



CEO Weekly Brief - 2/1/2019

Dr. James Malm

Legislative Advocacy in Santa Fe

There was quite a bit of UNM activity at the Roundhouse this week and I was pleased to have been accompanied by a UNM-Gallup contingency who promoted, advocated and educated on issues of importance to higher education.

Many thanks to former student and employee Joe-Elliott Nez who represents one of the many success stories that come out of UNM-Gallup. Joe earned his AAS in general business in 2014 then transferred to main campus to receive a BBA from the Anderson School of Management in 2018. While working on his undergraduate degree, Joe was an employee of the information technology department at UNM-Gallup. Joe is now self-employed and following a dream he had many years ago of owning his own business which is now open and operating under the name Nez Techno Logics, LLC. Joe was able to share his story with legislators and others at the State Capitol and show the power of higher education to transform lives. Joe joined Dean of Instruction Dan Primozic and other academic leaders who illustrated the unity between branch campuses and main campus in achieving academic success. Click below to read Joe's story as well as students from the other UNM branches.

Student Success at UNM

FROM branch campus TO main campus TO working in their communities.

John Ross
UNM-TAOS

John Ross, a graduate from Taos, NM, is working to become a professional engineer. He is currently a student at UNM-Taos, where he is studying for his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is also working for a local engineering firm, where he is applying his knowledge of engineering to real-world problems.

John DeMott
UNM-TAOS

John DeMott, a graduate from Taos, NM, is working to become a professional engineer. He is currently a student at UNM-Taos, where he is studying for his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is also working for a local engineering firm, where he is applying his knowledge of engineering to real-world problems.

Araceli Garcia
UNM-VALLEJUECA

Araceli Garcia, a graduate from Vallejo, NM, is working to become a professional engineer. She is currently a student at UNM-Vallejo, where she is studying for her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She is also working for a local engineering firm, where she is applying her knowledge of engineering to real-world problems.

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Jonathan Jung
UNM-TAOS

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Joe-Elliott Nez meets Interim Provost for Academic Affairs Rich Wood during UNM Day at the state legislature.

Senior Public Relations Specialist Marilee Petranovich took charge of our UNM-Gallup table in the rotunda where she was joined by our partners from UNM-Valencia, UNM-Taos and UNM-Los Alamos. Together they promoted programs, people and the value of academic and career and technical education.



Branch campuses had a strong showing during UNM-Day at the State Capitol in Santa Fe on January 28th. Go Lobos!

Dr. Dan Primozic provided support to the provost's curriculum and assessment table on the east wing of the rotunda. Administrators, faculty and students spread the word about the importance of "One UNM" and the value of branch campuses in preparing students to seamlessly matriculate to main campus to advance their education

Many thanks to local advisory board member Gerald O'Hara who joined us in communicating our legislative priorities, being present in the rotunda during UNM-Day and attending the Alumni Association legislative reception in the evening as we were able to further share the good message from UNM-Gallup.

I testified at the Senate Finance Committee on the merits of [Senate Bill 377](#) and how the funding would help our students succeed at UNM-Gallup. I was able to follow up with a local financial impact report to the Legislative Finance Committee analysts as to the value of dual and concurrent enrollment. Please feel free to [view the webcast of this Senate hearing](#).

I applauded UNM-Gallup's inclusion in [Senate Bill 311](#) which was introduced by Senators Mimi Stewart and Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez. This bill supports an appropriation for the extension of select baccalaureate and graduate degrees in education for our community.

I was also present at the second Senate Finance Committee hearing when our New Mexico Association of Community Colleges board chair testified with the Council of University Presidents, Independent Community College Presidents and Higher Education Secretary designate as to the fiscal year 2020 appropriation request. The group unanimously refined the ask for a 5% new money increase, 5% compensation increase and 2% performance measure redistribution reduction. This would put our UNM-Gallup state appropriation

above \$8,500,000 and start us off in the black with no tuition increase next year. Please feel free to [view the webcast of this Senate hearing](#).

Office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator Visit

We welcomed members of the OEO and Title IX offices this week as they met with branch leadership to provide updates on new policies. I greatly appreciate their team making the trek from Albuquerque so we could meet personally, learn of the work they are doing on behalf of our campus and familiarize ourselves with available resources. Representing these offices were:

Angela Catena, Title IX Coordinator
Matt Suazo, EEO Compliance Manager
Ceymone Dozier, EEO Compliance Specialist
Michael Medrano, EEO Compliance Specialist
Melissa Valdez Lopez, EEO Compliance Specialist

Commander James Madrid of the UNM Police Department accompanied the group from OEO



Members of OEO and Title IX offices visit with UNM-Gallup leadership members Thursday, January 31.

CEO Open Office Hours

Many thanks to those who have joined us for our CEO Open Office Hours. This week we had a very dynamic group of attendees who gave us wonderful input as to current and upcoming happenings. We greatly appreciated the

information and the opportunity to engage in discussions that span the entire campus.

- 1) Representatives from the Center for Career and Technical Education updated us as to the 41 in-town sites where they place students for work experience. This is a great example of important campus-community partnerships and we applaud their work in keeping these relationships strong.
- 2) A member of faculty leadership addressed us about upcoming Women's History Month and speakers who have been invited to participate in the March celebration.
- 3) Library faculty reported on their a) upcoming special author series, b) shipping services between campuses and c) ground floor library patron activities.

We will continue these open Friday morning leadership team meetings as a way of hearing the voices of the entire campus. The next session will be Friday, February 8 in the Zollinger Library conference room. While everyone is welcome to attend, please visit the [Open Office Hours website](#) to sign up to speak.