive programs with four-year institutions, federal agencies and other stakeholders to serve as the Secretariat to CCAP. Membership to CCAP will help member colleges advance the quality and effectiveness of environmental and sustainability education; workforce training; and student engagement, leadership and research to an extent that justifies the dues to all concerned. Each activity offered by CCAP will have:

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wanting to enter the welding program. Last year 18 of Joe’s students were immediately hired upon graduation which represents 75% of the class. “I’ve gotten great feedback from employers. My success is based on theirs. If they get a job, I’m successful,” said Joe in a recent interview.

Joe is very emphatic that he is teaching exactly what the other welding programs in the country are teaching and that our students are fully prepared to enter directly into the workforce. “The Tulsa School of Welding might have 150 students in a class. We have smaller classes which allows for more one-on-one instruction. We have great instructors here, and we are meeting the industry standards.”

Joe’s next goal is to become a Certified Welding Instructor. That will allow him to provide industry certification to our own students in-house. Congratulations to Joe for this great accomplishment.

CCAP is integrated into the actions and outcomes of NCSE, which serves as a conduit to federal agencies, funding sources, and partnerships with like four-year institutions. NCSE partners with federal agencies in many ways. Agencies find NCSE to be an effective way to connect with large numbers of academic environmental leaders. Each spring, federal agency representatives engage in NCSE’s Academic-Federal Dialogue to discuss program priorities and funding opportunities for members of NCSE. Each January, many federal agency representatives participate in NCSE’s annual conference organizing session that engages academic leaders in addressing major environmental challenges. Many federal agencies fund projects carried out by teams of institutions formed under the auspices of NCSE to address a specific issue.

Please consider joining CCAP as we look to expand our role and seek innovations from our collective partnerships to improve environmental education, professional opportunities, and community sustainability. Your participation – and voice- is unique to your space and place on the planet, and can only add to the effectiveness of our educational programs, national goals, and collective outcomes!!
Faculty Losses at UNM-Gallup

The UNM-Gallup community is comprised of a group of stakeholders including faculty, staff, students and local residents. This group operates as a unit working towards a common mission based on a common vision and strong values. When one member of the team leaves, an absence is felt which ripples throughout the entire campus. UNM-Gallup experienced several of these losses within the past few months and a large gap has been left and felt by all. Within the past five months, 4 UNM-Gallup past and present faculty have passed away. They were all from different areas of the campus, but each had been with UNM-Gallup for the majority, if not all, of their teaching careers. They touched many, many lives and leave memories and inspiration in their wake.

Dr. Teresa Wilkins taught Anthropology for over 19 years at UNM-Gallup and was a current faculty member at the time of her death. She received her bachelor’s degree from Appalachian State University in North Carolina and went on to earn her PhD in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Wilkins enjoyed outdoor activities like landscape and architectural photography, cooking and learning new languages. She practiced textile arts learned from childhood and loved to read and write. Her professional areas of interest included art and art markets. Dr. Wilkins’ award winning book Patterns of Exchange was published in 2008. Dr. Wilkins died on August 19, 2014, and a memorial service was held on the UNM-Gallup campus on August 31, 2014.

Dr. Mark Wilson was born on February 14, 1944 in Modesto, California. He attended Washington State University where he finished with a Doctoral Degree in Mathematics in 1972. He assumed the position of Chairperson of the Math and Science Department at UNM-Gallup in 1981 where he instructed for 25 years until he retired in 2007 for health reasons. Dr. Wilson and his wife, Gwen, raised four children and they shared a love of camping, hiking, backpacking, river rafting and domestic and international travel. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and classical music. Dr. Wilson died on October 6, 2014 after a lengthy illness and was honored with a memorial service on October 12, 2014 on the UNM-Gallup campus.

Dr. Dale Mason passed away on December 21, 2014. Dr. Mason taught Political Science, Sociology, and Native American Studies at UNM-Gallup for 16 years, from 1994-2010. During his time at UNM-Gallup, he served as Faculty Senate President, sponsor of the Student Native American Club, as well as chair of the Social Sciences department. Dr. Mason received his BA and MA in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati, and his PhD in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma. He was the author of the award-winning book, Indian Gaming: Tribal Sovereignty and American Politics which was widely accepted as the authority on Indian gaming issues in the United States. Dr. Mason was an exceptional political scientist and advocate for Native American issues. Toward the end of his career he was doing extensive research on President Lyndon B Johnson. He was an enthusiastic collector of books of all kinds as well as Native American Art.

