



**Chancellor Weekly Brief – 12/9/2019**  
**Dr. James Malm**

**HOLIDAY IN NEW MEXICO**

This year we celebrated our Holiday in New Mexico event with over 1000 community members! Our team could not be more pleased. We have so much gratitude, and humbleness, while we express our thank you for sharing that time with us with so much generosity of spirit for the day.

I'd like to personally thank the team who coordinated putting the event together. This year's event was dedicated to our former Sr. Public Relations leader, Marilee Petranovich, who was greatly responsible for the events continued success and growth. Her magical and loving spirit was felt throughout the evening.

We were also lucky to have Santa and Mrs. Claus join the festivities to confirm which of the hundreds of children were on the nice and naughty lists. I am grateful to our Dean of Instruction, Dr. Dan, and new Sr. Public Relations Specialist, Hutson Morris, for playing their roles well and putting smiling faces on all the families that attended.

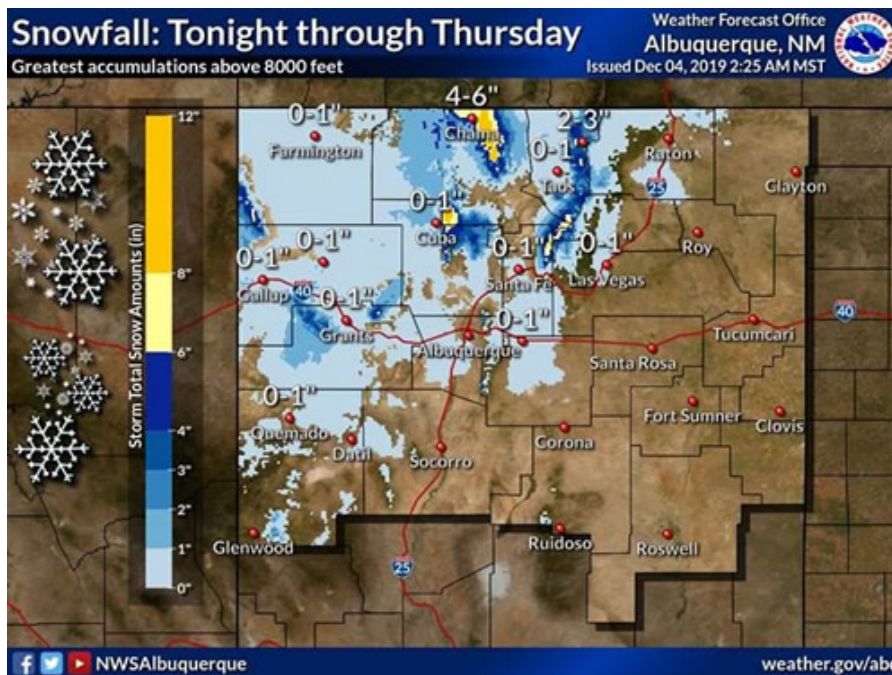




## WATCHED STORMS MOVING THROUGH - KNOW CLOSURE PLANS

As storms become more frequent this season, it is critical that we all understand the procedures the university plans to take to keep us all safe as best is possible.

As a rule, UNM Gallup will follow the decisions of the Gallup McKinley County School District regarding delayed opening, campus closure, or early closure. Upon making one of those decisions, a "Lobo Alert" will quickly be sent out and the media will be notified. It is our goal to keep everyone safe on the roads and within our learning environment.



# EXECUTIVE CABINET UPDATE

Last week, I attended the UNM President's Cabinet Update meeting in Albuquerque. It is always very informative and an important place for Gallup to have representation at the table. My goal of attendance is to ensure our branch stays at the forefront of any issue management and top of thought during conversations that determine the allocation of resources. This month's meeting focused on the 2019-2020 State Legislations ambitions and accomplishments. The link below is the presentation the Government Affairs team shared with those of us in attendance as a summary of their activities and what challenges they plan to tackle in the coming year.

