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1. OPEN FORUMS HAVE been scheduled for two finalists for the position of vice president of UNM’s Rio Rancho Operations and Branch Academic Affairs. The two finalists are Marc Nigliazzo and Krista Rodin. Their open forums will be held Friday Jan. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 31, respectively. Both forums will be held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. in SUB Ballroom A. [Link]

2. THE DIVISION of Human Resources, in conjunction with the Provost's Committee for Civic Engagement and Public Service, announces the 3rd Annual Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. Nominations are now being accepted for the Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award for work completed in 2007. The award ceremony will be held Tuesday, March 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. [Link]

3. ASK EMPLOYEES what they value most in a Human Resources/Payroll system, and they would first point to a system that pays people accurately and on time. A close second would be a system that provides easy access to view and maintain personal employee information. These things and more have been realized with the recent go-live of Banner HR/Payroll. [Link]

4. KATHLEEN “KIT” ELLIOTT, a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer with the UNM School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine’s Center for Disaster Medicine, was recently awarded a national Daily Point of Light Award. The award honors those who have made a commitment to help meet critical needs in their communities. [Link]

5. THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES Center Section of Integrative Medicine recently announced the opening of its new UNM Center for Life Integrative Medicine Specialty Clinic. The new center will embody all aspects of health, wellness and healing by integrating both proven and promising complementary approaches into conventional medical interventions. The center offers a 10 percent discount for all UNM/UNMH employees on paid-up-front services, such as massage, natural skin care consultations, hypnotherapy and classes in mindfulness and movement. [Link]

6. FINNIE COLEMAN, director of Africana Studies and associate professor of English, has been appointed acting dean for University College effective Jan. 2, while the university prepares a national search. After a tenure as the dean for University College, Peter White went on sabbatical from UNM at the end of the Fall 2007 semester. When White returns to UNM he will join the faculty to focus on his passion for educating and mentoring students. Coleman will then become interim dean. [Link]
7. TORI JOHNSON, a UNM landscape architecture graduate student, presented “Forest Table,” her winning landscape design entry for the annual International Garden Festival in Chaumont-sur-Loire in France. Students in the school’s landscape architecture studio five participated in the design competition, which is open to professionals and amateurs alike.

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8. STEPHEN DENT, associate professor in the School of Architecture and Planning, recently received a $5,000 grant from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to create a series of professional-level courses to be taught at the UNM School of Architecture and Planning by practitioner/educators and offered to interns, practicing professionals and advanced students.

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9. TWO UNM-GALLUP students have been nominated to the All USA Academic Team for community colleges. They are Darryl Day Chief, a sophomore studying information technology, and Brittany Showalter, in the Bachelor of University Studies program.

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10. THE 2008 NEW MEXICO legislative session began this week, and this year’s “to do” list is long. Learn what legislators have planned for this 30-day session on “New Mexico In Focus,” which airs on KNME Channel 5 on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. and repeats Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 a.m. Guests include Representative Al Park, D-Albuquerque and N.M. Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez.

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