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**GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETING** 

## THE STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW MEXICO

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THE AGENCY PROVIDES FINANCIAL, ACADEMIC, AND POLICY OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT TO THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OUR FORMAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND *STUDENT SUCCESS*.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOSTERING AND GUIDING A SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF NEW MEXICANS.

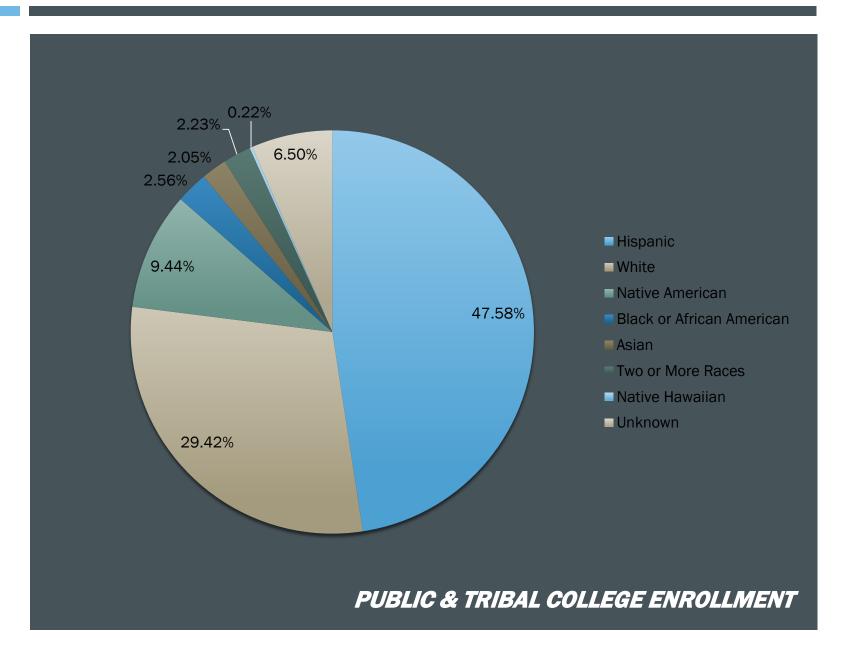
#### **AGENCY DIVISIONS**

The New Mexico Higher Education Department has nine public-facing divisions.

- Academic Affairs & Policy
- Adult Education
- Capital Outlay & Projects
- Institutional Finance
- Financial Aid
- GEAR UP New Mexico
- Indian Education
- Planning & Research
- Private Post-Secondary Schools



## RACE & ETHNICITY





#### NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT PUBLIC & TRIBAL COLLEGES

TOTAL: 11,514

## STUDENT SUCCESS PRIORITIES

The New Mexico Higher
Education Department in
tandem with our public higher
education institutions and
community partners seeks to
prioritize accessibility and
ensure college and career
readiness are at the forefront of
our services.

- GEER Fund
- College & Career Readiness
- Financial Aid
- Adult Education
- GEAR UP New Mexico
- Communication & Collaboration
- Tribal Community Profiles



# GEER GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF FUND

PURPOSE: UNDER THE GEER FUND, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS GRANTS TO GOVERNORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES, HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER EDUCATION ENTITIES WITH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.

# THE PANDEMIC: FUNDING HIGHER EDUCATION TO EXPAND ONLINE LEARNING CAPACITY

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham dedicated her allocation of Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds to higher education institutions to transition to online learning. Higher education can be a leader in the state in a variety of sectors – early childhood, K-12, higher education and small businesses – to more fully participate in online learning and services.

Approximately \$3.8 million was distributed across K-12 and higher education programs in New Mexico.



#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**

- In order to fully implement a cradle-to-career educational system, we must establish concrete pathways for New Mexicans who want to remain in their home state and communities, attain skills, and launch fulfilling careers with family-sustaining incomes.
  - Partnerships amongst key state agencies is vital: Early Childhood Education & Care Department, Children's Cabinet, Public Education Department, Higher Education Department, Department of Workforce Solutions, and Economic Development Department
  - The agency will invest \$3.4 million of federal funds on a state longitudinal data system to better monitor and understand student success from birth to career.
- The agency was awarded \$31.4 million from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the seven-year college readiness program, GEAR UP.
- Dual-Credit Enrollment
  - Total Enrollment: 11,128
  - Total Native American Student Enrollment: 1,750 (15.7%)



#### FINANCIAL AID

- Governor Lujan Grisham signed legislation to expand the eligibility requirements for the Lottery Scholarship to students attending New Mexico's Tribal colleges.
- Opportunity Scholarship
  - Goal: Expand access to higher education for all New Mexicans, including untraditional students and returning adults
  - \$10 million for students in public and Tribal colleges enrolled in certificate and two-year programs
- We are asking the Legislature to hold state financial aid harmless to ensure students have access to higher education opportunities to reskill and enter the workforce in a post-COVID environment.