Executive Cabinet Agenda			
*Attachments/Next Steps/Details			
Current Agenda Items	Leader	Time	Attachments/Next Steps/Details
2018 State Legislation: Interim Session (2019) and Second Session of the 54 <sup>th</sup> Legislature (2020)	Damron	25 mins	
International ACAC Conference Planning	Tami	10 mins	
Other Announcements	All	25 mins	



# WELCOMING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

I was privileged to sit down with the two newly elected UNM Gallup board members last week. Although I, we, have great appreciation for the years of service put in by the incumbents they replace, I am very enthusiastic about the new energy and ideas Rebecca “Becky” Apel and Edwin J. Begay are bringing to our collective team. It is also a pleasure to have Teri Garcia continue her work with us as an elected member. I feel very fortunate and grateful to have these public servants as board members as advisers. We have much work to do, and their voices and concepts will add to our thinking on a diversity of issues that impact the university.

## Apel running for seat on UNM-Gallup Board

*By Elizabeth Martin-Romero Independent correspondent*

GALLUP — Candidates for continued seats on the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board were set to be named to several positions regarding their interest to serve the public on the university board on Monday.

Local teacher Rebecca “Becky” Apel is running for the Position 1 on the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board. Apel’s opponent is incumbent Gerald O’Neil. His opponent was not published Wednesday.

The election will be held Nov. 3. Voters will meet members to the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board, the Gallup-McKintley County Schools Board of Education, the Gallup Public School District Board of Education and the State Public School District Board of Education and the

McKintley Soil and Water Conservation District.

The following e-mailed responses are in the candidate’s own words:

**Name:** Rebecca “Becky” Apel  
**Occupation:** 1st Grade 2nd Assistant Teacher  
**High School:** CHS, 1980  
**College degrees:**  

- Speeches of Science in Diploma Management, University of Phoenix, 2006
- Master of Education + Learning Technology and Design, James International University, 2011
- K-6 Elementary License, Santa Fe Community College, 2007
- Teaching English as a Second Language

is doing well as to engage our youth in attending college and providing opportunities for them to graduate high school with a degree. Attending UNM-Gallup is our objective.

**What do you want to achieve as the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board?** I want to be a part of things that respects our Community Education and respect everyone’s life. With my degrees and experience as a long-term teacher that has attended UNM-Gallup along with many other associates I feel qualified to be an active member on the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board.

**In what areas do you think UNM-Gallup is doing well?** The areas I think UNM-

## Tohatchi’s Edwin ‘Ed’ Begay seeks for UNM-G Board post

*By Elizabeth Martin-Romero Independent correspondent*

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Edwin Begay is running for the Position 2 on the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board. His opponent is incumbent Chris Kappanakis, whose responses were published Monday.

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**Name:** Edwin “Ed” J. Begay  
**Occupation:** Currently employed with the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, work experience includes administrative and project services, tribal transportation maintenance, project manager at a local hospital and care of elderly parents.  
**High School:** Tohatchi High School, 1985  
**College degrees:** Associates of Arts in Human Services, 2001; currently awaiting admission toward a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources Management.

**Why do you want to serve on the UNM-Gallup Advisory Board?**

As a former UNM-Gallup Branch Advisory Board member and elected board chair, my interest is to serve the citizens of McKinley County to a degree without overlooking the Albuquerque. My in-depth experience in higher education and with local teachers would benefit the Advisory Board collectively. Local government relationships with the executive director, advisory board collectively, local government and tribal leaders.

**In what areas do you think UNM-Gallup is doing well?**

UNM-Gallup Branch has done well in offering college classes since 1986 for a variety of students and care a degree in demanding careers such as teaching, including locally and vocational training in community, well-organized studies in community, well-organized studies in community, well-organized studies in community, well-organized studies in community.

**What do you think is the biggest challenge facing UNM-Gallup students?**

Most of the students travel from a distance and usually travel in inclement weather conditions. Students also in need of living facilities, such as efficiency and family living spaces, and child care facilities.

## **MET WITH FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT**

I am thrilled to share that my standing meetings with faculty leadership have been incredibly productive on topics about the UNM College of education, select masters' programs, and bachelorette complete programs. Our discussions are explorative, practical, solution driven and promise to lead UNM Gallup to progress in a manner we can all be proud of. I am very much enjoying working with John Zimmerman and look forward to the results we will all achieve.



## **CHANCELLOR'S OPEN OFFICE HOURS**

Please visit the [UNM.edu](https://www.unm.edu) to learn the 2020 rooms and dates set for my office hours. We look forward to also extending our location menu to include new locations on North campus.

[Chancellors Office Hours](#)