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1. SOME CANCER RESEARCHERS study the disease process at the cellular level in a laboratory. Others observe the disease process as it takes place in a patient. A team at UNM is combining these approaches in one study on T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or T-ALL, which predominantly affects adolescents and young adults. http://hsc.unm.edu/about/features/2007_04b.shtml

2. JOHN WILLS, chair of the School of Medicine Department of Anesthesiology and Patricia Kapsner, associate professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, have received awards from the Clinical Trial Center. Wills received the award for outstanding CTC Investigator of the Year Award, while Kapsner received the New CTC Investigator of the Year Award. http://hscaapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=593

3. ANGELA VACHIO has accepted the appointment as chair of the UNM Health Sciences Center Community Affairs Advisory Council. Vachio is executive director and co-founder of PB&J Family Services, Inc., Albuquerque, an organization with multiple child abuse prevention and family preservation programs serving more than 700 at-risk families annually. http://hscaapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=593

4. POLITICAL SCIENCE Professor Gregory Gleason has been accepted as a 2007-08 academic fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington, D.C. As an FDD fellow, he will participate in an educational program focusing on the threat of terrorism to democracy. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001904.html#more

5. HEAD ATHLETICS trainer Dave Binder was recently honored as a Faculty Mentor for his guidance to a pair of UNM students. Elizabeth Taimi, assistant director of the Lobo Club, has been awarded one of 25 inaugural National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD) Diversity Initiative Program grants to attend the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics convention in Orlando, Fla., in June. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001899.html#more

6. UNM’S COLLEGE Enrichment and Outreach Programs announce student awardees for the 5th Annual Student Recognition. Awards will be presented on Tuesday, April 24. The awards honor academic achievement. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001905.html#more

7. ERENDIDA REYES PALMA, a mechanical engineering major, is the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference featured scholar of the week. The tribute features outstanding Hispanic students majoring in science, technology,
engineering and mathematics throughout the nation. The citation can be viewed at

8. THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION at UNM is scheduled for a Fall 2007 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001901.html#more

9. THE NEW MEXICO Historical Review, owned and published quarterly by the University of New Mexico, has received the 2007 Heritage Preservation Award of the State Historian for Excellence in New Mexico Heritage Scholarship, announced Durwood Ball, editor. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001893.html#more

10. CARS WILL BE hosting an informal discussion for interested individuals following the tragedy at Virginia Tech Monday. The discussion will be held Friday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Mirage – Thunderbird room in the Student Union Building. Additionally, the Student Health Center has organized a therapeutic debriefing session for Friday at 2 p.m. in the Student Health Center, rm. 234. For more information on campus counseling services visit: http://parent.unm.edu/.

11. KNME-TV WILL PRESENT a new program honoring the annual Albuquerque Museum Foundation’s “Notable New Mexican” on Colores! “From Curandera To Chupacabra: The Stories of Rudolfo Anaya” airs Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. and again at 10:30 p.m. It repeats Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001900.html#more