

# **Western New Mexico University**



## ***Fall 2017***

# ***Commencement Convocation***

**Friday, the Eighth of December  
2:00 pm at the Fine Arts Center Theatre  
Silver City, NM**



### **Bobby Unser A Racing Legend**

Mention the name Bobby Unser to the average person, and winning auto races instantly comes to mind. Unser, the older of the two famous racing brothers, established the family legend many years ago by capturing his first Indy 500 in 1968. He won again in 1975 and 1981. Unser has compiled one of the most impressive list of accomplishments in American racing history.

He logged 35 Indy car wins, 49 Indy car pole positions, eight 500-mile Indy car victories, four International Race of Champions (IROC) wins, and 13 Pikes Peak Hill Climb wins. Once selected as one of Sports Illustrated's "Top Five Athletes," Unser was the first driver to record a 200 M.P.H. qualifying average speed in Indy car competition. The father of four has also served as an industry spokesman, working as ABC's chief analyst on Indy 500 telecasts.



**Tim Stillman**  
**President of the Associated Students of WNMU**

Originally from Brawley, Calif., Tim Stillman graduated from Brawley Union High School in 2007 and then attended Le Cordon Bleu, College of the Culinary Arts, in Las Vegas, N.V., from which he graduated in 2010. During his time in Culinary School and for the first three years after graduation, he worked as a chef on the Las Vegas strip in world-renowned restaurants, one being a 3-Star Michelin recipient. His experiences there inspired him to further his education with the goal of someday opening a French restaurant.

In 2012, he moved to Silver City and began studying business at Western New Mexico University. Last spring, he graduated with a bachelor's in business management, and now he is working toward his master's in business. Tim is involved in extracurricular activities, volunteers in the community, and has embraced leadership roles on campus, serving as President of Delta Mu Delta, Treasurer of ASWNMU, Graduate Assistant for the School of Business and now President of ASWNMU.

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Dr. Alireza Arasteh, Professor

