

# LEADERSHIP LINK

CONNECTING AND EDUCATING NEW MEXICO'S LEADERS



From the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

First, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season with family and friends! As the new year begins we cannot wait to kick off another year of programs and events throughout New Mexico. There are some great things in store this year for alumni, guests and friends of our organization!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament on May 8th and 9th at Sandia Resort & Casino. The Alumni and Golf Committees are working hard to prepare for the events! We will honor the 2020 Distinguished Leader and Distinguished Alumnus awardees, who will help lead New Mexico into the new decade, and reconnect with those from our classes. The "Early Bird" deadline for dinner tickets is April 10, and the "Early Bird" deadline to secure discounted golf teams is January 31.

We look forward to welcoming the eighteenth class of the Local Government Leadership Program at their first session in Santa Fe in February. The twenty-fourth Core Program class has completed sessions in Santa Fe and Las Vegas and we look forward to their next stop in Las Cruces in January. The Core class is already halfway through their program year!

This year's Connect Program will visit Roswell in January for their third program and graduation. Congratulations to the thirteenth Connect New Mexico class!

The 2019 Fall Leadership Update was held in Albuquerque with a record turnout of over 130 graduates, guests, and speakers. Our speakers gave an in-depth perspective on important issues facing the state including; the education system, economic development, crime, healthcare, and cyber security. Thank you to all the volunteers and speakers that made this year's event a success. We want to also thank the event sponsors: Bank of America / Merrill Lynch, CliftonLarsonAllen, Economic Development Corporation of Lea County, Haverland Carter Lifestyle Group, Health and Wealth Information Center, LLC., Jaynes Corporation, Pattern Energy Group, Inc., Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Presbyterian Medical Services, PNM, and Wells Fargo.

Thank you for providing the time, resources, and support that help us grow and continue to be successful. Our mission would not be possible without great graduates and friends like you!

Steve Griego  
Chairman of the Board

Steve Griego  
Lifetime Member  
Core Class 2010

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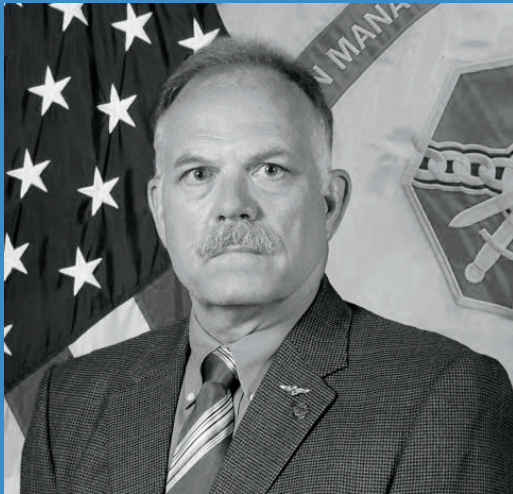
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# LIFETIME MEMBER UPDATE

## 250th LIFETIME MEMBER



**Tim Andersen**  
Lifetime Member  
Core Class of 2019  
Deputy Garrison Commander  
White Sands Missile Range

## 200th LIFETIME MEMBER



**Jeff Howle**  
Lifetime Member  
Leadership New Mexico Friend  
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Leadership New Mexico Alumni and Lifetime Members receive access to amazing tours and continued education in 2020!

Not a member? Consider joining!

The Core Class of 2019 now leads with the largest number of Lifetime Members in any class! 18 or 43% of the 42 person class have become Lifetime Members!

# CLASS NEWS

## CORE

**2003**

**Tom MacLean**, Chief Operations Officer and Vice President of Clinical Operations at Presbyterian Healthcare Services, retired after 38 years in healthcare in New Mexico.

**2006**

**Trudy Healy**, with the Healy Foundation and Owner of Rancho Milagro, Top of the World Ranch in Taos and Eagle Moon Farm in Deming, has been appointed by Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham (Core Class of 2004) to the New Mexico State Fair Commission and is on the Livestock Committee.

**2007**

**Mike Cheney** and his wife Denny have moved back to New Mexico and are now the owners of Win, Place & Show in Ruidoso.

**Michael Hites**,

Senior Associate Vice President for Administrative IT Services and Chief Information Officer with the University of Illinois, is now Chief Information Officer at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

**John Franchini**,

Superintendent of Insurance for the State of New Mexico, is retiring at the end of the year after 10 years of public service.

**2009**

**Ben Woods**, is the Director of Marketing and Business Development at MountainView Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces.

**2010**

**Kellie Mixon** was recently promoted to the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Finance, Billing and Collections, and IT at New Mexico Mutual.

**2011**

**Mike Espiritu** was recently named President of the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation.

**2016**

**Pat Sanchez** retired from Wells Fargo after 41 years and recently joined First National 1870 as the Senior Vice President and Credit Development Manager.

