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OVER THE SIX-year history of the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate, the University of New Mexico has steadily shown improvement, but it's going to be hard to top the official 2009-10 scores released recently by the NCAA. For the first time in school history, all 21 UNM sports are above the 925 threshold for their four-year rolling score. In addition, the Lobos had a single-year APR score of 973, the highest in the six-year history of the APR, and nearly 50 points higher than five years ago. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15571

THE UNM HOSPITAL PAIN Clinic and the Health Sciences Center's Project ECHO Chronic Pain and Headache Clinic were recently selected by the American Pain Society to receive its prestigious 2011 Center of Excellence Award. The national award is presented annually to recognize pain-care teams that overcome difficult challenges to provide outstanding, exemplary care for those with chronic pain disorders, acute pain after surgery or trauma and in palliative care settings for pain from cancer and other terminal conditions.

http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9787

UNM'S COMADRE A COMADRE Program Director Elba Saavedra, Program Peer Mentors Susan Serna Alexander, Priscilla Cabrera, Rosario Gonzales, Catherine Landavazo, Esther Leyba, Juanita Lovato, Dalila Romero and Flora Velasquez, and Community Resource Navigator Michaela Granados were members of three of seven community teams honored recently at the 17th Annual People's Caring Awards hosted by People Living Through Cancer at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town. Other recipients with UNM connections included Dr. Ian Rabinowitz, from the UNM Cancer Center in the Physician category, and Louis Nuanez in the Volunteer category. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15704

WHEN KAREN ROYBAL began attending land grant association meetings in New Mexico as part of her job at the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, she noticed that women were an important part of the discussion. Land grants given by the Spanish and Mexican governments to groups of people settling in the southwest are an important part of the political landscape in New Mexico, and Roybal grew up in northern New Mexico where land grant issues are hotly debated. But she was surprised to realize how deeply women were involved in the legal and other battles that involve the land. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15607

RECENT COMPUTER SCIENCE DOCTORATE Donour Sizemore will put the pedal to the metal next week when he combines his passion for sports car racing with his technical expertise in computer science and starts work at Michael Waltrip Racing, a professional racing team competing in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. He will be in the pit at the track, managing computer systems, data acquisition and performance analysis. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15589

IS YOUR DEPARTMENT looking to increase employee wellness, reduce stress and set a great environmentally friendly example for students, staff and faculty traveling around campus? Then check out UNM Parking & Transportation Services' LOBO BIKE program, a free bike-sharing program for UNM Departments that allows on-campus errands to be run quickly and healthily. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15575

MTVU NAMED UNM graduate David Griffith one of three students nationwide at the "Top of the Class." The award by mtvU, MTV's 24-hour college network, recognizes students whose accomplishments extend beyond the classroom and inspire change. Griffith graduated this month from UNM with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology. He is a founding member of the UNM Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Resource Center. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15553

NEW MEXICO IN Focus looks at the role of the media in helping to create public discourse with two journalism icons: former ABC anchor and correspondent Sam Donaldson, and ABC and NPR news analyst Cokie Roberts talking about everything from the apparent death of bipartisanship to the changing media landscape. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15639

THE HARWOOD MUSEUM of Art of UNM in Taos, NM, in partnership with Opus Arte and The Globe Theater, presents William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," recorded at London's Globe Theater, on Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. This screening in high definition and surround sound will be shown in the Harwood's new Arthur Bell Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for Harwood Museum Alliance members, \$15 nonmembers, \$8 children 5-12, available in the Harwood Museum Store. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15510

THE DEADLINE TO submit an application to sing the national anthem at the University of New Mexico's Staff Picnic is Tuesday, May 31. Due to time constraints, auditions are reserved only for the first 12 applications received. UNM's Staff Council will hold auditions Monday, June 27 in Rodey Hall. The picnic will be held at Isotopes Park Saturday, July 23 in honor of UNM's Staff Appreciation Month. http://news.unm.edu/?p=15398

THE UNM STAFF Council is seeking staff participants as part of its first-ever Arts and Crafts Show in conjunction with Staff Appreciation month in July. Two shows will be held on Wednesday, July 13 in the Domenici Center Lobby at the UNM Health Sciences Center and also Wednesday, July 27. Registration ends Wednesday, June 1. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell their items. For more information and to download a registration form, visit http://news.unm.edu/?p=15505.

THE UNM CENTER For Life, in conjunction with Albuquerque's Bookworks, presents Deepak Chopra and his son, Gotham, on "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Superheroes" on Wednesday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Building ballroom. The Chopras will decode seven new transformative laws that will help uncover greater happiness, courage, balance, creativity, compassion, and purpose in our lives. Tickets are free with the purchase of the book. A portion of the proceeds will go to the UNM Center for Life Specialty Integrative Medicine Clinic. For more information call (505) 344-8139 or visit http://www.bkwrks.com.

A SECURITY TRAINING session hosted by Information Technologies will be held Monday, June 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Student Union Building in Lobo rooms A&B. The training, SEC 546 / SANS IPV6 Essentials, will be taught by Dr. Johannes Ulrich. Interested participants are encouraged to sign up early as seating is limited and expected to fill up quickly. For more information and to register visit: http://news.unm.edu/?p=15567

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES is preparing for Fall 2011 with the installation of Windows 7 on all computers in the IT computer labs and classrooms. IT needs faculty input with the software list. To review the list visit: http://it.unm.edu/pods/#sw. The list provides current software available in the IT computer pods. Submit your software requests no later than July 4, 2011. For additional software needs not on this list, contact IT Customer Support Services at 277-5757.