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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO celebrates spring commencement Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m. in Tingley Coliseum at Expo New Mexico (State Fairgrounds). Antonio Flores, president and chief executive officer of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, will deliver the keynote address. Additionally, several precautions will be taken in response to the H1N1 flu.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003960.html>

CHIEF OF POLICE Kathy Guimond has served as a marshal at commencement for more than 13 years, almost as long as she's been with the UNM Police Department. The 15 marshals work with University Secretary and Chief Marshal Vivian Valencia to organize university-wide formal ceremonies, including coordinating the student procession at commencement. Guimond is responsible for the largest undergraduate college – Arts and Sciences. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003974.html#more>

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and Planning recently honored its first group of Golden Graduates, individuals who matriculated from UNM 50 years ago. Dean Roger Schluntz hosted a luncheon for Lou Weller, Patrick Gates and Donald “Rusty” Shaffer at George Pearl Hall. Other special guests included emeritus professors Ed Norris, Paul Lusk, Edie Cherry, Dick Nordhaus and emeritus dean Don Schlegel.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003979.html#more>

THE COMMITTEE for Public Service and Community Engagement announced the recipients of the 4th annual Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Awards at a ceremony held Wednesday, May 13. Recipients included Alice Loy, Teresa Cordova and Jorge Garcia. President and Mrs. Schmidly, Provost Suzanne Ortega, and Sarah Belle Brown and Doug Brown attended to recognize the recipients.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003980.html>

VICE PRESIDENT for Research Julia Fulghum has appointed History Professor Jane Slaughter to work with faculty seeking interdisciplinary grants in arts and humanities research. Slaughter will work half-time for the OVPR beginning in the summer and continuing in the academic year.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003976.html#more>

A \$185,000 DONATION from Dell in hardware, software and services has helped the Anderson School of Management create a pilot for the next generation of virtual laboratory, which enables students to complete course specific homework from anywhere, at anytime with a broadband connection.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003975.html#more>

FOR CONTIUNED UPDATES on the H1N1 influenza visit,

<http://hospitals.unm.edu/h1n1/> or click on the H1N1 hot button on UNM's homepage.

NEW FUNDING FROM the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will enable the National Institutes of Health to help four more schools, including the University of New Mexico, satisfy student demand for global health studies through the NIH Fogarty International Center Framework Grants.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=7779>

AS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES dramatically impact institutions of higher education throughout the nation, it is inspiring to observe the commitment of faculty and staff to UNM's core missions. It is through the collaborative effort of the UNM community that we have been able to endure economic hardship and mitigate the impact on our students, faculty and staff. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003972.html#more>

THE COMMENT PERIOD for Policy 2500 "Acceptable Computer Use," <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/ubppmanual/d2500HL.htm>, has been extended to June 19, 2009. The proposed changes can be viewed at: <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/>.

THE UNM PARENT ASSOCIATION is accepting applications for its first scholarship awards. Scholarships totaling \$3,500 will be awarded for 2009-10 to support the success of currently enrolled UNM students. Applicants will be ranked based on financial need and academic achievement. Additional consideration will also be given to first-generation students. The deadline to apply is June 1.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003982.html#more>

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS of students entering 9th through 11th grade are invited to live and dine on campus and attend casual, informative sessions during the second annual UNM Parent Experience Program Friday and Saturday, July 24-25. Parents are immersed in the college experience during the free program, offered through the Division of Student Affairs with support from ENLACE NM and NM GEAR UP. For more information call 277-5915 or e-mail, parent@unm.edu.

THE READERS HAVE spoken, and change is coming. University Communication and Marketing staff are reviewing responses to a recent survey of UNM Today readers and planning ways to better serve their needs. The survey brought in 299 responses, about 76 percent from staff and 17 percent from faculty.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003973.html#more>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES will also host several intersession brown bags with information on "Yuyanapaq." Dr. Jo-Marie Burt will open the series in the Herzstein Reading Room at 12 p.m. on May 18. An accompanying exhibit, "Yuyanapaq: Para Recordar," is also on display in the Herzstein Gallery and 2nd floor lobby of Zimmerman Library. The exhibit will run through June 12, 2009.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003926.html#more>

THE UNM JONSON GALLERY is now accepting nominations for the Paul Bartlett Re Peace Prize. The prize will be awarded to a UNM student, faculty, staff person or retiree

who has demonstrated notable achievements in promoting world peace and understanding. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003971.html#more>

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S visit to Rio Rancho to discuss the current state of the credit card industry and the new upcoming deadline for transition to Digital TV are on tap for this week's episode of "New Mexico in Focus," New Mexico's weekly one-hour public affair show, will air on Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV Channel 5/5.1 and repeat on Sunday, May 17 at 6:30 a.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003978.html#more>