Legislature Approves Funding for UNM-G

The support of area legislators proved a boon to the University of New Mexico-Gallup, as the 2006 Legislative session drew to a close. The Legislature initially approved $2,532,500 of the $2,847,000 requested by the college, although the Governor later vetoed some of these funds.

Initially the college was awarded the following:
- From SB 415, State Agency Expenditures, $37,500 for a Speaker’s Bureau;
- From HB 622, Taxation and Revenue, $445,000 for technical center and classrooms;
- $50,000 for Ceremonial archives; and
- From SB 301, approval of a request for $2 million for a technical center to be placed on the Capital Projects GO Bond election.

The Governor later vetoed the funds for the Speaker’s Bureau and for the Ceremonial archives.

Miller thanked local legislators for their support in the various committees, mentioning Rep. Patti Lundstrom, District 9; Rep. Irvin Harrison, District 5; Sen. Lidio Rainaldi, District 4; Sen. John Pinto, District 3; Sen. Leonard Tsosie, District 22; and Rep. Ken Martinez, District 69, and Rep. George Hanosh, District 6, of Cibola County, as being influential on behalf of UNM-Gallup.

College Nominates 2 Students to All-USA Academic Team

Two UNM-Gallup students were nominated to the All USA Academic Team for 2006. They are Lynn Estrada, a Nursing major, and Benito Baeza, a Communications major.

Estrada, who will receive her Associate degree in May, has a 3.8 GPA. She plans to be a nurse practitioner upon graduating, and also hopes to eventually attain a Master’s degree in nursing. A Gallup resident, she has been involved in numerous activities associated with her field, including assisting with a health careers booth on career day, participating in the UNM Health Fair, teaching hand washing at a local elementary school, and helping at the UNM-Gallup Career Center.

Baeza is a Communications major who plans to transfer to New Mexico State University to complete his undergraduate degree. His interests include video editing and photography. He has been involved in the Gallup Senior High School student council, and hopes to work in the advertising business.

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