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1. UNM IS ONE OF NINE research universities in four states who have joined together to form the Southwest Border Security Consortium to promote scientific and policy solutions for issues affecting the U.S.-Mexico border region. The announcement was made recently at ComDef Tucson 2006, an international conference in Tucson on technologies for border security, defense and commerce.

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2. THE CENTER FOR SOUTHWEST RESEARCH is funding 10 fellows this year to work on organizing and preserving the special collections. The fellows provide much-needed assistance in making those collections more accessible to researchers.

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3. UNM-GALLUP WAS awarded one of four \$40,000 New Mexico Higher Education Department grants to run a film boot camp for high school juniors and seniors. Pamela Stovall, associate professor of communication and journalism at UNM-Gallup, applied for the Film and Media Grant Film Boot Camp. The grant will be used to buy equipment including cameras and computers.

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4. ALEX GONZALEZ, associate director of the Scholarship Office, won the “Golden Shoe Award” for his outstanding work with vendors, while Trey Smith won the Rising Star New Professionals Award for his innovative student programs. They were recognized at the Region IV-West conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators held in Breckenridge, Colo. recently.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001569.html#more>

5. JOHATHAN ABRAMS, professor of Cardiology, and Fred Hashimoto, professor of Internal Medicine, have been selected by Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Paul Roth to be promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor. The rank of Distinguished Professor is the highest honor bestowed on faculty at UNM.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5494>

6. PEDIATRICIAN Victor Strasburger was named the 2006 Society for Adolescent Medicine Visiting Professor in Adolescent Medicine and Health, one of the highest honors highest honors in adolescent medicine.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5503>

7. COLLEGE OF NURSING student Lisa Feely was honored recently with the 2006 Nursing Excellence Award for Outstanding Student by the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence. Feely received the award for demonstrating excellence in nursing practice, professionalism and leadership.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5501>

8. FOURTH-YEAR medical student Alana Benjamin was one of five recipients selected as a 2006 Pisacano Scholar. Benjamin graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton University in 2002. The award recognizes outstanding medical students who have made a commitment to enter the specialty of Family Medicine.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5500>

9. DARREN BRAUDE, assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at the School of Medicine and medical director for PHI Air Medical of New Mexico, received the Tim Fleming Medical Director of the Year Award at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico Statewide EMS Conference recently.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5499>

10. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE is hosting a symposium to spur research and creativity among undergraduates across disciplines. "Research Quest: Creating a Forum to Grow in an Atmosphere of Diversity," will feature undergraduate academic oral and poster presentations and theatrical, poetic and musical performances on Monday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union building.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001542.html>

11. THE NATIONAL HISPANIC Center Foundation is sponsoring a competition for graduate students at the School of Architecture and Planning. Each of the eight students from Graduate Studio 5 will submit a design plan to transform the eastern edge of the National Hispanic Cultural Center campus into a more welcoming public space. The students' entries will be on display in the lobby of the Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts from Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 4-6.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001568.html#more>

12. SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS successfully completed a long-term drive to amend the New Mexico Constitution to repeal the Alien Land Act, a discriminatory provision of New Mexico's constitution since 1921. The Alien Land Act prohibited land ownership by all immigrants ineligible for citizenship. Nikko Harada, Christopher Frey, John Sugg, Nicholas Marshall and Adrian Vega, students in Jose Martinez's Law Practice Clinic, advocated for and wrote op-ed pieces about the legislation.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001570.html#more>

13. "IN FOCUS," KNME-TV's public affairs series that explores issues important to New Mexicans, will explore what is happening in our communities and in the southwest. Remaking New Mexico Medicine: An In Focus Town Hall Special airs Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 5. A local panel of experts will discuss ways in which professionals are finding innovative ways to tackle today's health-related challenges.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001573.html#more>