Sylvia Rodriguez Andrew Named UNM-Gallup Executive Director

Sylvia Rodriguez Andrew has been named director of the University of New Mexico-Gallup campus, announced UNM Vice President Marc Niglizzio. She assumes the role effective August 15.

Kate O’Neill, director, UNM-Taos, served as search committee chair. She said, “Dr. Andrew’s background and her particular skill set make her an especially good fit for the Gallup campus, as evident through her meetings with people there. She has a fine appreciation for diversity issues, an awareness of social and cultural issues as well as excellent interpersonal skills. I am happy we were able to find someone with her talents and abilities to take the Gallup campus to the next stage in its development.”

Andrew has served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Antioch University Los Angeles since last year. In that capacity, she provides leadership and management of all educational programs and activities. She serves as the campus academic liaison officer, is administrative liaison to the Faculty Assembly and is responsible for institution-wide academic initiatives.

Prior, from 1994-2006, she served as dean and professor in the College of Social Work at San Jose State University. The College of Social Work included graduate and undergraduate social work programs, African American Studies, Mexican American Studies and Regional and Urban Planning. She was responsible for a $3 million budget and an additional $1.3 million in external funding. She established working relationships with surrounding human service organizations, developed innovative programs such as the off-campus Sonoma project to bring graduate social work education in response to regional needs. In collaboration with San Jose State University undergraduate former foster youth so-

Fratelli’s-on-Campus Opens, Offering New Kind of Fare

UNM-Gallup’s students and employees now have some fresh options when it comes to dining on campus. Fratelli’s-on-Campus, operated by the owners of Fratelli’s Restaurant on Hwy. 491, opened on June 22.

The major difference in the new restaurant and the food service that was offered in the past is that the emphasis will be on fresh food, with items homemade and prepared daily. Fratelli’s will offer homemade pizzas, to be sold by the slice or the pie, as well as made-to-order salads and hot sandwiches. Also, prepared salads and sandwiches will be ready for quick grabs.

The restaurant has some new service features, with a counter in front of the old walk-up windows, so that patrons can take sandwiches and salads from a cooler and check out at the aisle register.

“We want to have less of a concession stand approach,” Long said. Summer hours are tentatively from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., although that may be

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Scholarship Aimed at Nursing, Health Careers Students

A scholarship that will benefit UNM-Gallup students is being established by Martin and Craig Rubenstein through the University for New Mexico Foundation. While opening the scholarship to all qualified students, the Rubensteins are particularly interested in benefiting Native Americans majoring in the nursing and health professions.

Martin Rubenstein, who arrived in Albuquerque in 1946 after active duty in the South Pacific, earned a bachelor’s degree in political science with a pre-law concentration from UNM in 1949. He went on to own a number of auto dealerships in the Dallas area. Craig Rubenstein graduated from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M at Commerce) in 1957. They met in Dallas and married in 1964. After Martin retired, the couple moved to Vail, Colo., and while traveling in western New Mexico, Martin was struck by the difficult living conditions of the American Indians in this region. They moved back to Texas in 1998, but continued to spend summers in Santa Fe, staying connected to New Mexico and UNM. Along the way, they hit upon the idea of helping Indian students achieve careers in nursing and health.

The Rubensteins focused on these students because health programs offer locals the best opportunities for obtaining in-demand skills that will allow them to stay close to home after graduation. Further, the associate degree programs are a more realistic choice for students who can’t afford to spend four years seeking a degree.

Monies for the scholarship have already been channeled into annuities, but most of the funding will come through a binding statement from the Rubensteins that will result in a bequest from their will, said Michael Kingan, senior vice president of the UNM Foundation. Thus, the scholarship funds will not be available until after the Rubensteins are deceased, but the fund is expected to grow to a size that will benefit as many as 25-40 students per year.

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It’s a busy summer at UNM-Gallup. A major HVAC upgrade of Calvin Hall is under way, which will result in more modern and comfortable classrooms, offices and labs.

Further, we are also putting the final touches to our renovated welding lab, and have revitalized our Welding Certificate program, set to begin in the fall.

We are also developing our Entrepreneur and Work Force programs, the former aided by a grant from the Johnson Family Foundation.

But most importantly, we are planning for the arrival of UNMG’s permanent executive director, Dr. Sylvia Rodriguez Andrew, who will officially begin her service in mid-August. I have met with Dr. Andrew several times and she is very enthusiastic about her role in helping to make UNMG the very best it can be.

