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2006 Sarah Belle Brown Awards

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At a recognition ceremony on February 4, 2006, Charlie Gallegos (right) was recognized as a recipient of the 2006 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. Charlie is pictured here with PPD director Mary Vosevich.

Regent Doug Brown Restablished this award in honor of his wife, Sarah Belle Brown. Mrs. Brown devoted considerable time to the community over the past thirty years.

Charlie Gallegos; Area Two, believes that everyone can help someone in need. He sets an example by helping, through his church, those who are victimized

and helpless. The following quote from his nomination sums up his philosophy of service — “Charlie’s early intervention efforts indirectly affect the lives of multitudes of New Mexicans, in that he positively impacts adults and children who are or could potentially become

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PPD Special Activities: Commencement in mind!

by Carole Vollbrecht

This spring, UNM Special Activities coordinated 19 different commencement, convocation, and graduation ceremonies. The graduation season began on April 21 with the TVI Community College graduation, and it ended for us here at UNM on May 22 with the final high school graduation ceremony. If you called me during that time and I seemed frazzled, now you know why.

During that month the Pit hosted two UNM ceremonies (General Commencement and the School of Engineering convocation), one community college ceremony (TVI), and 13 high school ceremonies. Crossing the stage at the Pit were 1,303 university degree candidates, 550 associate’s degree candidates, and 3,929 high school graduates. We also hosted two additional convocations (College of Education and Anderson Schools of Management) at Johnson Center, and assisted with the Law School graduation. The PPD Movers also set up for additional ceremonies and receptions such as the President’s Reception, the Department of Foreign Languages, Spanish & Portuguese, the Latin American Institute, Public Administration, Earth & Planetary Sciences, Communications & Journalism, the College of Pharmacy, and the College of Education, as well as Mortar Board flower sales across campus.

There is a tremendous amount of preparation and organization both before and during the month of ceremonies. The Pit is a basketball arena, so our first step is to cover the hardwood floor and erect the stage, ramp, and stairs. Since the graduates must walk down 45 steps from the concourse to the Pit floor in their graduation caps and gowns, handrails must be installed for their safety. This is particularly crucial for many of the young ladies and their 4” high heels! After the basic setup is complete, we adjust the things to meet the special requirements of

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Randy Adams, Utilities
Master Electrician, Utilities, 20 years

Paul Benavidez, Supervisor, Main
Campus Custodial, 15 years

Paul J. Chacho, Trades Inspector,
Administration, 20 years

Ray A. Dimas, Water Systems
Supervisor, Utilities, 15 years

Leo Felix, HVAC Tech, Area One,
15 years

Sutero Garcia, Gardener, Grounds,
20 years

Tim R. Garcia, Heavy Equipment
Operator, Grounds, 20 years

Hugo Martinez, Custodian, Main
Campus Custodial, 15 years

John F. Maurer, Electrician, Area One,
10 years

Kenneth D. McClellan, Lead
Custodian, Main Campus Custodial,
20 years

Gregory Meyer, Master Gardener,
Grounds, 20 years

George A. Montoya, Plumber, Area
One, 15 years

Pat Padilla, Facilities Services Tech,
Area One, 15 years

Alice Paiz, Lead Custodian, Main
Campus Custodial, 15 years

Ricky B. Sanchez, Lead Custodian,
Main Campus Custodial, 25 years

Andrew R. Silva, Grounds Tech,
Grounds, 20 years

Mohsen Tootoonchi, Plumber, Area
Four, 15 years

John Trujeque, Custodian, HSC
Custodial, 20 years

David Trujillo, Supervisor, Grounds
& Landscaping, 20 years

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Events Highlights Calendar

The Highlights Calendar is a list of events published weekly by PPD Special Activities. This is a short list of events, which is subject to change. Call Carole Vollbrecht at 277-7246 to verify.

- **Monday, July 10**
Lecture Under the Stars: Miracle on the Mesa, Keller Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 12**
Sunset Lecture Series with Luci Tapahonso, West Wing of Zimmerman Library, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, July 21**
Summer Staff Appreciation Concert, University Honors Plaza, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **Friday, July 21**
Facilities & Real Estate Management (FREM) Open House, Facility Planning parking lot, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 17**
Engineering EXPO for Incoming Freshmen, Hodgkin Hall, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 20**
Freshmen Family Days at Popejoy, the SUB, Duck Pond, University House, and across campus.

- **Monday, August 21**
First day of Fall Semester classes

New Student Orientation

New student orientation begins Thursday, July 6 and runs through Friday, August 18 at the Kiva, the College of Education, the SUB, and across campus.

Youth Sport Campus

Youth sport camps including Lobo Team Camp continue through Friday, July 14 at Johnson Center and Johnson Fields.

Welcome Back Days

UNM's welcome back for students, faculty, and staff is from Monday, August 21 and runs through Sunday, August 27.

HSC Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series at HSC continues on Fridays July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25.

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each and every ceremony. This means that there may be 200 or 900 chairs on the floor. The stage may have 1, 2, or even 3 podiums. The oak chairs from Zimmerman Library's west wing serve as our stage chairs, and we may have as few as 12 or as many as 43 of them on the stage. We also provide draped tables, flowers, and microphones. After the seating and stage are set, we set up for the band and choir, and for the special needs and VIP sections.