## **Order of Exercises**

### **Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance by Sir Edward Elgar

### **Convocation**

Dr. Alireza Arasteh, Professor  
Faculty Marshal

### **Invocation**

Pastor Andrew Zamora  
The Door Christian Fellowship

### **Color Guard**

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 358

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **National Anthem**

Angela Njoku

### **Welcome & Introduction of Guests**

Dr. Joseph D. Shepard

### **Commencement Address**

Bobby Unser, a Racing Legend

### **Response from Graduates**

Tim Stillman

President of the Associated Students of WNMU

### **Presentation of Candidates**

Dr. Alexandra Nevez

### **Conferral of Degrees**

Dr. Joseph D. Shepard

## **Alumni Association Induction**

Mrs. Jodi Edens-Crocker  
Director of University Foundation

### **Benediction**

Pastor Andrew Zamora  
The Door Christian Fellowship

### **Closing**

Dr. Alireza Arasteh, Professor

### **Recessional**

Fanfare and Recessional  
James Ployhar

***To respect the graduates, the audience is to remain seated  
throughout the recessional.***

**Note: Picture takers, please do not block the path of the graduates to or from  
the stage.**

**Complimentary pictures of the graduates will be taken while receiving diploma**

**Thank You.**

## **Master Degree** **Candidates**

### **Master of Arts**

**Genoa Elisabeth Aleman**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
La Quinta, CA

**Cynthia Marie Andrews**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Silver City, NM

**Morgan L. Bausch**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Peoria, AZ

**Damien Anthony Malachi  
Davies**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Plymouth, England

**Wendie Nichole Davis-  
Grauer**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Phoenix, AZ

**Keith Allen Dennis**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bisbee, AZ

**Daniel Glickman**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Newhall, CA

**Jason Michael Hahn**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Burleson, TX

**Jennifer Faller  
Hernandez**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Manila, Philippines

**Arai Hodari**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Chicago, IL

**Michelle Edith Jones**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Chicago, IL

**Jamie McCormick**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Lawson, CO

**Robert Morales**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Albuquerque, NM

**Dr. T. Michael Roberts**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Tavares, FL

**Aaron Rogers**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bayard, NM

**Meieli Sawyer**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Miami Beach, FL

**Rachel Ann Shockley**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Buena Vista, CO

**Matthew Steven  
Sylvester**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Perry, GA

**Michael Paul Temple**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Las Vegas, NV

**Carson R. Turner**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Myrtle Beach, SC

**Ann Marie Unrast**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Pinetop, AZ

**Aimee Maurine Vasquez**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Ruidoso, NM

**Courtney Marie  
Viramontes**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Deming, NM

**Joshua Aaron  
Williammee**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Crossville, TN

**Bernard Gene Williams  
Jr.**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Orlando, FL

**Lisa Lynette Wycoff**  
Educational Leadership  
Deming, NM

## Master of Arts in Teaching

**Andrea Kristen Chavez**  
Reading Education  
Deming, NM

**Monica Corona**  
Reading Education  
Deming, NM

**Kalah M Carrasco**  
Reading Education  
Silver City, NM

**Kayla Ranae Montaño**  
Reading Education  
Truth or Consequences, NM

**Randall Todd Pugmire**  
Secondary Education  
Silver City, NM

**Kristy Jo Reischman**  
Reading Education  
Surprise, AZ

**Alfredo Reyes**  
Secondary Education  
Deming, NM

**Mayra Sanchez**  
Elementary Education  
Columbus, NM

**Amanda Lucille Valdez**  
Reading Education  
Grants, NM

**Adilene Vazquez Varela**  
Elementary Education  
Columbus, NM

**Kelly R. Zuniga**  
Reading Education  
Hurley, NM

## Master of Business Administration

**Tyler K. Brown**  
Business Administration  
Gila, NM

**Alejandra Yvonne Candia**  
Business Administration  