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Dr. Ralph Casebolt was born in 1933 in New Bremen, Ohio as the oldest son of Lucille and Robert Casebolt. He received his BA from Heidelberg College and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago. He went to South Vietnam and served several years as a volunteer with Church World Service. Upon his return to the United States in 1969, he attended Northern Colorado University and received his doctoral degree in Education at which time he began working and teaching for the Pueblo of Zuni, New Mexico. Dr. Casebolt started his career at UNM-Gallup as an adjunct faculty member in 1974 and as a fulltime faculty member in 1984. Dr. Casebolt preferred to be called “Ralph” and was always humble, discreet and private about his academic achievements. He had a passion for teaching and had many academic interests and he had a strong affinity for scholarly research in mythology, philosophy and psychology. In his spare time he enjoyed hiking, canoeing and camping. Dr. Casebolt taught until the day before his death on January 16, 2015. A memorial service for Dr. Casebolt is scheduled for February 15, 2015 on the UNM-Gallup campus.

All of these UNM-Gallup professors shared a passion for teaching and a strong commitment to their students. They inspired many students as well as their colleagues. Their presence will be missed by many.

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**Dr. Dyer Installed as President**

On Thursday, January 29, UNM-G Executive Director Dr. Christopher Dyer was installed as the first president of the Community College Affiliate Program (CCAP) of the National Council for Science and the Environment. Centered in Washington, D.C., the CCAP promotes sustainability education and environmental science programs at institutions, such as UNM-Gallup, that grant Associate degrees.

CCAP also supports student research, engagement and leadership opportunities and partnerships with other community colleges, four year institutions of higher education and federal agencies. Under Dr. Dyer’s leadership CCAP will continue to advance the quality of interdisciplinary environmental and sustainability education and encourage the participation of administrators, faculty and staff in sustainability efforts. Participating CCAP members promote careers in environmentally healthy and sustainable communities by providing diverse student populations with the knowledge and skills necessary.

Congratulations to Dr. Dyer for achieving this great honor!
UNM-G Professor Contributes to Publication

Dr. Carmela Lanza, Assistant Professor of English and English Coordinator, is a contributor to a newly published book, *Yin and Yang in the English Classroom: Teaching With Popular Culture Texts*, edited by Sandra Eckard. Dr. Lanza, in collaboration with the other contributing authors, discusses ways college professors and high school teachers can blend together curriculum that both motivates students with interesting material while still achieving important and mandated academic goals. The authors address the challenge of combining “fun” work like projects and movie days with the demanding curriculum of English studies.

This book presents a cohesive philosophy for successfully achieving this balance of teaching literature and writing skills, foundations based in theory and practical applications necessary for the modern classroom with activities and projects that can be easily brought into the classroom. Dr. Lanza’s chapter, “‘Whose Side is He on?’: Teaching Complex Characters with Novels and Films” appears in Part One: Literature Fundamentals and Pop Culture Connections. The book is written as a teaching aid for both new teachers and experienced instructors. Published by Rowman and Littlefield, the book is available on Amazon.

Division Chair Writes Book Reviews

Dr. Bruce Gjeltema, Division Chair for Arts and Sciences, was asked to write two book reviews which appeared in recent editions of peer-reviewed journals. In the Fall 2013 edition of *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Dr. Gjeltema reviewed Robert McPherson’s *Dineji Na Nitin: Navajo Traditional Teachings and History*.

Also reviewed was *New Mexico, A History* written by Joseph Sanchez, Robert L. Spude and Art Gomez. The review was published in the Winter 2014 edition of *The Journal of Arizona History*. Dr. Gjeltema is recognized within academic and literary fields as an expert in the areas of Native American history and history of New Mexico.

Dr. Huang named as Editor

Dr. Yi-Wen Huang, Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics, was named Associate Editor of the *Journal of Language, Literature and Culture*. Dr. Huang is also a member of the editorial board of the academic journal, *Studies in English Language Teaching*. 
Early Childhood and Family Center to Open

The new UNM-Gallup Early Childhood and Family Center will open on March 2, 2015 and will have as its main mission early childhood care and development for children of the greater McKinley County area. Plans for the ECFC have been underway for over a year and will provide services to children of students, faculty, staff and community members.

The ECFC will operate under the best practices umbrella of the Emilio Reggio learning approach which emphasizes intense interaction between instructors and children in a creative thinking and learning environment. It is hoped that the center will operate as a five-star model for New Mexico in early childhood development and parent-child care and learning. According to Executive Director, Dr. Christopher Dyer, “We intend to use our center as a model to share and promote successful strategies and practices with other academic institutions and communities in the region. This outreach will eventually become state-wide and provide the opportunity to demonstrate how affordable gold-standard child development services are possible even in the poorest and remotest areas of New Mexico.”

