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DEPARTMENTS, FACULTY, STAFF and students will exhibit at the Roundhouse during UNM Day at the State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 31. While acknowledging the challenges facing New Mexico legislators, UNM seeks to minimize higher education cuts and tuition increases, which may play a critical role in revitalizing the state's economy. The UNM system has absorbed more than \$47 million in budget reductions over the last three fiscal years. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10000>

DR. PHILIP MAY, Sociology professor and principal investigator for the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions, has been selected to deliver UNM's 56th Annual Research Lecture on Tuesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in the Continuing Education auditorium located at 1634 University Blvd., NE. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9997>

MARKETING MANAGEMENT students at UNM's Anderson School of Management were recognized recently with the Scholastic Achievement Award in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Tween Seat Belt Use Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and EdVenture Partners. UNM was one of six universities selected to participate in the program and one of only two institutions to receive an SAA award for outstanding efforts in achieving the program objectives. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9892>

THE DEADLINE TO ENTER the UNM Technology Business Plan competition is Friday, Feb. 4. Open only to UNM students, this competition fosters entrepreneurial activity and offers exposure to venture capital and angel funders as well as legal, accounting, and banking professionals. Expected prizes totaling \$40,000. To enter, students need to submit an "Intention to Present" form before 5 p.m. Forms, instructions and complete rules can be found at <http://techbizplan.mgt.unm.edu>.

THE WINNERS OF THE L.F. "Tow" Diehm Inspirational Award for 2009-10 are Simon Ejdemyr and Roman Martinez, while Polina Ermoshina and Nanette Wittenberg are the recipients of the Leslie Self Inspirational Award. Started in 1997-98, this is the 13th year the awards have been presented to UNM male and female student-athletes based on leadership, character, determination and commitment to team. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9895>

HIGH-END COMPUTER graphics processor manufacturer NVIDIA announced that UNM's Advanced Graphics Lab and Center for Advanced Research Computing have jointly been selected as one of the company's CUDA Research Centers. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9975>

MÓNICA TOQUINTO, a community health worker with the UNM Cancer Center's Ventanilla de Salud Program, has been named "Community Health Worker of the Year" by the New Mexico Community Health Workers Association. The award is based on peer nominations. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9415>

THE UNM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is offering several scholarships to assist qualified undergraduate and graduate students. The scholarships, which are made possible through gifts from alumni, friends and

chapters, cover a variety of areas including academic achievement, education, leadership/community service and campus involvement, and women's scholarships. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9940>

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THE JONATHAN ABRAMS MD Art Gallery at the University of New Mexico Hospital will host a public reception for its current exhibition, "Recalculating, featuring contemporary paintings and drawings," by Sharon Dudley Bruce. The reception will be held Thursday, Jan. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Jonathan Abrams MD Art Gallery located on the Fifth Floor of Ambulatory Care Center at University of New Mexico Hospital. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9811>

THE UNM PHYSICS and Astronomy Department will host the next colloquia for its Spring 2011 series Friday, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. in Dane Smith Hall, room 125. Titled, "Black holes, dark energy, and gravitational condensate stars," the colloquia will feature Dr. Emil Mottola from Los Alamos National Laboratory. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9974>

THE UNM ART MUSEUM presents "Under the Skin of New Mexico: The Art of Cady Wells 1933-1953," an exhibition of 29 paintings by Cady Wells, one of the most innovative modern artists working within the creative milieu of Santa Fe and Taos in the 1930s and 1940s. The exhibition runs Jan. 28-May 22, with an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 28, 5-7 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9672>

MICHAEL ERIC DYSON is the featured speaker at the Africana Studies' 26th Annual Black History Month Kick-Off Brunch, set for Saturday, Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. in the UNM SUB ballrooms. It's the culminating event in the year-long reflection of 40 years of the UNM Africana Studies Program. Events centered around the theme, "Forty Years Wandering in the Academic Desert: Does Anyone See the Promised Land?" and "Hip Hop Professor." <http://news.unm.edu/?p=9328>

THE STATE BUDGET IS THE TOP PRIORITY for lawmakers as the 2011 legislative session moves into its second week. The funds are short once again this year, but the needs are great. A group of more than a dozen organizations has come up with a plan to actually increase funding for early childhood education, despite those budget concerns. But it is definitely controversial. New Mexico in Focus takes a closer look at the plan, plus debate and analysis of the idea's merits. 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=9982>

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