El Paso, TX

**Julie Ann Chacon**  
Business Administration  
Silver City, NM

**Nicholas Drew Elkins**  
Business Administration  
Thoreau, NM

**Jennifer Rose Galindo**  
Business Administration  
Deming, NM

**Juanita Mottley**  
Business Administration  
Atlanta, GA

**Erica Reyes**  
Business Administration  
Deming, NM

**Travis Timmons**  
Business Administration  
Tucson, AZ

**Jennifer Trujillo**  
Business Administration  
Santa Fe, NM

## Master of Social Work

**Mavis Hema Appiah**  
Social Work  
Greensboro, NC

**Rocco J. Bacelli**  
Social Work  
York, SC

**Samantha S. Belanger**  
Social Work  
Las Cruces, NM

**Natalie Ann Bermudez**  
Social Work  
Dubuque, IA

**Hayley Janay Booker**  
Social Work  
Clovis, NM

**Sarah M. Boyd**  
Social Work  
Hobbs, NM

**Lauren R. Braud**  
Social Work  
River Ridge, LA

**Heidi C. Brescher**  
Social Work  
Cape Coral, FL

**Alana Nicole Brookshire**  
Social Work  
Dayton, OH

**Carolann Calderone**  
Social Work  
Oceanside, NY

**Jane Abigail Callen**  
Social Work  
Bethesda, MD

**Stacia L. Chaplin**  
Social Work  
Haubstadt, IN



**Kathy Clark**  
Social Work  
Minneapolis, MN

**Risa Zipporah Cohen**  
Social Work  
Aberdeen, MS

**Erika Contreras**  
Social Work  
Los Lunas, NM

**Stephanie Danielle Coplin**  
Social Work  
Old Mines, MO

**Amanda Marie Cruz**  
Social Work  
Cape Coral, FL

**John Adams Daughtrey**  
Social Work  
Allentown, PA

**Dominique Marie Duarte Bello**  
Social Work  
Douglas, AZ

**Sarah Escamilla**  
Social Work  
Las Cruces, NM

**Lauren Estrada**  
Social Work  
Rio Rancho, NM

**Evelyn U. Fatokun**  
Social Work  
Hendersonville, TN

**Dalia Meira Frend**  
Social Work  
Los Angeles, CA

**Melissa Wye Geraci**  
Social Work  
Manhattan Beach, CA

**Hannah Jane Helms**  
Social Work  
Mt. Shasta, CA

**Christopher Hernandez**  
Social Work  
El Paso, TX

**Martha Johnson**  
Social Work  
Orem, UT

**Amy Michelle Lankutis**  
Social Work  
Evergreen, CO

**Brianna Elizabeth Lauffer**  
Social Work  
Front Royal, VA

**Samantha Anansa Liverpool**  
Social Work  
Jamaica, NY

**Nicole Maggio**  
Social Work  
Wantage, NJ

**Mark Kevin McGann**  
Social Work  
San Bruno, CA

**Colleen Marie Miera-Maldonado**  
Social Work  
Albuquerque, NM

**Lisa Morris-Mulligan**  
Social Work  
Sylvania, OH

**Sharnel P. Orta**  
Social Work  
Makawao, HI

**Lanira B. Postell**  
Social Work  
Warner Robins, GA

**Shayla Shawta Prince**  
Social Work  
New Iberia, LA

**Blaise Andrew Rastello**  
Social Work  
Boulder, CO

**Rebecca Redman**  
Social Work  
Adamstown, PA

**Alyssa Ringgenberg**  
Social Work  
Schaller, IA

**Katie Risko**  
Social Work  
New Castle, DE

**Korissa M. Roesch**  
Social Work  
Del Norte, CO

**Lisa Ann Rorick**  
Social Work  
Palm Desert, CA

**William Westley Sanders III**  
Social Work  
Baltimore, MD

**Donald Howard Shelander**  
Social Work  
Corpus Christi, TX

**Gary Rahe St.Clair, Jr.**  
Social Work  
Green Cove Springs, FL

**Vanessa Isela Stroman**  
Social Work  
El Paso, TX

**Deborah L. Sullivan**  
Social Work  
Buckhorn, NM

**Tomaseina Talib**

Social Work  
Wilson, NC

**Marta Marie Tolefree**

Social Work  
Minneapolis, MN

**Juan Javier Tyler**

Social Work  
Wilmington, NC

**Dawn Louise Wheeler**

Social Work  
Virginia Beach, VA

**Meghann Cathleen Wilkens**

Social Work  
Parker, CO

**Constance J. D. White-Williams**

Social Work  
Clovis, NM

**Lacy Jolene Willson**

Social Work  
Kingman, AZ

**Jessica A. Wilson**

Social Work  
Wallington, NJ

**Kathleen Winistorfer**

Social Work  
Sacramento, CA

**Graduate Certificate  
Candidates****Emily Karlynn Ames**

Secondary Education  
Houston, TX

**Bonnie Ferguson Butler**

Writing  
Lorton, VA

**Risa Zipporah Cohen**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Aberdeen, MS

**Erika Contreras**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Los Lunas, NM

**Lauren Estrada**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Rio Rancho, NM

**Daniel A. Gamboa**

Secondary Education  
Round Rock, TX

**Melissa Janett Gonzalez**

Secondary Education  
Cliff, NM

**Hannah Jane Helms**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Mt. Shasta, CA

**Maranda Lynn Holmes**

Psychology  
Tyrone, GA

**Brandi M. Jaure**

Rural Community SWK  
Services  
Silver City, NM

**Nicole Maggio**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Wantage, NJ

**Tracie A. Martin**

Social Work Services to Military  
Families & Rural Community  
Social Work Services  
Fayetteville, AR

