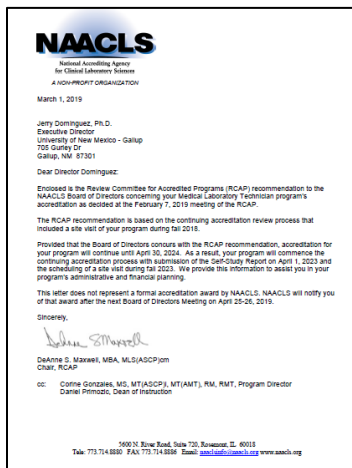




CEO Weekly Brief – 3/22/2019 Dr. James Malm

Medical Laboratory Technician Program Reaccredited

Congratulations to one and all on the notice of continuing accreditation received this week for our Medical Laboratory Technician program. The program was evaluated in November, 2018 and has been reaccredited through April 30, 2024. The reviewing organization, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, recognized the fine work of the program under the strong leadership of director Corine Gonzales. I appreciate the great work of all involved in making this program available to students who graduate and are able to successfully fill a workforce need in this high-demand area. Click below to read the entire recommendation letter.



Rainforest Seminar Series – How to Generate a Business Idea

We were honored to host UNM Regent Sandra Begay on campus this week as part of the New Mexico Rainforest Spring Seminar Series. Regent Begay presented *How to Generate a Business Idea* as part of the STC.UNM and Innovation Academy sponsored program aimed at providing entrepreneurial and technical business assistance at UNM-Gallup and throughout the state. These free seminars are open to the public and participation can result in a certificate in entrepreneurial capabilities for interested

students. As always, it was a treat to have Regent Begay, a UNM-Gallup alumnus, on our campus to share her knowledge and experience.

How to Generate a Business Idea – Sandra Begay

New Mexico Rainforest University Center Spring Seminar Series

STC UNM and the Innovation Academy are hosting their spring 2019 University Center Seminar series. The New Mexico Rainforest University Center provides entrepreneurial training and technical assistance at the University of New Mexico main and branch-campus center sites. The seminars are free and open to the UNM community and the public via in person or web access, but registration is required. A certificate program in entrepreneurial capabilities is available to UNM students and community members thru UNM's Innovation Academy. If interested in the certificate program as part of the seminar series, please contact Cecilia Pacheco at cpacheco@stc.unm.edu.

Date: March 20th, 2019, 1pm-2pm
Location: UNM Gallup (705 Gurley Ave Gallup, NM 87301), Colvin Hall room 2488 **OR** online via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/574897224>
Register: <https://UCBusinessIdeas.eventbrite.com>

SEMINAR GUEST:
SANDRA BEGAY
DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT.
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Seminar Topic:
How to Generate a Business Idea – Sandra Begay
All great businesses start with an idea: an idea to create something new, solve the world, or solve a problem. Take the first step towards starting your own business by joining Sandra Begay and the New Mexico Rainforest University Center Program for a seminar on "How to Generate a Business Idea."

In this hour-long lecture, you will learn how to engage in the brainstorming process, identify opportunities, validate your idea using market research and begin planning using the business model canvas. Your next business venture may be only an idea away!

This seminar can be accessed in person at UNM-Gallup or online via Zoom by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/574897224> at the designated meeting time. Please do not forget to register on Eventbrite <https://UCBusinessIdeas.eventbrite.com>

About the New Mexico Rainforest University Center
The University Center program is funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to provide entrepreneurial training and technical assistance to individuals or small businesses who are looking to start or grow their idea. The platform for the training will be e-commerce, designed to assist any business with its digital presence.



A Regent of the University of New Mexico, Ms. Begay was recently appointed by Mayor Tim Keller as the Director of the Environmental Health Department for the City of Albuquerque. In 1992, she joined Sandia National Laboratories, where she is currently on a special leave of absence as a Principal Member of the Technical Staff, head of Sandia's technical efforts in the Renewable Energy Program to assist Native American tribes with renewable energy development. Prior to this, she also worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories and at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Ms. Begay is a former Executive Director of the American Nuclear Science and Engineering Society (ANSES), former chair of the ANSES Board of Directors, and the recipient of the ANSES Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sandra is the site mentor for UNM-Gallup. She is available as an interface for any questions and to serve as a discussion point for resources related to your entrepreneurial endeavors or training.

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Local Advisory Board Meeting

Our local advisory board held their regular meeting Tuesday of this week. The only action item on the agenda was their vote to approve the fiscal year 2020 budget. The vote was unanimously in favor of advancing the UNM-Gallup budget to the UNM board of regents at their April 5 public meeting for their review and approval.

Mr. Robert Griego presented the board with the projected budget figures and the mood around the room was optimistic that the financial health of UNM-Gallup will remain strong throughout the next fiscal year.

The leadership team greatly appreciates the input from faculty, staff and students as to campus priorities and needs. These conversations all played a part in the construction of the budget for the upcoming year. Please refer to the [local advisory board web page](#) for copies of all agendas and board packets.

Capital Outlay Project

Please see my letter below to Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham in support of SB280 for the UNM-Gallup Capital Outlay Project in the amount of \$975,000.00. These funds are needed for infrastructure repairs and improvements throughout the campus to improve both functionality and safety.



March 15, 2019

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
The Governor of the State of New Mexico
400 Old Santa Fe Trail
Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Lujan Grisham,

On Behalf of the University of New Mexico Gallup, I request your support of the \$975,000 for the Gallup Branch McKinley County Capital Outlay Project in SB280.

The Campus & Facility Infrastructure and Energy funds will allow for the repair, upgrade and construction of our campus and facilities infrastructure, drainage and roadway system, exterior and interior lighting and regulatory safety upgrades.

We believe that this capital project outlay will provide a safe and attractive campus supportive of our students' success in the laboratories and classrooms they use every day. We ask for your support of this vital program when considering the state budget.

Best Regards,

Dr. James Malm
Chief Executive Officer

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Secretary of Workforce Services

We welcome the Cabinet Secretary for Department of Workforce Solutions Bill McCamley to campus today (3/22) to follow up on conversations started in Santa Fe with Representative Patty Lundstrom during the Gallup McKinley County Day legislative advocacy work. We look forward to continuing meaningful discussions with Secretary McCamley as to how we can innovatively and collaboratively support opportunities such as the arrival of Rhino Health's glove plant in the nearby Navajo Nation incubator. Rhino Health plans to invest more than \$49 million into the Church Rock facility to begin manufacturing and warehousing nitrile gloves. In conversations with Rhino Health CEO Mark Lee, we have learned there may be opportunities for UNM-Gallup students to participate as interns within this U.S.-based subsidiary of the South Korean Jungwoo Rubber and Plastic conglomerate.

Also under discussion with Secretary McCamley will be Workforce Solutions House Bill 2JR which contains an earmark to provide funding for UNM-Gallup to design training modules for local industries. Several conversations are already underway for individually-designed instructional programs.



Bill McCamley, Cabinet Secretary for Department Of Workforce Solutions.

UNM Provost Search

The search for the UNM Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs has reached the in-person interview stage. I will be attending the president's executive cabinet and branch CEO sessions and the faculty open forums in Albuquerque March 25-26th and 28-29th.

The first finalist is Dr. James Paul Holloway who is currently the Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Interdisciplinary Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan.

The second finalist is Dr. Michael Benedik, Vice Provost and Chief International Officer at Texas A & M University.

Please visit the [provost and evp executive search website](#) for detailed information about each candidate.