

"Building a Community Through Engagement"

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El Centro de la Raza booth at the Hispanic Youth Symposium Career Fair.

Hispanic Youth Symposium

by Mónica Asencio

The "Hispanic College Fund" and numerous community partners hosted the first-annual Hispanic Youth Symposium on July 9-12, 2008 here at UNM.

The purpose of the Youth Symposium is to help young Hispanics change their ways of thinking regarding their academic futures.

This program is a great opportunity to help young people who would not normally consider higher education to begin thinking about how to make a difference in their communities. A major

part of the program is the opportunity for students to experience a university setting. Students also met with government and industry leaders, mentors, educators and many more role models to help them realize their dreams.

The students in this program are given the chance to believe in themselves and to learn that they can achieve their goals if they have faith in themselves and work hard. What's more, the program brings together students with limitless potential. Many of these students will be the first in their families to attend college. This program is a major asset to these young students and will help them on the path toward future successes.

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Hispanic Youth Symposium

(en español/Spanish version)

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El "Hispanic College Fund" y varios socios comunitarios presentaron el primer anual Hispanic Youth Symposium el 9-12 de julio 2008 aquí en UNM. El propósito de la conferencia juvenil es dar orientación a los adolescentes de la comunidad hispana a que cambien su manera de pensar acerca de sus futuros académicos.

Este programa da una gran oportunidad a muchos adolescentes haciéndolos que tengan en mente el hacer la diferencia en sus comunidades. Una ventaja mayor para los estudiantes del programa es tener

la oportunidad de observar el ambiente universitario. Los estudiantes también se reunieron con líderes del gobierno, de la industria, mentores, educadores y varios otros modelos de conducta afin de ayudarles a alcanzar sus sueños.

Los alumnos de este programa están encaminados a que pueden obtener sus metas teniendo fe en sí mismos y sabiendo todo lo que pueden conseguir solo con esfuerzo. Además, este programa se une jóvenes con gran potencial. Muchos de estos estudiantes serán los primeros en sus familias para asistir a la universidad. El programa es un gran recurso para ellos, y les ayudará a encontrar su camino hacia un futuro exitoso.

Director's Corner

by Jennifer Gómez-Chávez

Title V is coming to the end of year two. Throughout this year, our team focus was to develop and increase capacity of programs directly impacting student success. Some of our programs are MAPS & MyPage, student mentoring, supplemental instruction, faculty development, advisor training, One-Stop, the virtual student center and e-portfolios. As we enter year three, the focus will shift toward sustainability for all programs. We look forward to building the necessary partnerships that will be key in the continuity of Title V programs and objectives after the grant ends.

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*Jennifer L. Gómez-Chávez,
UNM Title V Director*

Title V

Educational Initiatives

Student Spotlight

by Pamela L. Herrington

Q. Can you please tell me your name and position at Title V, where you are from, where you graduated from high school and a little about your family?

My name is Alejandro Barraza and I am a Title V office assistant. I was originally born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I graduated from Highland High School in the year 2006. I'm the first of my immediate family to attend college.

Q. What year are you enrolled at UNM and what is your major/focus?

This is my third year. I'll be a junior. I am majoring in Spanish and Portuguese. I hope to get my Masters degree in Mass Communication.

Q. What are your plans for the future after you graduate from UNM?

After getting my first Bachelors, I hope to keep going on with school to get my

Masters in Mass Communication. I like advertising. I really don't watch television, but with my English class having somewhat to do with advertising, I really enjoy it. It was concerning our unit. You have to target your audience, know who you're going to appeal to, know what they like and know what you're going to present, depending on if it's going to be funny, serious or satirical. I think it's an interesting field.

Q. How long have you worked at Title V and what is your favorite aspect of working with the Title V program?

I've been here for two semesters. The administrative personnel have a lot to bring to the table concerning perspectives and education. Where I worked before was pretty narrow. Not too many people had a lot to share.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of working with the Title V program?

I guess transferring phone calls because I don't know how. (laughs.)



Q. What do you think is important about the work you do here?

It helps students in general. It's mostly aimed toward Hispanic students but I think everyone could use some help and we offer that.

Q. What do you do with your free time?

I like to dance. I like to read. I like to watch and play sports. In general, I like to stay busy.

Diversity Training

by M. Nicolás Cabrera

The Title V program has developed a new way to help new faculty and instructors learn about UNM's diverse student body. A 15-minute mini-documentary will premiere at the New Faculty Orientation luncheon

to be held Monday, August 18.