**Kelley Michelle Rambo**

Social Work Services to Military  
Families  
Searsmont, ME

**Korissa M. Roesch**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Del Norte, CO

**Sara C. Roethle**

English  
Sierra Vista, Az

**Craig Root**

Psychology  
East Amherst, NY

**Carmen Ruiz**

Art  
Silver City, NM

**Wendy Sue Russell**

English  
Christmas Valley, OR

**Colleen J. Sosnicki Smith**

History  
Moose, WY

**Juan Javier Tyler**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Wilmington, NC

**Dawn Louise Wheeler**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Virginia Beach, VA

**Constance J. D. White-Williams**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Clovis, NM

**Lacy Jolene Willson**

Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Kingman, AZ

**Kathleen Winistorfer**  
Rural Community Social Work  
Services  
Sacramento, CA

## **Baccalaureate Degree Candidates**

**Angelica Elizabeth Aguirre\***  
Nursing  
Deming, NM

**Jessica Aguilar**  
Criminal Justice  
Deming, NM

**Marcheyelle D. Armenta**  
Criminal Justice  
Los Lunas, NM

**Michael Steven Arnold**  
Criminal Justice  
Star, ID

**Kelsie Lynn Bailey**  
Zoology & Cell & Molecular  
Biology  
Albuquerque, NM

**Khari S. Bailey II**  
General Business  
Pasadena, CA

**Jonah Levi Barrera\***  
Business Management &  
Marketing  
Lordsburg, NM

**Jessica Renee Begay\***  
Criminal Justice  
Rehoboth, NM

**Felicia Blanca Bencomo**  
Social Work  
Silver City, NM

**Ian C. Bledsoe**  
Social Science & Psychology  
Tucson, AZ

**Shayna Bloom\***  
Early Childhood Education  
Silver City, NM

**Tammy Rene Botello**  
Criminal Justice  
Lordsburg, NM

**JoAnn Bracken\***  
Social Work  
Los Lunas, NM

**Jayla Nicole Brown**  
Kinesiology  
Phoenix, AZ

**Lacey J. Brusin\***  
Interdisciplinary  
Waterflow, NM

**Janet Camunez**  
Accounting  
Deming, NM

**Kassandra Ysette Carbajal**  
General Business  
Deming, NM

**Luzelena C. Carbajal**  
Social Work  
Silver City, NM

**Erica Lynn Cevallos**  
Nursing  
Las Cruces, NM

**Sarah Paige Chaires**  
Nursing  
Lordsburg, NM

**Julian Cisneros\***  
Rehabilitation Services  
Bayard, NM

**Max Zephyr Cloud**  
Social Work  
Gallup, NM

**Shannon Annalee Courtney\***  
Social Work  
Grants, NM

**Maria E. Cruz**  
Chemical Dependency  
Counseling  
Deming, NM

**Sarah Bethany Dabbs**  
Criminal Justice  
Fairacres, NM

**Timothy DesJardins**  
Interdisciplinary  
Silver City, NM

**Jessica Ann Dominguez**  
Interdisciplinary  
Deming, NM

**Michael D. Doyle\***  
Interdisciplinary  
Farmington, NM

**Thomas Allen Durham II**  
Interdisciplinary  
San Antonio, TX

**Dolores Renee Escudero**  
Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Leah F. Fleming\***  
Nursing  
Hobbs, NM

