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UNM HAS 26 DOCTORAL programs in a new report from the National Research Council, “A Data-based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs in the United States,” released today. Baseline data for the report, which updates a similar study published in 1995, were collected in 2005-06. The report evaluates more than 5,000 programs in 62 fields at 212 universities nationwide. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4678>

IN ITS SEPTEMBER 2010 issue, Hispanic Business magazine ranked the UNM School of Engineering as the fourth-best engineering graduate school for Hispanic students in the nation. Last year the magazine ranked the UNM School of Engineering sixth. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4663>

LAST YEAR FRESHMAN Raymond Plotkin was doing well in school, making friends and having fun when he died suddenly from the H1N1 flu. The family honored their son’s memory and his love of UNM with an endowment to sponsor scholarships for engineering students. Recently the family awarded the first Raymond E. Plotkin scholarship to Sean Chavez, a 2010 graduate of Albuquerque High School and computer engineering student at UNM. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4763>

THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES Center has announced its 2010 schedule for free flu shots for the public. For the complete schedule visit: <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4514>

MOLINA HEALTHCARE of New Mexico recently recognized six community heroes at its second annual Community Champions Awards. This year’s winners included Bette Jo Ciesielski from the New Mexico Community Health Worker Association; Dr. Gayle Dine’ Chacon, from the UNM Department of Family and Community Medicine; Naomi Fahrenkrug, New Mexico Office of Border Health; Kathy Komoll, Roadrunner Food Bank; Larry Richardson, NM-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team; and Joyce Roberts, Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9122>

HOMEcomings FESTIVITIES CONTINUE through Sunday, Oct. 3. Tomorrow is Lobo Spirit Day. Wear your red and show your Lobo Spirit. Don’t forget the Southwest Fiesta Tailgate and the 17th annual Alumni Association Silent Auction on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. This year, the Silent Auction has been extended online and will be open through Sunday, Oct. 3 at 12 a.m. Tickets for the SW Fiesta Tailgate are \$10 per person and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information visit: <http://www.unmalumni.com/homecoming>

LOBO WOMEN’S AND MEN’S Basketball Season Tickets are on sale now! UNM Faculty and Staff* (.5 FTE and up) receive half off season tickets. If you qualify, Women’s Basketball season tickets start as low as \$47* for Adults or \$117* for a family plan (2

Adults and 2 Youth). Men's Basketball season tickets start as low as \$126* for Adults (*restrictions apply). To purchase your season tickets visit the Lobo Ticket office at 1155 University Blvd. SE, SSSC Building, First Floor, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the UNM Bookstore Ticket office Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Questions? Call (505) 925-LOBO. Cheer on the Lobos in the newly renovated Pit! <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4819>

THE MAXWELL MUSEUM of Anthropology presents "Weaving Generations Together: Evolving Creativity of the Mayan of Chiapas," a new exhibition that explores Mayan weaving tradition and style. The exhibition opens tonight with a lecture beginning at 7 p.m. at Hibben Hall. Author and guest curator, Patricia Greenfield, shares her research on weaving style within the Zinacantán culture. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4719>

THIS WEEK ON NEW MEXICO in Focus, experts discuss key indicators of a person's overall health, barriers that prevent quality dental health care in New Mexico and a new event that will offer free dental care to hundreds of residents. New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4826>

IN RECOGNITION OF the 25th anniversary of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the College of Education's Comadre a Comadre program is hosting a kick-off event on Monday, Oct. 4 outside the Student Union Building near Mesa Vista Hall from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is designed to promote awareness, distribute literature and conduct signups for the 10th annual Komen Central New Mexico Race for the Cure. Comadre a Comadre will also host two brown bag educational classes about breast and cervical health on Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 6-7 from 12 to 1 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4751>

ON MONDAY, Oct. 4, the Parking and Transportation Services department will officially open and celebrate the grand opening of the new Yale Parking Garage located at Yale and Las Lomas on main campus. The grand opening festivities will take place at the pedestrian bridge with a 9 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and opening remarks by Executive Vice President David Harris. Immediately following, PPD will give tours of the solar panel array. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4794>

THE UNM SCHOOL OF Architecture and Planning's Indigenous Architecture lecture series features Johnpaul Jones on Monday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. He presents, "Indige-nous Design: Emerging Gifts." A reception precedes the lecture from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. The reception and lecture are free and open to the public. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4733>

PROFESSOR SHERRI BURR, School of Law, launches the new season of her award-winning television show, "Arts Talk" with co-host Sheila Jones, starting Monday, Oct. 4 from 7-7:30 p.m. on Comcast Cable's channel 26. Joining Burr and Jones on this episode

will be New York Times best-selling author and Santa Fe resident Hampton Sides. "Arts Talk" is a local cable television show that is produced by Burr and the students in her Entertainment Law class. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4813>

THE 12th ANNUAL New Mexico Data Users Conference will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the University of New Mexico Continuing Education Conference Center. Sessions will begin in Ballroom C. The Continuing Education Conference Center is located at 1634 University Blvd., NE. The annual event is presented by UNM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER). <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4735>