The video was created to show visually the diverse landscape and people that make up New Mexico. The Faculty & Staff Development & Engagement staff has worked hard for several months to create this short film for faculty.

Title V would like to thank the Faculty Steering Committee members: Dr. Rebecca Blum-Martínez, Dr. Jozi De León, Dr. Alicia F. Chávez, Dr. Finnie Coleman, Dr. Viola Flórez, Miguel Gandert, Dr. Manuel García y Griego, Dr. Felipe Gonzales, Dr. Glenebah Martínez, Dr. Gabriel Meléndez, Valerie Romero-Leggot and Dr. Gary Smith.



Samantha V. Luna talks to students at the Discover UNM Fair.

Discover UNM

by Duaa Musleh

Throughout the summer the University of New Mexico hosts events for incoming students and their parents. The purpose of the orientations is to inform freshmen and transfer students along with their parents about the different programs, organizations and services on campus. The MAPS/TITLE-V team has been part of the Discover UNM Orientations all summer. Many new students feel lost trying to find the services on campus. MAPS/TITLE-V provided information on the MAPS website and MyPage social network site and how they can benefit the students. Discover UNM and TITLE-V/MAPS provide students with a wealth of important information that will help them succeed.

HACU Annual Conference

by Henry C. González

The TITLE-V team along with other UNM departments will once again join forces to represent UNM at this year's Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, HACU's 22nd annual conference titled "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Strengthening the Nation's Prosperity and Opportunity." The conference will be held in Denver on October 11-13. The conference provides a vital platform for advocacy, information, collaboration and recognition. Most of New Mexico's colleges and universities will be there. HACU represents more than 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

Calendar of Events

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| 18 August | UNM's New Faculty Luncheon, sponsored by the Office of Support for Effective Teaching. Premiere of the online diversity training for UNM faculty and instructors.
Contact: M. Nicolás Cabrera |
| 18-22 August | Mentor and SI Trainings
Contact: Armando A. Bustamante at 277-0125 or abustam1@unm.edu |
| 26 September | Advisors Institute
Advisors register online.
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| 2-3 October | McNair Conference |
| 14-15 October | Immigration Symposium: Dispelling Myths & Raising Awareness
Find more information at: http://elcentro.unm.edu/immigrationsymposium |
| 22-24 October | Mentoring Conference |

MAPS

Multiple
Academic
Pathways for
Students

MAPS is a communication tool that connects you to numerous resources available at the University of New Mexico and surrounding Albuquerque community.

<http://maps.unm.edu>

The Latino Summit

by M. Nicolás Cabrera

The 2008 Latino Summit, titled "Policy Summit on Latino Higher Education, Its National Economic Impact," was held June 5-7 on the main campus at the University House and the Student Union Building. The summit was the result of hard work by Dr. Eliseo Torres, VP for student affairs.

The purpose of this summit was to bring together Hispanic/Latino leaders, educators, appointed and elected officials, student leaders, faculty, researchers, professional organizations, public and private non-profits, governmental, business, commerce and corporate representatives from throughout the Southwest and other parts of the country

to begin substantive dialogue on selected critical issues that continue to impact the Hispanic/Latino communities with great societal economic implications.

This leadership came together in the spirit of collaboration to reach consensus on recommendations to be translated into strategic policy statements and program initiatives which will be disseminated and presented for implementation, nationally.

The participants of the summit worked hard during their individual sessions to brainstorm ideas that could later be turned into policy recommendations for political leaders at the state and national levels.

<http://mypage.unm.edu>

My Page UNM's Social Network

Keep a blog.

Meet new people!

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Store and share files.

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UNM Math Department
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Peer Mentors Needed

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Do YOU or someone you know:

- Want to work 10 to 20 hours per week?**
- Have at least 30 credits earned and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher?**
- Have content knowledge in English 101 or Math 121?**
- Have strong communication skills, both oral and written?**
- Have an understanding of underclassmen needs?**
- Have basic knowledge of university setting, policies, programs and services?**
- Have teamwork ability and responsibility?**
- Work well in groups and independently?**

Mentors will assist students in gateway classrooms to navigate through the university in a variety of ways. They will connect students to the appropriate offices and services based on their needs. Other duties include the following areas: tour guides for UNM services, academic support, personal encouragement and engagement, connect students with classroom instructors to help them feel more comfortable with their course experience at UNM.

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