**Anna Flores**  
General Business  
Silver City, NM

**Ivan A. Franco**  
Business Management  
Deming, NM

**Veronica G. Franco\***  
Business Management  
Deming, NM

**Germaine Garcia**  
Social Work  
Panorama City, CA

**Jazmyne S. Garnand**  
Elementary Education  
Deming, NM

**Sabrina Marie Gomez**  
Rehabilitation Services  
Silver City, NM

**Crystal R. Gonzales\***  
General Business  
Deming, NM

**Elias Gonzalez**  
Criminal Justice  
Santa Ana, CA

**Gemma Goodland**  
Zoology  
Melbourne, Australia

**Lacy Granger**  
Rehabilitation Services  
Carlsbad, NM

**Staci Jennae Gray\***  
Early Childhood Education  
Deming, NM

**Mackenzie A. Greene**  
Criminal Justice  
Pearce, AZ

**Kaitlin Paige Gregory**  
Botany & Cell & Molecular  
Biology  
Wickenburg, AZ

**Matthew Grieb**  
Kinesiology  
Temecula, CA

**Adrianna Nicole Grijalva\***  
Chemistry & Cell & Molecular  
Biology  
Tucson, AZ

**Cassie Leandra Grijalva**  
Nursing  
Santa Clara, NM

**Kassandra Guzman\***  
Rehabilitation Services  
Douglas, AZ

**Brittney Dawn Haley**  
Interdisciplinary  
Hesperia, CA

**Anne Lorraine Hall\***  
Nursing  
Albuquerque, NM

**Krystyl Wyne Hilts\***  
Social Work  
Spokane, VA

**Sarah Holguin**  
General Business  
Deming, NM

**Paulena Y. Houston**  
Criminal Justice  
Vanderwagen, NM

**Nathan A. Jackson**  
English  
Silver City, NM

**Sarah M. Jacobi**  
Interdisciplinary  
Santa Fe, NM

**Shanon Johnson-Davis**  
General Business  
Deming, NM

**Kelly Jo Juvera**  
Nursing  
Sierra Vista, AZ

**Sean Ethan Kishbaugh**  
Nursing  
Mimbres, NM

**Michelle T. Laguna**  
Social Work  
Hurley, NM

**Elaine Laney\***  
Rehabilitation Services  
Silver City, NM

**Alejandro J. Lara**  
Criminal Justice  
Los Lunas, NM

**Jacob Matthew Lara**  
Marketing  
Silver City, NM

**Michael J. Laramore**  
Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Rodney Hozell Lawson**  
Sociology  
Hayward, CA

