

President's Report September 2012

▣ **Meeting Needs of Students and Economy Focus of CNM Convocation:** Is CNM ready for the students of tomorrow? And the rising expectations of producing more college graduates for a changing workforce? CNM President Kathie Winograd will address these topics and more during the 2012 CNM Convocation on Friday, Sept. 14, when all CNM faculty and staff will join together for the event at 8 a.m. at Main Campus. The day will begin with coffee followed by President Winograd's address, which also ties into CNM's development of new Strategic Direction goals that will guide all major efforts at the college for the next five years beginning in January 2013. President Winograd's address will also include video clips of prominent voices in the community, including Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Cabinet Secretary Celina Bussey, Presbyterian Healthcare President and CEO Jim Hinton and Dale Dekker, a lifelong Albuquerque resident and one of the founders of Dekker, Perich, Sabatini Architecture and Design firm. These prominent community members will talk about the hopes they have for CNM and its role of supporting the workforce needs of the region's economy. CNM students and employees will also appear on video, expressing their expectations and goals for CNM in the coming years. Following President Winograd's address, which will be supplemented by video clips, employees will spend the latter part of the morning with their division colleagues. Convocation will wrap up with lunch on the Student Resource Center lawn. The college will be closed until 1 p.m.

▣ **CNM Foundation Celebrates Record Year for Supporting Students:** The CNM Foundation raised an all-time record of \$3.1 million in donations during the fiscal year that ended June 30. The previous high was \$1.7 million. Since the Foundation began in 1992, it has raised \$35 million that have funded more than 32,000 scholarships for students in need. The \$3.1 million that was raised in fiscal year 2012 – all of which went directly to scholarships and programs that support low-income students – was strategically used to bolster innovative scholarships and programs designed to help students overcome challenging circumstances, stay in school and graduate. Some of the innovative programs include: **The Rust Opportunity Assistance Scholarship Endowment:** This nationally acclaimed scholarship is awarded to students who face unforeseen financial difficulties in their personal lives that threaten their ability to stay in school. It can be used to help students in need pay for vehicle repair, rent, childcare, etc., in order to stay in school; **The CNM Milestone Fund Scholarship:** For qualifying students, this performance-based scholarship provides three installment payments of \$500 per term, as long as students meet GPA performance standards and meet regularly with achievement coaches; **The CNM Success Awards:** Traditional scholarships are focused on helping students get to college or stay in college. This scholarship, established in 2010, rewards students for graduating from college with degrees that serve emerging industries. Upon graduation, recipients are awarded between \$500 and \$1,000 that can be used for expenses related to entering the workforce, such as professional equipment, tools and certification fees; **CNM Connect:** A unique student support model that provides students with access to all services and resources in one location. CNM Connect also provides on-site public benefits screenings for low-income students. CNM Connect provides coaching on critical issues, such as financial planning, time and stress management, and help applying for scholarships and other financial assistance.

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❑ **WTC Gives Local Solar Industry a Boost With National Training Expert:** In August, local photovoltaic installers and industry workers got a special opportunity to learn from a leading expert in the industry at the CNM Workforce Training Center. Bill Brooks of Brooks Engineering is a nationally recognized trainer in the solar industry and a registered professional engineer in both North Carolina and California. He has written widely-used technical manuals for the PV industry and has consulted on a variety of topics. He has trained over 5,000 inspectors around the nation on proper field inspection procedures, and can now count 92 more from New Mexico among those he's educated. Brooks said that in the last 10-15 years, the solar industry has grown dramatically and there's a great need for training in the latest products and information. Those who attended the session at the WTC were all local workers in the solar industry including employees from Affordable Solar, Positive Energy, 310 Solar, Direct Power and Water, Consolidated Solar, Energy Related Devices, QS & V Electro and Mechanical, and All Star Electric. Faculty members who teach photovoltaic technology also took the training, including instructors from CNM, Santa Fe Community College and Western New Mexico University. The class was offered through the grant-funded CNM Solar Center for Excellence. In 2011, CNM, Santa Fe Community College and Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari were each awarded a portion of a large grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to expand workforce training programs in separate sectors of the renewable energy fields.

❑ **Metals Technology Students Earn Memorial Scholarship:** Five CNM Metals Technology students were recently awarded the David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship by the Albuquerque Community Foundation. Mitchell Buchheim, Griffyn Lane, Lawrence Lovato, Erickson Preston and Timothy Reeves each received \$750 toward their education in the Machine Tool and Welding programs. The scholarship was established in 2007 by The Stocker Foundation for students pursuing a degree or certificate in an accredited metals technology program. Students who apply must be attending school full time and are required to submit an essay describing their career goals, relevant experience, why they chose their field and how they plan to use their skills to better their community.

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

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