



CEO Weekly Brief – 8/17/2018

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SPECIAL EDITION

Many thanks to all who have participated in the Development Week activities. This has been a whirlwind week full of much energy and enthusiasm for our new fall semester. I wish all our faculty, staff and students a very successful semester full of learning, advancement and collaboration.

I would like to take this opportunity and this special edition of the Weekly Brief to introduce two new members of the UNM-Gallup community and welcome them to our campus.



Dr. Daniel Primozic, Dean of Instruction

After a national search, UNM-Gallup is proud to introduce Dr. Daniel Primozic as the new dean of instruction. Dr. Primozic was most recently the director of curriculum and ethics for the FBI-Law Enforcement Development Association which is a position he held since January 2017. Prior to that, he occupied the positions of curriculum manager for the same Association and interim and

associate director for the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and the Center for Law Enforcement Ethics at the Center for American and International Law. From 2003 – 2007, Dr. Primozic served in a variety of administrative roles at Santa Fe Community College including assistant dean of academic affairs, acting vice president of academic and student affairs, dean of arts and sciences and dean of the liberal and fine arts. Dr. Primozic received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of New Mexico in 1986, and a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Primozic is very excited to join UNM-Gallup and in a recent phone conversation noted, “As a first generation college student, I had my start at a community college in Chicago, which was a beginning I couldn’t have afforded anywhere else. Community colleges are my first love and I want to give back to a place where students can get a good start.”

Asked about his initial plans as dean of instruction, Dr. Primozic stated he wants to take some time to get to know the area and the campus. “Reading about a place is OK, but people are the institution. I’ll be spending some time wandering around and getting to know people. I want them to know they can approach me. Getting to know the campus and the job will be very exciting for me.”

He states that he sees his job as the dean of instruction as one that allows him to make it possible for everyone to benefit from their interactions with UNM-Gallup. “I like the parallels between this job and the positions I held at Santa Fe Community College. We can make it possible for people to learn and to become better students, faculty and staff. That’s what this job is all about and I like that.”

Dr. Primozac’s first day at UNM-Gallup will be Monday, August 27.



Mr. Mark Remillard, Chair, Business and Applied Technology, Community Education and Workforce Development

Mr. Remillard began his work as the chair of business and applied technology and community education and workforce development this past Monday, August 13. Prior to that, he had been the assistant principal at Lincoln Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary Schools in Gallup. He also served as an assistant principal at Gallup High School and an English teacher and librarian at Navajo Pine High School. Between 1996 and 2013, he served as a teacher and dean at several middle and high schools in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Remillard is currently working on his dissertation to complete requirements for an Ed.D. in educational leadership from New Mexico State University. He also earned a Master of Arts in educational administration, and a Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a Master of Arts in theology from the The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and a Bachelor of Arts in humanities from St. Joseph's College in Mountain View, California.

Mr. Remillard feels very good about his first week on the job. "The first week went well. I found everyone to be friendly, welcoming and helpful. I appreciate the smooth transition." He recognizes and welcomes the diversity of his large division. "It is a good that we appeal to a lot of different students. Everything from adult education to our career oriented coursework is established to support families and the future careers of our students. We

build bridges through job training and community services and in so doing, promote the face of UNM-Gallup.”

He believes it is the job of the chair to see the strong connection between the work of the division and successful student numbers. “We have to decide which programs and career opportunities will allow graduates to get jobs and give back to the community and connect that to increased enrollments.”

Mr. Remillard noted that he is a fan of education that prepares people to be competitive in their careers. “I am big on career and technical education and using applied tech to hook students and get them into programs. We need to work with feeder schools to do recruiting and program promotion to get students to come be a part of UNM-Gallup.”

“This job is a passion for me. I am excited to be part of UNM-Gallup and contribute in a positive way. I plan on learning from everyone – students, staff, faculty and administrators.”