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1. PRESIDENT LOUIS CALDERA will confer a projected total of 2,797 degrees upon UNM main campus graduates at the spring commencement ceremony Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. in University Arena. Denise Chávez, New Mexico author, actress, director and teacher, will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree and deliver the commencement address. Edward Lewis and Stewart Udall will also receive honorary degrees.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-05-03commencement.htm>

2. THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs would like to invite all interested students, faculty and staff to an open discussion of issues concerning campus diversity on Tuesday, May 11, from 1 - 3 p.m. in Dane Smith Hall 125. This discussion has been organized to follow up on the useful discussion on April 14, concerning the very unfortunate incident that occurred on April 1, involving the Native American musical group near the Duck Pond. The discussion will be entirely open and will not be restricted to those matters that arose explicitly on April 14.

3. THE ALUMNI RELATIONS office recently honored four alumni for their contributions to UNM. Stanley E. Harrison received the Zimmerman Award for acts of fame and honor; F. Chris Garcia was awarded the Bernard S. Rodey Award for educational leadership; Robert Matteucci received the Erna S. Fergusson Award for exceptional accomplishments; and Shiame Okunor was honored with the Faculty Teaching Award for outstanding teaching and service to students.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-29alumni.htm>

4. CASTL, the Center for the Advancement of Scholarship in Teaching and Learning, presented awards for exceptional teaching at a ceremony today. President Louis Caldera presented the 2004-2006 Presidential Teaching Fellow to Christopher C. Mead, professor, School of Architecture and Planning. Other awards include Outstanding Teaching of the Year, Outstanding Adjunct Teacher/Lecture of the Year and Outstanding Teaching Assistant of the Year. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-04-30castl.htm>

5. BYRON LINDSEY, associate professor of Russian, is a recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad award announced recently by the U.S. Department of Education. Lindsey's project is to study and translate texts from the literature of Dagestan, a region from the former Soviet Union in the northern Caucasus.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-0429lindsey.htm>

6. FRANK E. PEREZ, an environmental health and safety tech III with the Department of Safety, Health and Environmental Affairs, has been named the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) New Mexico Chapter Safety Professional of the Year for 2003. Frank's service to the local chapter through leadership and committee involvement and his expertise in the safety profession were but two factors in earning the award.

7. THE CARRIE TINGLEY HOSPITAL Foundation is seeking participants and volunteers for the annual Muthu Barry Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp June 7-11. The

camp, which will be held at Valley High School, gives children with physical disabilities instruction in track and field, tennis, swimming, archery and martial arts. For camp information call 238-2247; volunteers should call 280-4113. [www.aablprograms.com](http://www.aablprograms.com).

8. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TIAA-CREF will be at the UNM Health Sciences Center on Tuesday, May 11, in BMSB 245, and again on Thursday, May 13, in BMSB B82, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on both days. The rep is available to discuss Retirement and Financial Counseling for all employees. Appointments are required. Call TIAA-CREF at 1-866-548-3705. <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc>.