Rebecca Romero, ECFC Director, adds “We’d love for everyone to come by and visit the center and take a tour of our new renovated space.”

Applications are still being taken for the center which will serve 60 children per day over two shifts. For more information please refer to the website http://www.gallup.unm.edu/
The Ingham Chapman Gallery will host artwork by UNM-Gallup students for the month of February. Students of John Zimmerman’s Beginning Ceramics class are displaying their group projects which are original clay creations which allowed students to work with coiling, layered clays and the independent building of shapes. Each piece has its own unique personality as exhibited by various textures, color layering and designs. John noted, “I allowed the students to work in groups so they could get to know each other as classmates and learn about texturing and foundation.”

Students of Kristi Wilson’s drawing class did contour drawings of the projects which will also be displayed in the gallery. John is also encouraging writing instructors to bring their students to view the sculptures as inspiration for writing projects. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

UNM-Gallup Small Business Development Center Honored

The UNM-Gallup Small Business Development Center was honored in Albuquerque on January 27th during the New Mexico Small Business Development Center network meeting and awards dinner. Dan Sanchez, UNM-G SBDC Director, accepted the award given for “Most Jobs Created.” Of the 20 centers in New Mexico, Gallup rose to the top with 137 jobs created in 2014.

New Mexico Small Business Development Center State Director, Russell Wyrick commented, “This is really a grand slam for the Gallup community. The mission of NMSBDC is to make a meaningful difference for job creation in the state. We are sad to lose Dan (to retirement this month) but are looking forward to working with a new director to continue the momentum.”

The NMSBDC works closely with the Jobs Council which is a bi-partisan committee created in 2013 by the New Mexico legislature. The purpose of the Jobs Council is to develop a framework for identifying job-creation priorities, ascertain the number of jobs that would have to be created within the next 10 years in order to return to pre-recession employment levels, and begin building bipartisan consensus on legislative measures that could “move the needle” on job creation. According to Director Wyrick, “Dan took this challenge to heart and invested all his time and energy into the project.”
News from the Zuni Campus

Movie Night

Friday, February 13
5:30-8:30

Free Popcorn
$1.00 Hotdogs
$.75 Chips
$.75 Sodas

Open House

Come join us in celebrating 13 years at our current location!

February 25, 1:30-6:00

Light refreshments will be served
UNM-Gallup Recycling Committee receives certificate of Appreciation from McKinley County Recycling Council

From left to right: Pamela Stovall, Rulon Ashcroft, Dr. Dyer, Connie Torres, Anne Lundberg.

Abigail Montoya, Administrative Assistant for Physical Plant, receives the UNM “Green Spend” sustainability award from the UNM Purchasing Department. From left to right: Veronica Trujillo, Senior Contract Specialist; Abigail Montoya; Bruce Cherrin, Chief Procurement Officer; Robert Ortiz, Strategic Sourcing Analyst; Ron Petranovich, Manager, Physical Plant.

UNM-Gallup Recycles Day
UNM Day at the State Capitol

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UNM-Gallup Mission, Vision & Values

MISSION:
The University of New Mexico-Gallup prepares people to achieve their educational and professional goals in a context of respect for the traditions and values of the many groups it serves.

VISION:
The University of New Mexico-Gallup will be a nationally recognized leader in community focused, regionally specific and culturally vibrant education.

VALUES:

♦ We value EXCELLENCE by providing quality decisions and actions through our people, programs and outcomes.

♦ We value INTEGRITY through our commitment to managing our resources wisely, keeping our promises and ensuring accountability to our students, the community and all who serve UNM-Gallup’s mission.

♦ We value DIVERSITY by striving to strengthen our university, our community and our society through the respectful treatment of all people. UNM-Gallup recognizes, accepts and values differences of culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, language and academic discipline and embraces diversity as a learning opportunity.

♦ We value FREEDOM by encouraging inquiry, candor, creative activity, and the pursuit of ideas.

♦ We value SUSTAINABILITY by meeting the needs of the present while preserving the well-being of future generations.

♦ We value ACCESS WITH SUPPORT TO SUCCEED by offering all who desire the opportunity to take full advantage of the wealth of UNM-Gallup resources and be fully included in the UNM-Gallup community.

♦ We value RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS as demonstrated by our commitment to building trust, inspiring collaboration, and ensuring teamwork essential to UNM-Gallup’s success.