

President's Report August 2012

❑ **Registration Continues for Fall Term:** If you or somebody you know is considering taking classes this fall term, register now! The fall term starts Aug. 27 and classes fill quickly. To view course offerings, visit cnm.edu and click on "Schedule of Classes." For more information, call 224-3000.

❑ **Jeannette Stromberg Hall Renovation Nearing Completion:** The massive renovation of Jeannette Stromberg Hall on Main Campus is winding down and the building will be fully functional for classes when the fall term begins Aug. 27. The renovations have transformed JS into a state-of-the-art learning facility for programs like Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Criminal Justice, Paralegal Studies and more. The first floor of the building provides students in the healthcare fields with a mock hospital environment that includes: a Surgical Technology Lab, similar to a surgery room in a hospital, with an adjacent classroom; four skills labs for nursing students, each of which includes an open room with six beds, as well as individual patient rooms; two large classrooms; six simulation labs, where students can treat high-tech mannequin patients while instructors can observe behind a two-way mirror; and a medication room similar to those in hospitals. The second floor now houses classrooms and labs for the Nursing Assistant, Respiratory Therapy and Health Information Technologies programs. It also has a large conference room area with a 40-seat conference room, a 20-seat conference room and a 10-seat conference room. The third floor contains classes and labs for the Criminal Justice, Paralegal and Judicial Studies programs, including a mock courtroom and law library. There is a specially-designed classroom with black-out window screens in which students can practice with a firearms training system and they have room to set up mock crime scenes. Also on the third floor is a collaborative team-based learning center and some faculty offices for the School of Math, Science & Engineering. The fourth floor of the building, the former home of the library, will now be faculty and administrative offices for the School of Health, Wellness & Public Safety. The funds for the renovation came from the CNM local bond, which was approved by voters in February 2011.

❑ **CNM Seeks Community Input in Developing New 5-Year Strategic Direction:** CNM is seeking input from the community about the strategic direction of the college over the next five years. Community members will be encouraged to express their thoughts and discuss how CNM can best support the educational needs of the area. Input will be gathered and used to help establish new Strategic Direction goals that will guide all major initiatives at CNM for the next five years, beginning January 2013. Three community forums will be held this month. A community forum for Rio Rancho community members will be held on Aug. 15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Fairwinds Retirement Community, 920 Riverview Dr. SE in Rio Rancho. On Aug. 16, another community forum will be held from 3:30 to 5 at the CNM Workforce Training Center, located at 5600 Eagle Rock Ave. NE in Albuquerque. Another community forum will be held on Aug. 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the CNM south Valley Campus, located at 5816 Isleta Blvd. SW. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by emailing rsvp@cnm.edu or by calling 505-224-3450.

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■ **CNM Connect Recognized for Innovative Student Support:** A study of 10 community colleges across the U.S. found that CNM Connect exemplifies the Center for Working Families approach to helping low-income families attain financial stability and move up the economic ladder. CNM was an innovator in this approach. CNM is the only college studied where all students are deemed eligible to participate. The report, titled Center for Working Families at Community Colleges: Clearing the Financial Barriers to Student Success, was underwritten by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. At CNM, the CNM Connect support programs are offered as a host of bundled, integrated services through CNM Connect sites located at each campus. Services include life coaching, learning strategies, personal financial planning, career-option exploration and assistance accessing public benefits. From fall 2010 to spring 2011, the retention rate for students who accessed CNM Connect was 84.7 percent, compared to 70.5 percent for all first-time students. Participants also were more successful applying for scholarships, grants and other assistance.

■ **Get a Special Key Tag, Shop at Albertsons, and CNM Foundation Receives Part of Sales:** The CNM Foundation has partnered with Albertsons Grocery Stores. The CNM Foundation will earn one percent of every sale when shoppers present a Community Partners key tag with their purchase. One percent of sales will be donated to the Foundation up to \$50,000, and after that, all purchases made with a key tag will earn the Foundation five percent. Community Partners key tags are available on request by contacting Marshall Quam at mquam2@cnm.edu or 224-4686.

■ **Donations Continue:** CNM is grateful for recent donations to the CNM Foundation from these donors:

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