Prior to the ceremony, each school holds a rehearsal for the graduates, student speaker, and choir. We work with every school to meet their individual needs, assist with a wonderful ceremony, and then we start all over again. On seven days in May, we have two graduations a day. There was varied attendance at these ceremonies, but I think we can safely say that over 50,000 parents, family, and friends came to support the many graduates, and we probably saw nearly 100 beach balls and bouncy balls, as well as confetti and silly string, tossed on the Pit floor. Of course, at the end of each high school ceremony mortarboard hats were tossed into the air, which means that we saw 3,929 mortarboards of every color flying through the air. Other than "Pomp and Circumstance" and the national anthem, you might wonder what the most popular class song was. That had to be "Seasons of Love" from the musical *Rent*.

Often we think of Commencement as the end of the school year, but really it is the beginning of a new stage in life. UNM graduates are moving forward into their career or graduate school and high school graduates are moving out into the world after years of being sheltered by their parents or family. This is a major change in one's life. This year our PPD family had many graduates. I surveyed all the PPD managers requesting information on our graduates, and here is what I discovered.

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Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

by Sue Van Cleve

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was founded on a promise made between two sisters—Susan Goodman Komen and Nancy Goodman Brinker—when Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1978. According to the official website, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs for more than 20 years.

On June 11, 2006, the "PPD Soul Supporters" showed their support of this great effort by walking in the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure walk/run at the Balloon Fiesta Park. We had 21 representatives from PPD (including family members). Among the participants we were honored to walk with were two breast cancer survivors, **Stephanie Pesce**, Service Call Coordinator from Area 2, and Judi Hammer, Sue Van Cleve's sister. In all, we raised \$500 for the cause, of which 75% of the money will stay in the state of New Mexico for increased cancer screenings and education.

We are already planning for next year's walk, so be ready to be recruited by your colleagues! Thanks to everyone who donated their time and money to this great cause.



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dangerous members of society, offering them instead hope of a peaceful, productive life."

Charlie also received the Gerald May award in 1992. His faithful devotion to his extended community through his volunteer work sets a high standard for UNM employees. The Physical Plant is proud to have Charlie represent the university in such a selfless and devoted way!■

Dealing with Electrical Hazards

Evaluating work conditions



The Area Four electrical crew (Carlos Nevarez (pictured), Duane Stair, Donald Martinez, and Ralph Rodriguez) has been wiring the sheds and installing a power pole at the old Galles building for the engineering laboratories that will be relocated there. Carlos explains the safety procedures.

by Grandon Goertz, Safety Specialist, Safety, Health, and Environmental Affairs

The most dangerous problem that electricians encounter in doing remodel work is the necessity of having to do 'hot' or energized wiring.

The problem is in old buildings where wires were over-pulled (stretched too tight). Door panel schedules were not written correctly, and some breakers were double-wired. "You have to be on your toes," explained Carlos as he showed me a screw that had been driven into a neutral conductor wire. "The person that made this mistake could easily have made others," he said.

Working in these situations, electricians find that they constantly have to be on guard to watch for back-currents, which can happen if an energized building wire and a wiring being removed were accidentally connected. Some wires are always energized because part of the building is occupied as an office.

Electricians protect themselves by taping all wires and labeling them as they are removed, by snugging down the screws, lugs, and wires to reduce the chance that a wire will become loose and touch a charged circuit line, and by following other methods of the craft. Still, things can go wrong. Because the work is energized, Carlos always wears eye and hand protection and constantly evaluates the work conditions at each site.

Carlos summed up these safety procedures in this way: "If you take the proper steps, you know your limitations. You know the tricks of the trade to protect yourself against others. You want to do your job safely, efficiently, and in a cost-effective manner."



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First, we have two staff members to congratulate. **Joseph Roybal**, Area Two, graduated from TVI with an Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical Technology, and **Alison "Allie" Ruff**, Area One student employee/expediter, received her Bachelor of Science in Education from UNM. Please give them your best wishes next time you see them. They put a lot of time and effort into obtaining these degrees.

We also had a university graduate in our extended PPD family.

Graig D. Garman, son of **Robert Garman**, Area Three, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. The designation of cum laude means that Graig had a grade average of over 3.5. Way to go!

There are many new high school graduates in our family. Please give special congratulations to these parents. Remember that these young people are moving on, many of them literally moving out of the family home and onto their own. This is also a big step in the life of our PPD parents. The following are our high school graduates: **Juan Garcia II**, son of **Juan Garcia**, Grounds, graduated from Valley High School. **Kimberly Martinez**, daughter of **Chuck Martinez**, Remodel, graduated from Robert Kennedy Charter High School. **Mark Probasco**, son of **Maria Probasco**, Engineering, and **John**

Reid, son of **Mike Reid**, Engineering, graduated from Rio Rancho High School. **Jennifer Quintana**, daughter of **Harold Quintana**, Area One, graduated from St. Pius X High School. **Ira Straquadine**, son of **Joel Straquadine**, Facility Manager, graduated from Eldorado High School. **Laila Tootoonchi**, daughter of **Moe Tootoonchi**, Area Four, graduated from the Albuquerque Academy. **Michael Vallejos**, son of **Felix Vallejos**, Grounds, graduated from Los Lunas High School.

Some of these graduates will be joining us here at UNM and TVI, and some traveling out of state. Laila Tootoonchi is going to Occidental College in Eagle Rock, California (near L.A.), and John Reid is moving across the country to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

We also had some graduates from middle and elementary schools. **Branden Joe**, brother of **Karla Chavez**, Special Activities, graduated from Tse Ho Tso Middle School, and **Clarice Trujillo**, daughter of **David Trujillo**, Grounds, graduated from Edward Gonzales Elementary.

I am sure that this is only a beginning of our list of graduates, but these were the names reported to me. Congratulations to all of you and your families! ■