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IN A LETTER to his faculty, Dean and Professor Roger Schluntz, FAIA, announced his intention to resign as dean of UNM's School of Architecture and Planning on June 30, 2010. During his past 10 years as dean, Schluntz said he has witnessed "a number of truly remarkable accomplishments as well as many critical incremental transformations" at the School. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004181.html#more>

UNM WILL CELEBRATE Freshman Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 23. Held the afternoon before the start of fall classes, the event has become an annual tradition at UNM that welcomes incoming students and their families to the college community. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with the Freshman Convocation at Popejoy Hall. Additionally, UNM Student Activities will welcome the UNM community to start the year off with free entertainment, food and fun at the annual Welcome Back Days, Friday, Aug. 21-Friday, Aug. 28.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004163.html#more>

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004170.html#more>

THE LONG TERM Ecological Research (LTER) Network Office, based in the Biology Department at UNM, has been awarded \$15.6 million by the National Science Foundation to support its scientific research activities for the next six years. The two-part funding includes a \$6.7 million award for five years from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support cyberinfrastructure development for integrated network science in LTER, and \$8.9 million as renewal of the LTER Network Office's core Cooperative Agreement between NSF and UNM for six years.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004177.html#more>

THE MIND RESEARCH Network boosts its world-class neurodiagnostic capabilities with an award of \$2,825,460 from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004176.html#more>

THE UNM STAFF COUNCIL recognized Laurie Mellas with the 2009 Jim Davis Outstanding Councilor Award for her commitment to improving the work+life balance for university staff. As founder and chair of Staff Council's Work+Life Committee, Mellas advocates for the benefits of flexible schedules, alignment of the UNM and Albuquerque Public Schools spring breaks, and other issues that impact the ability of staff to lead full lives at work and at home.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004175.html#more>

PRIMARY CARE clinicians, legislators and health policymakers from around the state of New Mexico will participate at the Research Involving Outpatient Settings Network Annual Member meeting, titled "Policy Prescriptions: Forging Connections Between Primary Care and Health Policy Reform," on Aug. 21 at the UNM Health Sciences Center. A keynote speech will be given by former Massachusetts legislator and Senior Advisor to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on national health reform John McDonough from 9

to 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium of the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education at UNM. The speech is open to members of the public.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004178.html#more>

LOBO WiFi, UNM's campus-wide wireless network, will undergo a configuration upgrade on Friday, Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. The upgrade will alleviate current issues some users are having with inconsistent logins.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004180.html#more>

THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff has announced that Carolyn Gonzales, Raisa Morales and Rachael Sanchez are the recipients of the Fall 2009 Academic Scholarship. Congratulations goes out to the recipients and all of the applicants - the many staff as students.

UNM'S CENTER ON ALCOHOLISM, Substance Abuse and Addictions (CASAA) is currently conducting a research study where it will provide free motivational interview training to counselors, psychologists, physicians, social workers and nurses who work in the field of substance abuse. All participants will attend a two-day motivational interviewing training in Albuquerque to be held Nov. 17 – 18, 2009.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004179.html#more>

HEALTHCARE REFORM, featuring U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman and U.S. Representative Ben Ray Lujan, highlights this weekend's edition of New Mexico In Focus. The show air's Friday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. on KNME, Ch 5.1 and repeats Sunday, Aug. 23 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004182.html#more>