



MAY NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of GEAR UP New Mexico

*"Every task, goal, race and year comes to an end...therefore,
make it a habit to FINISH STRONG."*

- Gary Ryan Blair

STAFF NOTE

With another school year coming to an end, now is the time to kick things into gear and finish strong! You have worked too hard to let your success slip away now! Whether you're a student, teacher or parent, think about all the time and effort you have invested thus far!

To help you continue that streak of success, here are three simple tips to take into consideration before throwing in that end of year towel:



Stay Organized

- Now is not the time to let the structure come crashing down! Make a list of important times and dates, keep track of meetings with a schedule, or find a different method that works for you to keep yourself on task!



Ease Your Stress

- It's easy to overwhelm yourself with school, work, and life in general. It's also easy to give yourself time to take a deep breath and relax no matter how stressful things may be.



Say Hello To A Fresh Start

- Whether you did incredibly well or could have done better this school year, the end of the year is also an opportunity for a new beginning. Think about what you did or didn't accomplish this past year, and how you'd like to be more successful this upcoming year. "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

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APRIL COLLEGE BUS TOUR

Nearly 50 GEAR UP students hit the road for three days this past April for the second Spring College Bus Tour! Along the way students toured New Mexico Tech, Western New Mexico University, Doña Ana Community College, and New Mexico State University! Students experienced campus life, learned about different programs of study, spoke with current college students, and more! To top it all off, students also explored White Sands National Monument, City of Rocks State Park and The Very Large Array Telescope!



Whitesands National Monument!



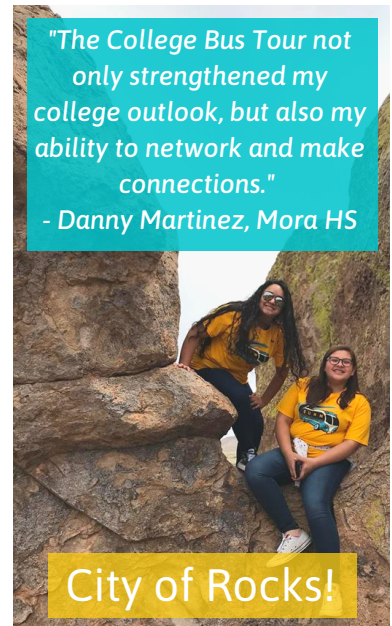
Let's Go Mustangs!



Students Touring NMSU!



Hands Up For
GEAR UP!



City of Rocks!



All Smiles @WNMU!



NMSU Student
Panel!



@ Whitesands!

2019 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE

Students involved in the GUNM College Engagement Organization (CEO) traveled to Santa Fe in April for the annual Student Leadership Showcase (SLC). CEOs (College Engagement Officers) presented their school and community improvement plans and projects that were inspired by this year's GUNM common read, *March*, written by Senator John Lewis and Illustrated by artist Nate Powell. These presentations also sparked conversations about our student's communities, schools and college and career endeavors. Students also spent the day sharpening their networking skills and even had the chance to tour the Santa Fe Community College campus.



Walatowa CEOs
In The
Spotlight!

"It's always great to see the efforts of other students at work. I was impressed by my peers and their dedication..."
- Michael Varela,
Pecos HS



GEAR UP CEOs
Unite!



Los Lunas
Students Touring
SFCC!



CEOs Lay Out
Their Efforts!



Pecos CEOs
Share Their Plan!

"I enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with students from other schools as well as the team building activities provided by SFCC!"
- Santiago Chacon,
Coronado HS