**Denise Castorena Legarda**  
Rehabilitation Services  
Bayard, NM

**Anna Maria Lehman**  
General Business  
Silver City, NM

**Jacob Daniel Lenhardt\***  
Nursing  
Deming, NM

**Bora Yeon Leonard\***  
Nursing  
Sierra Vista, AZ

**Euricce LeSure**  
English  
Moreno Valley, CA

**Jerrika M. Lewis\***  
Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Desire Viktorie Liska\***

General Science  
Boonton, NJ

**Jennifer Anna Luallen\***

Interdisciplinary  
Alamogordo, NM

**Mary Margaret Lucero**

English  
Silver City, NM

**Anadely Martinez**

Criminal Justice  
Lordsburg, NM

**Aspen Sydel Luna\***

Psychology  
Mesa, AZ

**Kalie Ann Lyle**

Marketing  
Phoenix, AZ

**Melody Louise Madrid\***

Early Childhood Care &  
Education  
Silver City, NM

**Ashley****Ho'ohauolimainaokalani****Mataele**

Social Work  
Laie, HI

**Charlene Ariel Matthews**

Biology  
Silver City, NM

**Emily V. Mendoza**

Rehabilitation Services  
Animas, NM

**Chantal Elena Mitchell\***

Interdisciplinary  
Truth or Consequences, NM

**Kimberly Endlich Molina**

Interdisciplinary  
Deming, NM

**Elanie R. Montano\***

Rehabilitation Services  
Douglas, AZ

**StarrAnn C. Moon**

Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Miranda Bree Munoz**

Sociology  
Chino Hills, CA

**Tien Le Thuy Nguyen\***

Accounting  
Nha Trang, Vietnam

**Kahlila B. Ortiz**

Psychology  
Las Cruces, NM

**Amanda Leigh Owensby**

Social Work  
Carbondale, CO

**Curtis Brandon Palacio**

Interdisciplinary  
Los Angeles, CA

**Krystal M. Perea\***

Social Work  
Tyrone, NM

**Amanda Gerrish Pryor\***

Nursing  
Anchorage, AK

**Mishell Quinonez**

Criminal Justice  
Douglas, AZ

**Zita Quintana**

Interdisciplinary  
Silver City, NM

**Krystal J. Reyes**

Early Childhood Education  
Silver City, NM

**Zane Jefferson Rodgers**

Psychology  
Carlsbad, CA

**Arianna Rodriguez**

Interdisciplinary  
Hatch, NM

**Grisel I. Rodriguez**

Interdisciplinary  
Deming, NM

**Lacy Ann Rodriguez**

Nursing  
Bayard, NM

**Raechyl Raye Rodriguez**

Psychology  
Bayard, NM

**Jasmine Richelle Romero**

Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Ashley M. Samuel**

Zoology  
Lordsburg, NM

**Julia Speir\***

Rehabilitation Services  
Deming, NM

**Joel C. Tecca\***

Zoology  
Lordsburg, NM

**Herbert Tezeno Jr.**

Social Work  
Lake Elsinore, CA

**Claudie Thompson**

English  
Silver City, NM

**Brittany Topmiller**

Interdisciplinary  
Silver City, NM

**Vince Torres**

Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Monique D. Trevino\***

Rehabilitation Services  
Las Cruces, NM

**Audrie Inez Udero**

Social Work  
Silver City, NM

**Denise Edith Villalobos**

Nursing  
San Lorenzo, NM

**Jazmina E. Villegas\***

Psychology & Sociology  
Silver City, NM

**Yvonne Charlene Walstrom**

Interdisciplinary  
Phoenix, AZ

**Heather L. Walters\***

Rehabilitation Services  
Cloves, CA

**Jaime Waltmire**

Business Management  
Tucson, AZ

**Alyssa J. Wenning**

Psychology  
Gallup, NM

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Rehabilitation Services  
Gallup, NM

**Amie Westfall\***

Social Work  
Iron Station, NC

\*Baccalaureate Degree Candidates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above and are designated for honors.

**Associate Degree  
Candidates****Raelynn Aimee**

Liberal Studies  
Silver City, NM

**Breanna Rae Aker**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Surprise, AS

**Jonah Levi Barrera**

Business Administration  
Lordsburg, NM

**Nicolas Charles Bobo**

Business Administration  
Silver City, NM

**Morayma Branham**

Nursing  
Deming, NM

**Cynthia T. Campos**

Business Administration  
Hurley, NM

**Leslie Amber Carwile**

Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Brandy Chavez**

Business Administration  
North Hurley, NM

**Julian Cisneros**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Bayard, NM

**Elfega De La Hoya**

Liberal Studies  
Pacoima, CA

**Jessica Renee Dechert**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Benson, AZ

**Dominique Valerio****Dominguez**

Nursing  
Bayard, NM

**Marisela Mia Duran**

Liberal Studies  
Bayard, NM

**Jennifer Elizalde-Tafoya**

Business Administration  
Hurley, NM

**My'Kale Breana French**

Early Childhood Education &  
Family Support  
Racine, WI

**Amber Garland**

Criminal Justice  
Silver City, NM

**Jade Gonzales**

Business Administration  
Los Lunas, NM

**Sharon R. Grande**

Business Administration  
Silver City, NM

**Lacy Granger**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Carlsbad, NM

**Linzy Lynette Granger**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Carlsbad, NM

**Claudia Granillo**

Criminal Justice  
Deming, NM

**Jean Marie Gutierrez**

Early Childhood Education &  
Family Support  
Silver City, NM

**Simone Marie Hill**

Mathematics  
Silver City, NM

**Diana Ibarra**

Business Administration  
Deming, NM

**Crystal Renee Jimenez**

Nursing  
Silver City, NM

**Tessa Jones**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Truth or Consequences, NM

**Jewlie Alexandra LaBadie**

Liberal Studies  
Deming, NM

**Casey Landes**

Liberal Studies  
Flagstaff, AZ

**James J. Lee Jr.**

Liberal Studies  
Bayard, NM

**Gordon John Longville**

Liberal Studies  
Tucson, AZ

**Desere Rene Lopez**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Tucson, AZ

**Anthony Lucero**

Liberal Studies  
Bayard, NM

**Araceli Marquez**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Truth or Consequences, NM

**Christopher R. McCans**

Electrical Technology  
Lordsburg, NM

**Kelli McGhiey**

Business Administration  
Honolulu, HI

**Richard O. Morones**

Liberal Studies  
Silver City, NM

**Arow Parsons-Pineda**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
San Lorenzo, NM

**Timothy Peña**

Electrical Technology  
Silver City, NM

**Laramie St. Michael Perrault**

Liberal Studies  
Arenas Valley, NM

**Martha I. Quintero**

Criminal Justice  
Deming, NM

**Esperanza Rodriguez**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Silver City, NM

**Matthew Salas**

Electrical Technology  
Bayard, NM

**Julia Speir**

Occupational Therapy  
Assistant  
Deming, NM

**Angel Dove Troup**

Liberal Studies  
Truth or Consequence, NM

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Business Administration  
Kailua Kona, HI