With the arrival of Dr. Andrew, I will conclude my 15 months of service to UNMG. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with so many fine people -- people who are dedicated to serving students and enabling them to become responsible citizens pursuing successful careers.

In my brief tenure at UNMG, I have attempted to raise the performance expectations of our faculty, staff and students by creating an environment which fosters active dialogue and strategic partnerships that bring together people from many different arenas within the campus community. I am happy to report this process has resulted in much forward movement in building a more responsive and student-oriented campus. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to work with this marvelous community. Have a great summer.

Any Questions? UNMG Chatline Due August 1

Current and prospective students at UNMG-Gallup will have another way to get answers to their questions beginning August 1. A chatline service, currently in operation at UNM Albuquerque, will soon be available from the Gallup campus.

RightNow(Fast Info) allows students and employees to get answers to their questions by logging in with their username and password. The answers to questions that are commonly asked by students when they visit various Student Services offices are stored in a knowledge base. When students submit their questions to the chat line, the system identifies key words and gives the user the answers. If the system does not have the answer, the request can be forwarded to the appropriate professional staff member in his or her office.

The four departments on campus that will respond to the students’ questions are the Admissions/Registration offices, Financial Aid, Academic Advisement and Distance Education. Each office will designate a person on staff to answer questions at specific times during the day.

This should further reduce time spent standing in line to ask questions. Staff members from these areas will receive training in the next few weeks with the expectation that by August 1, the service will be available to the public.

The funding for this service was paid for by a mini-grant submitted by Paula Sayers, academic advisor. The funding pays for licensure for two years. If the services prove successful, the university will continue the chatline through internal funding sources.
Around the Campus

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COMMENCEMENT 2009

Commencement activities were held May 14 at Red Rock Park. A total of 346 students were eligible to receive certificates, diplomas and degrees. Attending from the Albuquerque campus were Deputy Provost Richard Holder and UNM Vice President for Rio Rancho Operations and Branch Academic Affairs Marc Nigliazzo. Also attending were Navajo Nation Vice President Ben Shelly and representative for the Governor of the Pueblo of Zuni, Shelley Chimoni, head councilwoman.

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adjusted once the restaurant opens, depending on traffic.

Fratelli’s-on-Campus will be available for catering for campus and student organization events, and will also seeking patrons from the local residential and business communities.

“Everyone I’ve spoken to, students, faculty and staff, are thrilled that Fratelli’s will be our new Campus food vendor,” said Barry Cooney, interim executive director of UNM-Gallup. “They believe in serving great food at a fair price. I can’t wait to sample their menu.”
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After working with students, she initiated a campus-wide discussion on the educational needs of youth aging out of the child welfare system. Plans included developing a program to offer junior and senior social work courses at the local community college. Andrew has held interim leadership positions including serving as interim chancellor at San Jose/Evergreen Community College District; and acting president at Evergreen Community College.

Andrew’s social work experience includes serving as executive director of St. Peter St. Joseph’s Children’s Home in the San Antonio area; serving as project director at Los Niños, also in Texas; and as social services director at Crestview Retirement Center in College Station, Texas.

Andrew earned her law degree from Lincoln Law School in San Jose, Calif., in 2001; and her Ph.D. in the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin in 1990. She is a member of the Federal Bar Association, is a licensed Child Care Administrator, licensed Master Social Worker, Clinical Social Worker, among other certifications.

Andrew is extensively published, including numerous articles, books and reports on substance abuse issues among Mexican Americans.

Andrew said, “The more I learned about UNM Gallup and the range of possible opportunities, the more excited I became about being a part of that vision. Everyone recognizes we face challenges, but I believe that when we work together we can create an environment where all students can achieve their educational dreams. I was impressed with the potential of the Zuni campus and look forward to working with tribal leaders to provide quality and relevant educational programs. Both the campus and community were gracious and welcoming – I know they have high expectations, but I also know that they are ready to work with me to make UNM-Gallup the place where dreams begin.”

Student Receives MCHS Diploma, Associate Degree Simultaneously

WILLIAM Q. LONG

William Q. Long, son of Calvin and Genice Long of Gallup, is the first student from the University of New Mexico-Gallup’s Middle College High School to earn a high school diploma and a degree from UNM-Gallup simultaneously.

Students enrolled at Middle College High School can take dual credit classes at UNM-Gallup.

Long, who has attended MCHS for five semesters, participated in commencement activities with his classmates and other UNM-Gallup graduates at Red Rock State Park on May 14, where he was awarded an Associate of Arts degree. He made the Dean’s List for two semesters, and has a grade point average of 3.54.

Long plans to pursue a career in medicine.