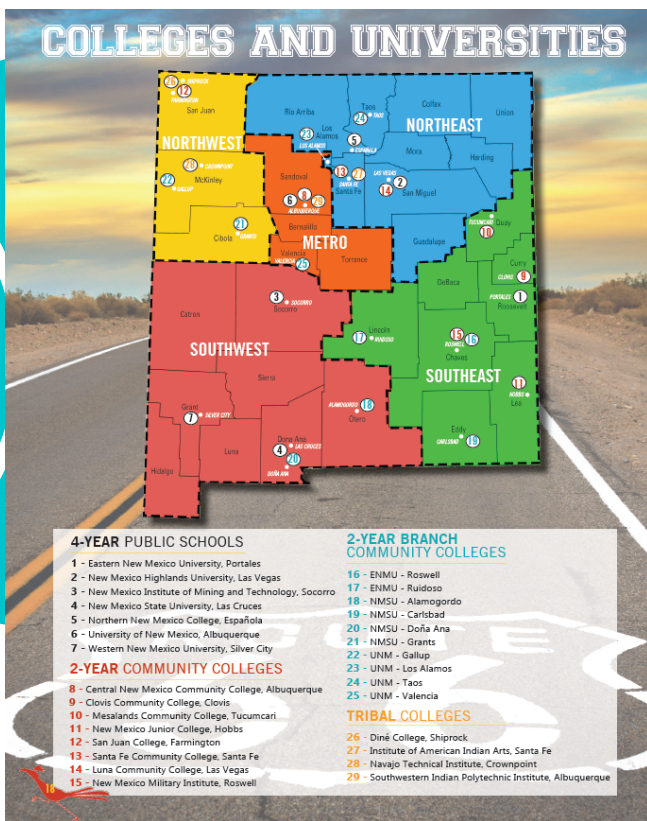
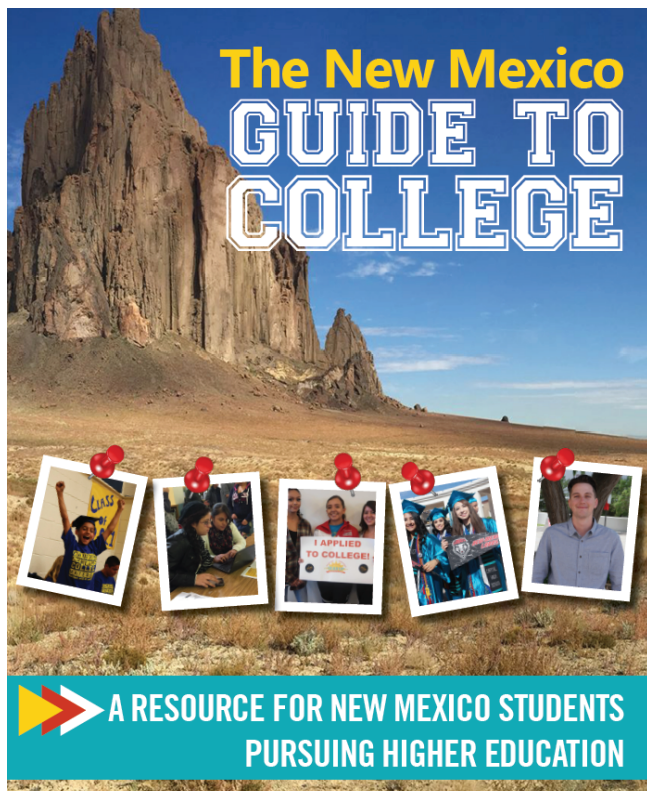


Remarks From
Dr. Frankland,
GUNM State
Coordinator!

INTRODUCING...

THE NEW MEXICO

GUIDE TO COLLEGE



GEAR UP New Mexico is excited to present The New Mexico Guide to College! This is an interactive resource for students and families that are interested in exploring our state's colleges and universities.

There is important and useful information regarding New Mexico graduation requirements, helpful step-by-step checklists for all grade levels, scholarship, dual credit, FAFSA, and

ACT material. The guide also includes student and parent resources along with information about entrance requirements, degree options, room and board, and other financial resources.

Copies have been printed and are in the process of being distributed to 10,000 GUNM students across our state. Please keep an eye out for your copy!

NEW MEXICO SCHOLARSHIPS

THE BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2% (The Bridge Scholarship) supplements the cost of tuition for the first academic semester prior to being awarded the Lottery Scholarship. Students apply for this scholarship by contacting the institution they plan to attend.

ELIGIBILITY

- Student must be a resident of New Mexico
- Must have graduated from a New Mexico public or accredited private high school
- Check with your college for specific details

THE LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship covers partial to full tuition at any public 4-year or 2-year college in New Mexico. For more information, visit www.hed.state.nm.us. The initial scholarship shall begin with the second semester of enrollment at a public postsecondary educational institution. Thereafter, the scholarship is renewed on a per-semester basis subject to maintaining eligibility. Students must remain consecutively enrolled each fall and spring semester to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed at a four-year institution until the award recipient has received seven (7) semesters of scholarship awards or until the student graduates with a bachelor's degree, whichever is sooner. Students attending a community college are eligible for three (3) semesters of scholarship awards. The student should contact their public postsecondary educational institution's financial aid advisor for eligibility verification if they have met the first semester eligibility requirements listed above. Student must enroll no later than 16 months following high school graduation to be eligible.

SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- To qualify, you must be a resident of New Mexico and have graduated from a New Mexico high school or received a HSE while a resident.
- Students must maintain credit hour and GPA requirements every semester.
- To apply, submit an application at the college. You do not have to complete the FAFSA to receive this award or demonstrate financial need.
- At a 4-year New Mexico public college: Earn 15 credit hours/semester
- At a 2-year New Mexico community college: Earn 12 credit hours/semester
- Students with disabilities may qualify for reduced credit hour requirements and additional semesters of the scholarship
- Covers tuition only. The award amount varies by institution.
- For more information, visit HED.STATE.NM.US/STUDENTS/LOTTERYSCHOLARSHIP.ASPX

START EARLY TO SEE YOUR SAVINGS GROW

OPEN A 529 SAVINGS PLAN. A 529 acts as a savings investment account for any student. You can open an account anytime, even if the student is already in school. Visit THEEDUCATIONPLAN.COM to learn more about opening an account.

Starting early in increments (even small) can add up big over time.

DEPOSIT \$100/MONTH X 18 YEARS = \$48,536*

You can use the funds for any qualified educational expense beyond tuition including books, supplies, a laptop, housing, internet access and more. You can also change the beneficiary on an existing account.

A typical 4-year college costs about \$48,000. When it comes time to pay, should I...