**Melisa Villalobos**

Criminal Justice  
Hobbs, NM

**Brittany E. Vincent**

Liberal Studies  
Phoenix, AZ

**Bala Michael Wambebe**

Nursing  
Kaduna State, Nigeria

**Leslie Williams**

Liberal Studies  
Deming, NM

**Matthew James Ynostroza**

Welding Technology  
Silver City, NM

**Konnie Christine Zuniga**

Early Childhood Education &  
Family Support  
Rio Rico, AZ

**Yara Chavez**

Early Childhood Education &  
Family Support  
Deming, NM

## **Undergraduate Certificate Candidates**

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## Honors Medallion

Baccalaureate students who are graduating with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are awarded a bronze medallion noting their academic achievement. The medallion worn by honors graduates during the commencement acknowledges the student's and the university's commitment to academic excellence.

## Honor Societies & Clubs

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)  
Royal Blue Letters on Gold Stole  
Officers ~ Royal Blue and Gold Cords

Associated Students of Western New Mexico University  
Silver Cords

Cardinal Key National Honor Society  
Red Letters on White Stole  
Active Members ~ Gold Cord  
Officers ~ Red Cord  
Masters Students ~ White Cord

Delta Mu Delta (Business Administration)  
Purple and Gold Cords

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA)  
Red, White and Green Cords

Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society)  
Green and Purple Cords

Mathematics and Computer Science Club  
Club Members ~ Black and Silver  
Club Officers ~ Black/Silver/Gold

Millennium III Honors Program  
Gold Letters on Purple Stole

Phi Alpha (Social Work)  
Blue and Gold Cords

Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences)  
Gold Letters on Royal Blue Stole

Psi Chi (Psychology)  
Blue and Gold Cords

Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)  
Red and Gold Cords

Sigma Tau Delta (English Majors)  
Honor Cords for Full Membership

Society for Education in Politics (SEP)  
Pink and Black Cords

Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computing and Information)  
All members ~ Maroon/White

VICA (Vocational Industrial Club of America)  
Associate ~ White Letters on Red Sash

Bachelor ~ White Letters on Red Sash  
with Gold Tassel

WNMU Student Hall of Fame Inductee  
Purple Cord

## Academic Regalia

Academic Regalia date back to the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Scholars were members of religious orders, then guilds. The university was a guild of Masters of Arts, where the Bachelor was an apprentice to the Master. The first known statute governing academic dress appeared in 1321 at the University of Coimbra (Italy); in the United States the practice goes back to 1754 when King George II transplanted many regulations from Oxford and Cambridge to the newly chartered King's College (now Columbia University).

The principal features of the academic regalia are the cap, gown and hood. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by long pointed sleeves and is worn closed, while the master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has a long closed sleeve from which the forearm emerges through the slit near the elbow. The doctor's gown is faced with broad velvet panels and has full round sleeves, which bear three velvet bars. The square cap originated at Oxford in the sixteenth century and is the same for all degrees, with the tassel in black or in the color of the field of study; doctors are privileged to wear gold tassels.

Originally the hood was a tippet, a shoulder covering worn by medieval friars, which, during the fourteenth century, came to be used to cover the head. When caps were adopted in the fifteenth century, hoods became ornamental and were draped over the shoulders and down the back. Today, the length of the hood and the width of the velvet border that edges it vary with the degree, while the color of the border represents the field of learning. Examples are:

Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	White
Business Commerce .....	Drab
Communication.....	Red
Education & Counseling .....	Blue (light)
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts .....	Brown
Law.....	Purple
Music .....	Pink
Nursing .....	Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	Peacock Blue
Oratory .....	Grey (silver)
Philosophy .....	Blue (dark)
Physical Education .....	Green (sage)
Science.....	Yellow (gold)
Social Work .....	Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet