



Chancellor Weekly Brief – 2/7/2020 Dr. James Malm

Novel Coronavirus Public Health Briefing

We have been welcomed to be included, via Skype, in The New Mexico Department of Health's state-wide briefing that provided critical information to the many New Mexico colleges, universities and specialty resident training facilities on the very troubling "Coronavirus." To be clear, there are no identified threats of the virus coming to New Mexico currently. The great thing for us is that there are experts standing by to eliminate any threats that may come our way. As a general advisement, for the meantime, let us all be sure to be diligent in washing our hands and take caution when sharing beverages. The best way to take care of ourselves is to look out for each other.

SAVE THE DATE
New Mexico Department of Health
2019-nCoV (Coronavirus)
Update Call



February 05, 2020
1530-1600

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* Toll-free Number: 1-844-347-7222
* Toll Number: 505-761-6000
* Host's Meeting ID: 420882522

Conference ID: 856028073



Rotary Club of Gallup Scholarship Fundraiser Banquet

It is a gratifying feeling to represent our University while serving as an active member of the Gallup Rotary Club. You all provide the many points of pride that I share with the larger community in this capacity. This week, we were able to support the Club's 30th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Banquet, at Red Rock Park, featuring NFL famed coach Wade Phillips as the keynote speaker. It was energizing to see so many members of the greater McKinley community supporting the fundraising effort. This event provides Gallupians an opportunity to contribute dollars that go directly to support our impressive

number of local high students through scholarships to assist with the costs of attending the colleges and universities of their choice.



NFL famed coach Wade Phillips sharing his Super Bowl ring to our Sr. PR Specialist Hutson Morris

Lecture & Discussion Professor Dana C. Chandler: Hannah's Reparations Denied: 500 years of AmeriKKKa's Kontribution to the Black Woman/Black Man

Many of you may have seen the fantastic artistry now being exhibited in the Ingham Chapman Gallery, or you may have seen the massive media acclaim of the presentation in honor of the Black History Month series of events at UNMG. We sincerely hope that everyone comes to visit this exhibit. There is so much value in learning through the lens of art. Though some topics are challenging, we all walk out better people for the knowledge and emotion that is exchanged.





A New UNMG Chancellor Email Address

We have designated a new email address to ensure better communications between us all. After a hiatus of email broadcasts to our four listservs – UNMG Students, UNMG Faculty, UNMG Adjunct, UNMG Staff – we are now ready to reengage in the sharing of the Weekly Brief links directly. It is our hope that this communication will bolster your confidence in the work being conducted on behalf of each stakeholder at UNM Gallup and, in effect, the greater community. It also promises to be a reliable source of updates and celebratory notes about the achievements of our colleagues and students. In addition to this resource, we have committed specific “Open Office Hours” each Friday and hope you will take advantage of the opportunity. I welcome you to come meet with me to discuss your concerns and share ideas along with the several other department leaders. <https://gallup.unm.edu/chancellor/openofficehours/>

Secretary of Higher Education Briefing on Middle Dollar Compromises to the Governor’s Opportunity Scholarship Fund Moonshot for Higher Education

While in State’s Capitol, I had an opportunity to explore the details of House Bill 14 with my colleagues during a briefing by the Secretary of Higher Education. I highly encourage you to take the time to learn more about how this will have a profound impact. Should this bill pass, UNMG and our students will benefit by the lowering of the total cost of attendance in our provided courses. Essentially, students will be empowered to keep more money in their pockets and make their own choices to cover other expenses related to their total cost of attendance at UNMG. Take a look. I am interested in the possibility of hearing your thoughts.

HOUSE BILL 14
 84th LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020
 INTRODUCED BY
 Tomás S. Salazar

AN ACT
 RELATIVE TO HIGHER EDUCATION, CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY
 SCHOLARSHIP ACT, CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND,
 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
 SECTION 1. (NEW, UNDESIGNED) SHORT TITLE.—This act may be
 cited as the "Opportunity Scholarship Act".
 SECTION 2. (NEW, UNDESIGNED) DEFINITIONS.—As used in the
 Opportunity Scholarship Act:
 A. "community college" means a branch community
 college of a four-year state educational institution, a
 two-year state educational institution or a community college
 or technical and vocational institute established pursuant to
 Chapter 21, Article 13 or 14, NMSA 1978, respectively;
 B. "department" means the higher education

NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY

FACT SHEET: Opportunity Scholarship - HB 14

Tuition-free two-year certificate and degree programs for all

Tuition-free college for recent high school graduates

Why do we need the Opportunity Scholarship?

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration is investing in transformative opportunities for New Mexico families, and that transformation begins with education. By creating tuition-free higher education for New Mexicans at public institutions across the state, we are ensuring students and returning-adult learners have every chance to pursue and attain the skills they need to thrive in a 21st-century economy. New Mexico was the first state to offer tuition-free college through the Lottery Scholarship. But tuition has risen while lottery earnings have declined, leaving college students with a significant financial burden - significant enough that many New Mexicans decide they can't afford to access higher education.

The Opportunity Scholarship will ensure that New Mexico students can once again afford to seek higher education, filling the gap left by the Lottery Scholarship and other state aid to cover 100% of tuition and fees. The Opportunity Scholarship will be implemented in two phases over the course of two years. In Year One, the Opportunity Scholarship will implement 100% coverage of tuition and fees for both recent high school graduates and returning-adult learners enrolling in trade programs, credit-bearing certificates and associate degree programs, commonly referred to as two-year community college programs. In Year Two, the Opportunity Scholarship will expand to additionally cover 100% of tuition and fees for recent high school graduates enrolled full-time in four-year bachelor's degree programs. Beginning in FY21, this essential investment by the state will ensure that 50,000 students see the impact of tuition-free college. Enrollment will increase at all 29 of New Mexico's public colleges and universities. The state will be set for big economic benefits in the future, including better employment opportunities, higher overall incomes, and a stronger workforce for New Mexico. That's why the Opportunity Scholarship matters.

Year 1: 100% tuition & fee coverage for two-year college, including trade programs and credit-bearing certificates, for recent high school graduates and returning adults (24 years old or older)

Year 2: Expanding 100% tuition & fee coverage to also include four-year bachelor's degree programs for recent high school graduates

New Mexico Association of Community Colleges Legislative Advocacy Dinner

On February 6, a group of 10 community college branch presidents and chancellors joined members of the legislature over dinner in Santa Fe to lobby in favor of individual priorities and discuss ideas. I was fortunate to share in a delightful dinner conversation with Senator Pinto where I was able to express a few sentiments on behalf of UNMG -

- Our high regards and esteem for her grandfather and honored his work
- Congratulations on her gubernatorial appointment
- Enthusiasm for the fact that we're working together now on UNM's legislative priorities. I believe there will be great things that come of this joint effort.

