

President's Report July 2009

► **Get Comfortable with CNM's First e-Course Catalog:** A sustainable and convenient electronic version of the CNM 2009-11 Course Catalog is at your fingertips from the front page of the CNM website. Just click on the "Course Catalog" link in the left-hand column of the page under the title "Quick Links." Tool bar functions allow the user to bookmark pages; write notes on specific pages; click on items in the table of contents and go directly to that section of the catalog; select limited number of pages to print; zoom in or zoom out on sections of a page; and more. CNM also has printed versions of the catalog, which provide descriptions of CNM's college-credit programs and courses; available at all campuses. The Fall 2009 Schedule of Classes, which provides times and locations for courses, is available at www.cnm.edu and at all campuses.

► **Registration for Fall Term Begins Soon:** Registration for continuing students begins July 13 and open registration for new and returning students begins July 30. The fall term begins on Aug. 31 and classes fill quickly, so register early. Online registration is available at www.cnm.edu. For more information, call 224-3160.

► **Students Set Record with 11 SkillsUSA Medals:** There has been a longstanding tradition of excellence for CNM students who compete in the annual SkillsUSA National Championships. This year, however, CNM's team of SkillsUSA students – who are supported by a fantastic group of faculty and advisors – raised the bar even higher. CNM students hauled in 11 medals last month at the national event in Kansas City, Mo., which is the largest showcase in the country for career and technical education students. The 11 medals, including two gold, eclipsed the previous high of nine. The gold medals came in Residential Wiring and Culinary Arts. Students also medaled in Commercial Baking, Esthetics, Geospatial Technology, 3-D Animation, Criminal Justice and Food & Beverage Service.

► **McBroom, Accomplished Dean of SAGE, Retiring:** Dr. Gerry McBroom, longtime dean of the School of Adult & General Education, is retiring from CNM at the end of July, culminating a distinguished and highly successful career at CNM. As dean, McBroom developed SAGE into a highly effective and nationally recognized provider of adult and developmental education.

► **Vet Tech Students Wins Gold at National Event:** CNM Veterinary Technology student Natalie Detmer struck gold last month at the Health Occupations Students of America National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. Detmer won the gold medal in the Veterinary Assisting competition. CNM's Vet Tech program is the only one in the state nationally accredited.

► **EMS Program Changes from Certificate to Associate's Degree:** Beginning this fall, the Emergency Medical Services program will change from a certificate to an associate's degree program in response to employer's needs. Students will need to complete 60 credit hours for the degree. Graduates of the program will also have greater opportunity for obtaining supervisor positions.

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► **CNM, Highlands University Sign Transfer Agreement in Social Work:** In mid-June, CNM and New Mexico Highlands University signed a 2+2 agreement that will allow students to take the first two years of coursework for a bachelor's degree in social work at CNM and then seamlessly transfer to Highlands for the final two years of coursework. Highlands offers its social work bachelor's degree program, which has concentrations in clinical practice and government non-profit management, at its Rio Rancho site. CNM offers a social work concentration within the Child, Youth and Family Development associate's degree that will fully articulate with the Highlands program. There is a strong need for individuals with degrees in social work in New Mexico and across the country. CNM also has transfer agreements with seven other four-year institutions. To learn more about CNM's transfer agreements, visit www.cnm.edu/transfer.

► **CNM, NMSU Establish Transfer Agreement in Hospitality, Tourism:** CNM recently signed another 2+2 transfer agreement that will help students pursue a bachelor's degree in the hospitality and tourism field. The agreement is with New Mexico State University. Students can pursue an associate's degree in hospitality at CNM and finish the last two years of coursework at NMSU to earn a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management. Once students graduate from CNM, they can continue at NMSU in Las Cruces or take their courses online.

► **Director of Libraries to Serve as President of State Association:** At the recent New Mexico Library Association conference, Dr. Barbara Lovato-Gassman, director of CNM Libraries, was elected to serve a one-year term as president beginning in summer 2010. She'll spend the upcoming year preparing for her presidency as the association's president-elect. The NMLA is a non-profit organization and it's the state chapter of the American Library Association.

► **CNM Busy Connecting, and Tweeting, With Students Through Social Media:** In April, CNM launched sites on Facebook and Twitter to increase communication with a growing population of students who prefer to receive valuable information through social media outlets. The CNM sites are gaining popularity – the college has more than 620 Facebook fans and 373 Twitter followers, with numbers rising. The sites are providing valuable insights into students' goals, their interests and concerns. The sites are accessible from the front page of www.cnm.edu.

► **New Executive Director of Nursing Position Filled:** Dr. Elizabeth Berrey has been hired to fill the new position of executive director of Nursing Programs beginning in August. CNM has a long history of outstanding leadership in the Nursing Programs and the college aims to continue that tradition with a broader reach in this newly expanded leadership position. Dr. Berrey will oversee the development of the following programs: Health Information Technology; Surgical Technician; PN and ASN Nursing; Nursing Assistant; Nursing Assistant Home Health Attendant; Respiratory Therapy; and Health Unit Coordinator. Dr. Berrey has served in administrative positions at several colleges and has served on local, state and regional boards and commissions. She earned her bachelor's in nursing from Baylor University, her master's in psychology/mental health nursing from the University of Maryland and her doctorate in nursing from Case Western Reserve University.

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