INVEST?	BORROW?
Invest \$150 per month for 15 years earning 7% back	Pay \$582 per month back for over 10 years
\$27,000 WAS OR WOULD BE	\$65,884 OUT-OF-POCKET

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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GUNM STUDENT OF THE MONTH



BELINDA ROMERO-LUJAN



GET TO KNOW BELINDA

Belinda Romero-Lujan, a junior at Peñasco High School, has been an integral part of the GEAR UP program and the College Engagement Organization (CEO) the last two years. This year, Belinda serves as lead CEO. That's because she's always ready and willing to help with GEAR UP events and is great at motivating her fellow students.

She has participated in the Student Leadership Conference and Showcase the last two years. Last year she enjoyed a College Bus tour and Advantage Camp.

Belinda is also very active in athletics, playing on the high school basketball and volleyball teams.

When she is not busy on the court or in the classroom, Belinda loves reading and spending time with her four dogs and cats. Belinda would love to visit Paris someday because the landscape and architecture look amazing.

Here is what Belinda had to say about her time as a GEAR UP Student:

"GEAR UP has helped me a lot, especially with preparing for the ACT and getting my grades up. I've made great friends at the state-wide activities."

Belinda's post-secondary plan is to attend UNM-Los Alamos with a desire to study nursing or law.

27 MAY Scholarships Worth \$45,000+

DUE MAY 1:

- Law Offices of Randolph Rice Scholarship: **\$1,500**
- StudySoup Semester Scholarship: **\$2,000**
- Youth Forward Scholarship: **\$1,500**
- Quicken Loans Scholarship Essay Contest: **\$2,500**

DUE MAY 2:

- Actuarial Diversity Scholarship: **\$4,000**

DUE MAY 15:

- Thomas L. Dickson College Scholarship: **\$1,000**

DUE MAY 22:

- B. Davis Scholarship: **\$1,000**

DUE MAY 30:

- Road Bike Hub Content Writing: **\$1,000**

DUE MAY 31:

- AAC's Behavioral Health Academic: Up to **\$5,000**
- Addiction Resource Scholarship: Up to **\$2,000**
- AED Superstore Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- College is Power Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Cottage Inn Scholarship: **\$2,500**
- Dogs by Nina "Show and Tell" Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Electricity Match Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Emily Woodward Scholarship: **\$2,000**
- Fifth Month Scholarship: **\$1,500**
- Griswold Home Care Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Rentacomputer Cares Scholarship: **\$2,000**
- Reservation Counter General Scholarship: **\$1,500**
- Scholarship Detective Launch Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Source Supply College Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- MigVapor Scholarship: Up to **\$1,900**
- Art and Design Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- NextToTry Scholarship: **\$1,000**
- Robinson & Henry, P.C. Personal Injury: **\$1,500**
- Veryhair Scholarship: **\$1,000**

The University Network | www.TUN.com

***Click Here To
Learn More
About These
Scholarships!***



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Café Bustelo aims to invest in the Latino community by awarding scholarships to those who seek better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. They look for motivated college students with a passion for community involvement and furthering their education.

Open to the following:

Full-time undergraduate or graduate students of Latino descent - Open to all majors and
Must be 18 years or older and
Currently enrolled at a HACU-member institution within the United States, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

How to Apply:

Go to <https://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp> to access the online application and guidelines.

Write an essay of 800 words or less on the following topic:

Describe how your Latino heritage, family and the community in which you grew up have impacted your desire and motivation to obtain a college degree. Additionally, describe what you intend to accomplish with your degree and how you will give back to your community.
¡Mucha suerte!

SEE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

<https://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp>



EL CAFÉ DEL FUTURO
SCHOLARSHIP

GUNM FILM PROJECT SCREENINGS

With the school year wrapping up, so are the final edits of the GEAR UP New Mexico Film Project videos. As you know, GUNM students worked with local film company Little Globe Inc. to direct and produce a short film that highlight their community and district's college and career readiness efforts.

GUNM students, parents and community members are encouraged to attend their district's screening event. Complementary refreshments will be provided.



SAVE THE DATE

- **Jemez Mountain (Coronado High School)**
 - May 6th, 2019 @ 3 p.m. (in-school screening) & 6 p.m.
- **Grants (Grants High School)**
 - May 8th, 2019 @ 5 p.m.
- **Central (Shiprock High School)**
 - May 14th, 2019 @ 4 p.m.
- **Pecos (Pecos High School)**
 - May 16th, 2019 @ 6 p.m.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- **UNM** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <http://scholarship.unm.edu/dev/scholarships/resident.html>
- **ENMU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://www.enmu.edu/admission/scholarships/in-state-freshmen>
- **WNMU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://financialaid.wnmw.edu/financial-aid-scholarships/>
- **NMSU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>
- **NMHU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <http://www.nmhu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- **NM Tech** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://www.nmt.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php>

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 1st - 3rd**
 - College Signing Week
- **May 9th**
 - End of Year Collaborative HED Albuquerque Office
- **May 10th**
 - Data Collaborative HED Albuquerque Office
- **May 15th**
 - Monthly Submissions Due
- **May 27th**
 - Memorial Day

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