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UNM'S BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH and Integrative Neuroimaging Center, or BRAIN Imaging Center, was recently awarded a \$5.5-million, five-year grant by the National Center for Research Resources, an arm of the National Institutes of Health. The grant will continue advancing the Health Sciences Center's Integrative Program in Central Nervous System Pathophysiology Research through one of more than 60 Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) in the U.S.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9662>

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO Hospitals has again been named to Working Mother's annual list of Best Companies for Hourly Workers. The only initiative of its kind, Best Companies for Hourly Workers celebrates businesses working steadfastly to provide family-friendly benefits that promote health/wellness, education, flexibility and work-life balance. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13613>

PROTEUS COATINGS, led by Meer Noor, MBA, Management of Technology, and Michael Robson, Ph.D., Nanoscience & Microsystems, won first place in the 2011 UNM Technology Business Plan Competition sponsored by last Friday. Proteus Coatings has developed novel uses for nano-structured materials that create unique visual effects when applied as a clear coat to a colored base coat of paint. For their efforts, they won the Lockheed Martin / TVC / Sandia National Labs Prize including \$25,000.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=13570>

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL announced results of a national competition to award 40 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Dissertation awards. Two awardees are from UNM's American Studies Department. Gina Diaz and Melanie Yazzie, both Ph.D. students, received the prestigious award, which provides an annual stipend of \$20,000, travel funding and tuition. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13338>

AT THE RECENT National Student Exchange Placement Conference in Portland, Maine, UNM placed 68 students in various universities and accepted 33 students to attend UNM this fall. Since 2008, UNM has been in the top three colleges as a participant in the National Exchange with numbers of students accepted into the program. Over the past 30 years since becoming a member, UNM has placed close to 2,000 students at various universities throughout the U.S. and has accepted nearly 1,000 who want to study at UNM. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13419>

THE ANNUAL LOUIE AWARDS, a recognition event honoring UNM students, staff and faculty for work on behalf of students, was held recently. Winners: Laura Valdez, Romeo Alonzo, Deborah McFarlane and Kay Willerton, Outstanding Student Service Provider; Tammy James-Pino, Fellow of the Year; Derek Maestas and Stacy Daniels, Student Employees of the Year; Travis Lilly, Daniel Marzec and Christina Romero, Community Service Award; and Charles Jiron, Employee of the Year.

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AS PART OF NATIONAL Student Employment Week Celebrated at UNM, on Friday, April 15, at noon in the SUB Atrium, students nominated for UNM's Student Employee of the Year Award will be recognized and the winners will be announced. Winners will receive a plaque and monetary award.

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NOMINATIONS ARE DUE Monday, April 18, for the prestigious Sarah Belle Brown Award. Sponsored by the Office of the President, the award recognizes both a faculty and a staff member with a monetary award of \$2,000 each and a student with a \$1,000 scholarship. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12843>

THE 2011 RELAY FOR LIFE event will be held Friday, April 15 from 6 p.m. through 8 a.m. April 16 at the University of New Mexico's South Gym at Johnson Center. Put on by the American Cancer Society, the event focuses on celebrating the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembering lost loved ones, and fighting back against the disease by raising money for research. For more information, contact Frankie Rey Flores, e-mail: frankleton.von.bisclavret@gmail.com or by telephone, (505) 507-3247. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13593>

UNM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Jed Crandall recently became the second recipient of the Qforma Lectureship Award. Crandall teaches and conducts research regarding privacy and security for personal computers. He landed at UNM because of his love for the Southwest and the Department of Computer Science's reputation. UNM's Computer Science Department has "interesting and innovative research often crossing interdisciplinary boundaries," says Crandall. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13382>

TEXTILES AND ROPE fragments found in a Peruvian cave have been dated to around 12,000 years ago, making them the oldest textiles ever found in South America, according to a report in the April issue of Current Anthropology. Edward Jolie, the lead author of the article, is a graduate student at UNM as well as an archaeologist at Mercyhurst College. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13426>

UNM'S DIVISION OF DENTAL Hygiene is establishing its first international oral health outreach program in Granada, Nicaragua, this June, said Vicki Gianopoulos, assistant professor, DDH. Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Many residents lack basic needs as well as medical care. Transportation costs are prohibitive for those in rural areas who are seeking medical care. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13504>

BLUE MESA REVIEW celebrates its 24th issue with an evening of literature, art and music Friday, April 15, 7-10 p.m. at The Normal Gallery, 1514 Fourth St. Blue Mesa Review is the literary journal of the University of New Mexico's creative writing program founded by Rudolfo Anaya, Gene Frumkin, David Johnson, Clark Smith and Lee Bartlett in 1989. The journal is now published by students with a rotating editorial board of Master of Fine Arts graduate students with readers and volunteers from the undergraduate program. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13514>

ON MONDAY APRIL 18, from 2 - 5 p.m., Keller Hall will host a classical / folk / jazz / fusion / rock / metal show with composition from great local talent. This concert, in affiliation with The American Red Cross, will be raising funds for the disaster victims of Japan. Headline performers are: Ken Carpenter and the Nailers, BOE, The Micah Hood Band, Maren Hatch Jazz Quartet, Christen Koska, Margit Hammer, Nate Maxon and Cliff Campbell. Tickets are \$3 for UNM students, all others \$5 and are available at the Popejoy Ticket Office or at the door. For more information call, 505-266-6254 or e-mail, helio@unm.edu. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13561>

NEW MEXICO GOV. Susana Martinez recently broke out her veto pen for the first time as governor. This week on New Mexico in Focus, lawmakers talk candidly about what the Governor signed and what she axed out of this year's legislative session. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=13630>