UNM News Minute #291 – November 23, 2005

1. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE of Mental Health/Career Opportunities in Research (NIMH/COR) training program at UNM’s Center on Alcohol, Substance Abuse (CASAA) has received a five-year, $1.39 million grant to continue support of its undergraduate honors training program, which got underway more than 15 years ago. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000945.html#more]

2. TEN UNIVERSITIES in the United States, including UNM, received $1 million grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to initiate fundamental changes in the way Ph.D. scientists are trained at their respective institutions. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000950.html#more]

3. THE GROUNDBREAKING for the School of Architecture and Planning and Fine Arts and Design Library is set for Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Cornell and Central NE. The event will honor the New Mexico State Legislature for their financial support of the new facility. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000952.html#more]

4. PAMELA AGOYO, Linda McCormick and Joel Straquadine will receive the university’s highest honor for staff, the Gerald W. May Staff Recognition Award, during a public ceremony Thursday, Dec. 15, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Student Union, ballroom C. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000953.html#more]

5. UNM WILL HOST Colonel Jack H. Jacobs as the first lecturer for the UNM Presidential Speaker Series. Jacobs received the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action during the Vietnam War. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he also earned three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000949.html#more]

6. MANUEL DE HERMENEGILDO, the Prince of Asturias Endowed Chair in Information Science and Technology at UNM, has been honored with Spain’s 2005 National Research Award for Mathematics and Information Technologies, known as the Julio Pastor Award. The award, granted by Spain’s Education and Science Ministry, recognizes outstanding merit in scientific and technological research by Spanish scientists. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000943.html#more]

7. UNM IS LISTED among the top 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Puerto Rico that are doing “a commendable job of recruiting, retaining, educating and graduating Hispanics,” according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine. The list is in the Nov. 21 issue dedicated to its 10th annual publishers picks. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000951.html#more]

8. DAVID SKLAR, chair, department of emergency medicine, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). He will join 11 additional directors from across the country who make up the organizations
policymaking body responsible for ACEP’s management and control.  
http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=448

9. AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSOR Gerald Vizenor recently received the Distinguished Achievement Award by the Western Literature Association. The award was presented at their annual conference in Los Angeles recently.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000947.html#more

10. THE VOICE OF KUNM’s Morning Edition, Tom Trowbridge, is leaving the airwaves following his Friday, Nov. 25 broadcast. Trowbridge took a position with the state to promoting public awareness in the battle against drunk driving.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000944.html#more