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UNM IS ONE of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company known for its test-prep courses features UNM in the just-published 2009 edition of its annual book, "The Best 368 Colleges." Only about 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges are in the book, which contains a two-page profile on each school.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003074.html#more>

UNM HAS BEEN designated an Alcohol Research Center by the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. The New Mexico Alcohol Research Center has received a five-year, \$2.5 million grant to study Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=7068>

DR. KAREN COWDEN DAHL has received a grant for nearly \$1 million to support her work as a basic cancer researcher at the College of Pharmacy at the UNM Health Sciences Center. The K99/R00 grant, also called the Howard Temin Pathway to Independence Award in Cancer Research, is one of most coveted grants in Cowden Dahl's field.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003071.html#more>

PROFESSOR OF INTERNAL Medicine Dr. Wilmer L. Sibbitt, Jr. was recently selected as one of the top 100 people of note in the medical device industry. Sibbitt was recognized for his innovative work in developing products for procedural medicine and drug-delivery, new interventional cardiology products, and imaging contrast agents that improve pictures of organs in the human body.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003073.html#more>

UNM HOSPITAL has been named one of the 100 most-wired hospitals and health systems in the United States for the fifth consecutive year, and for the sixth year out of the 10 years the list has been compiled. Only nine organizations in the 10-year history of the Most-Wired program have made the "Most-Wired" list six times. According to the American Hospital Association, this year's accolade is based on a national survey of 1,327 hospitals that measures the use of information technology to accomplish key goals.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=7055>

THE UNM ALUMNI Lettermen's Association has announced the 2008 inductees into the UNM Athletic Hall of Honor. The Class of 2008 includes Jack Abendschan (football 1962-64), Jim Hulsman, Maria Gurreri (volleyball 1987-90) and Leanne Palmisano (tennis 1982-85). The annual banquet will be held Friday, Sept. 12, at the UNM Student Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$45 each or \$450 for a table of 10. Call the UNM Alumni Office at 277-2593 for more information.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003079.html#more>

THE ALUMNI LETTERMAN'S Association will award 20 scholarships this fall to Lobo student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility. The scholarship – now called The George Brooks Fifth Year Scholarship in honor of retired head ski coach and UNM lettermen George Brooks – will assist fifth-year athletes to complete their education at UNM. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003075.html#more>

UNM IS PARTNERING WITH McKee Wallwork Cleveland, awarding the local agency a contract to assist the university in identifying and strengthening the UNM brand. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003080.html#more>

“COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER,” a mysterious phenomenon where worker bees from bee colonies die or disappear, has been impacting a rising number of honey bee colonies since late 2006. This week, “New Mexico in Focus” takes a look at how bees are faring throughout New Mexico and examines why the Land of Enchantment has not been hit as hard as other states. “New Mexico in Focus” airs on KNME-TV, channel 5, on Friday, August 1 at 7 p.m. and repeats on Sunday, August 3 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003081.html#more>

FILMING FOR A TV series will take place on the UNM main campus Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the northernmost part of Cornell Mall, north of the SUB. The film crew will park in parts of E lot and in sections of Cornell Mall. Please be prepared for traffic and pedestrian congestion in these areas.