**2019**

**Bruce Covert**, President and Project Manager for Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC, has taken the position of Deputy General Manager for the Waste Treatment Completion Company (WTCC) in Hanford, Washington.

## CONNECT

**2010**

**Landon Newsom**, with West Texas State Bank, has taken the position as Senior Vice President at City Bank in Midland.

**2014**

**David Gonzalez**, with Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, has taken the position of Collaborations Specialist at BT Telecommunications in Denver, Colorado.

**2015**

**Teryn Lamoreux**, Operations Support Manager with Jaynes Corporation, and his wife Mandee welcomed Olivia James Lamoreux to their family on October 2, 2019. Olivia weighed in at 7 lbs.7 oz. and 21" in length. Congratulations Teryn and Mandee!

## LGLP

**2009**

**Clyde Ward**, Assistant Commissioner for Commercial Resources for the New Mexico State Land Office, has taken the position as Assessor Administrator at the Bernalillo County Assessor's Office.

**2016**

**Katie Thwaits** was recently promoted to Deputy County Attorney at Los Alamos County.

## THE CORE CLASS OF 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
SESSION IN LAS VEGAS

The Core Program visited Las Vegas for the Health & Human Services session in November. During the session, participants visited several locations of community significance, including: The Castaneda Hotel, Fort Union National Monument, The Historic El Fidel Hotel, New Mexico Highlands University, Southwest Capital Bank, and United World College - USA.

**Thank you to the Core Curriculum Committee and the Las Vegas community for hosting the Core Class of 2020.**



**Thank you to the generous  
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Historic El Fidel Hotel  
New Mexico Highlands University  
Southwest Capital Bank  
United World College - USA

## THE CONNECT CLASS OF 2020

**Thank you to all of the generous Session Sponsors!**

Bandelier National Monument, Crystal Springs Bottled Water, Janet Blair Consulting, Lexus of Albuquerque / Lexus of Santa Fe, Los Alamos County, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Phil Bryson - On the Edge, Ltd., TechSource, Inc., the University of New Mexico - Los Alamos, and Roger Waterman and Emily McGay. Allen Theaters, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant, Lexus of Albuquerque/ Lexus of Santa Fe, New Mexico State University, Spence Asset Management, and STS of New Mexico.



### LOS ALAMOS SESSION

The Connect Class started their first session with a tour of the Valles Caldera. The program began the next day at Pajarito Mountain Ski Lodge and was followed by dinner at Bandelier National Monument. Participants attended sessions at Pajarito Cliffs County Building and the University of New Mexico - Los Alamos, and visited the Bradbury Science Museum.

### LAS CRUCES SESSION

Connect participants kicked off this session with a Golf 101 Clinic led by golf pros at New Mexico State University. Over the course of this three-day session, participants heard from industry experts on key topics, visited White Sands Missile Range, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, and New Mexico State University.

## NOW RECRUITING FOR THE CORE AND CONNECT PROGRAMS

**Leadership New Mexico seeks qualified professionals from across the state to apply for the 2020-2021 program year.**

- **The Core Program** seeks established leaders to participate in a 10 month, six session program focused on building relationships and developing an in-depth understanding of key issues facing New Mexico.
- **The Connect New Mexico Program** seeks young professionals ages 25-40 to participate in a 6 month, three session program designed to help participants to develop personal leadership skills and explore statewide concerns and issues.

**Application Deadline: March 15, 2020**

*Program applications are available on the Leadership New Mexico website.*



# UPCOMING ALUMNI AND LIFETIME MEMBER EVENTS

Dues paying Alumni and Lifetime Members have the opportunity to participate in amazing events in 2020!

## Space New Mexico and Spaceport Tour

Friday  
February 21, 2020  
Spaceport  
Truth or  
Consequences



## Balloon Fiesta Mass Ascension Breakfast

Saturday  
October 3, 2020  
Presbyterian  
Healthcare Services  
Albuquerque



## Trinity Site Tour

Friday  
April 3, 2020  
White Sands Missile  
Range



## 2019 FALL LEADERSHIP UPDATE



### Thank you Fall Leadership Update Sponsors

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PNM  
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### Thank you Fall Leadership Update Speakers

**Mr. Stan Rounds** - Executive Director of the New Mexico  
Coalition of Educational Leaders  
**Mr. Patrick Schaefer** - Executive Director of the Hunt  
Institute for Global Competitiveness  
**Mr. Adolfo Mendez** - Chief of Policy and Planning for New  
Mexico's 2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office  
**Dr. Mike Richards, MD, MPA** - Vice Chancellor of Clinical  
Affairs at the University of New Mexico Health System  
**Mr. Mark Fidel** - Co-Founder and Head of Corporate  
Development at Risk Sense

# LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO'S ANNUAL DINNER AND GOLF TOURNAMENT



## ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, May 8, 2020  
Sandia Resort & Casino

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 9, 2020  
Sandia Golf Club

Reunite with leaders from across the state. Support Leadership New Mexico programs  
Honor Leadership New Mexico's dedicated leaders with the Distinguished Leadership Awards

## NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD AND DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the Leadership New Mexico Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Distinguished Leadership Award. Recipients will be recognized during the Annual Dinner. Deadline to make nominations is January 10, 2020. View the nomination criteria and download a nomination form on the Annual Dinner & Golf Tournament "Event Page" on our website.

### THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Leadership New Mexico Distinguished Alumnus Award, established in 2003, recognizes a Leadership New Mexico graduate whose quality of leadership of statewide significance provides an exemplary standard for others to follow.

2003 Recipient: **Paulina Salopek** - Class of 2001  
2004 Recipient: **James Lewis** - Class of 1999  
2005 Recipient: **Michael Stanford** - Class of 1999  
2006 Recipient: **Diane Denish** - Class of 1997  
2007 Recipient: **Rick Homans** - Class of 2001  
2008 Recipient: **Brian Burnett** - Class of 2001  
2009 Recipient: **Tom Taylor** - Class of 1997  
2010 Recipient: **Tony P. Trujillo** - Class of 1999  
2011 Recipient: **Trudy Healy** - Class of 2006  
2012 Recipient: **Fred Peralta** - Class of 1999  
2013 Recipient: **Tony Atkinson** - Class of 2004  
2014 Recipient: **Bill Fulginiti** - Class of 2003  
2015 Recipient: **T. Greg Merrion** - Class of 1998  
2017 Recipient: **John Hummer** - Class of 2004  
2018 Recipient: **Paul DiPaola** - Class of 2000  
2019 Recipient: **Jerry Smith** - Class of 2013

### THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Leadership New Mexico Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has used his or her leadership abilities to improve the quality of life for New Mexico citizens and future generations.

2003 Recipient: **Edward Lujan**  
2004 Recipient: **Larry Willard**  
2005 Recipient: **Garrey Carruthers**  
2007 Recipients: **Bill Enloe & Bob Hoffman**  
2008 Recipient: **Michael Martin**  
2009 Recipient: **Peyton Yates**  
2010 Recipient: **J. Howard Mock**  
2011 Recipient: **Don Maddox & Jim Maddox**  
2012 Recipient: **Mack Chase**  
2013 Recipient: **Robert Stamm**  
2014 Recipient: **Don Chalmers**  
2015 Recipient: **Doug Brown**  
2016 Recipient: **Robert G. Armstrong**  
2017 Recipient: **Dale Dekker**  
2018 Recipient: **Phil Bryson**  
2019 Recipient: **Linda Davis**



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### LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September 2001. In the twenty-four Core Program, seventeen Local Government Leadership Program, and thirteen Connect New Mexico Program classes, 1,745 participants from 87 communities have explored the issues facing our state. The goal of the Alumni Program is to continue the education of Leadership New Mexico graduates in a meaningful and dynamic way. Interaction with graduates from other programs and classes expands networks, exposes leaders to a diversity of perspectives, and fosters professional and personal relationships. As a graduate, you have the capability to be a powerful voice for change in New Mexico.

Learn more about the Alumni Program or pay dues for the 2020 calendar year!  
[www.leadershipnm.org/leadership-programs/alumni-program/](http://www.leadershipnm.org/leadership-programs/alumni-program/)

### LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO ENDOWMENT

In 2009, Leadership New Mexico established an Endowment to secure the future of the organization. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses, which serves as a financial cushion against lean times to ensure that Leadership New Mexico's mission will be sustained in perpetuity. Gifts to Leadership New Mexico's Endowment are made through Lifetime Memberships and are fully tax-deductible. Currently, 254 Lifetime Members have contributed to the Endowment. It is not necessary to be a graduate of Leadership New Mexico to become a Lifetime Member.

All contributions are tax-deductible charitable donations, and may also be made through your United Way commitment. Visit our website for more information.

### NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS\*

Tim Andersen - Core 2019  
Abel Cardenas - Core 2019  
Missi Currier - Connect 2019  
Jenise Dahlin - Core 2019  
Brian D'Andrea - Core 2020  
Jim McBurney - Core 2019

Renay Scott - Core 2019  
Paul Sedillo - Connect 2019  
Lanie Smith - Core 2020  
Ed Street - Core 2013  
John Stroud - Core 2020  
Adam Triolo - Core 2013

\*Added since July 1, 2019

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