### STATE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

#### FEDERAL PELL GRANTS

Federal Pell Grant Award Amount to New Mexico Tribal colleges:

\$15,004,465

Average Pell Grant Award per Student in New Mexico:

\$4,618

Maximum Pell Grant Award per Student:

\$6,345

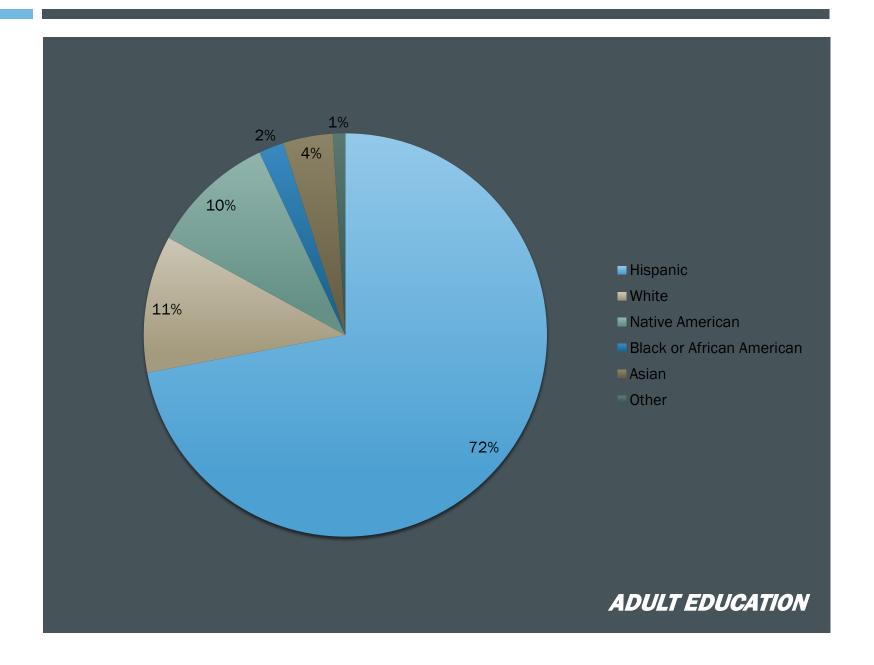
STATE AID RECEIVED	HEADCOUNT
Athletic Scholarships	29
Legislative Endowment	13
3% Scholarship	315
Lottery Scholarship	569
Student Incentive Grant	1,733
Graduate Scholarships	4
State Work Study	164
Nursing Loan-for-Service Program	3
College Affordability Grant	297
Lottery Scholarship for Students w/ Disabilities	2
Grow Your Own Teachers	3
Teacher Preparation Affordability Scholarship	47
Other State Aid	24
TOTAL	3,203



#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

- Adult education programs guide students into higher education, career training, and the workforce
  - In 2019, 79% of students gained employment and 15% of students continued into higher education programs upon the completion of their adult education program.
  - Students exiting adult education earned a total of \$23.1 million in wages compared to the \$6.2 million investment in adult education programs.
- During the pandemic, the agency distributed 300 new Chromebooks to adult education programs across the state
  to enable students to engage in online learning and work toward the attainment of a high school equivalency
  credential.
- High School Equivalency (HSE) test vouchers
  - Eligible Tests: HiSET® or GED®
  - Tests can cost between \$50 to \$80
  - Application available on the agency's website

## RACE & ETHNICITY





### **GEAR UP NEW MEXICO (GUNM)**

- GEAR UP: Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
- The agency was awarded \$31.4 million from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the seven-year college readiness program, GEAR UP.
  - This will benefit 10,000 New Mexico students including 3,000 Native American students.
  - Activities include tutoring and mentoring services, college and career counseling, financial aid awareness, college tours, and other research-based activities designed to help students enroll and succeed in college.
- Participating Districts & Communities: Taos, Bernalillo, and the Española Valley



## CONSULTATIONS, MEETINGS & COLLABORATIONS

Working closely with higher education partners to address shared concerns and to grow together is the hallmark of a vibrant academic community. Creating conditions that encourage collaboration is an important way for our agency and higher education institutions to innovate and adapt in a time of rapid and continuous change.

- Indian Education Advisory Council Membership
- Establishment of the Indian Education Division and hiring of a Tribal Liaison
- Consultations with 17 Tribes since January 2020
- Monthly meetings with Tribal college presidents
- We started to convene all Native American student success centers and programs at all public colleges and universities engaging in a regular dialogue
- The agency is planning a convening Chief Diversity Officers and student success center leaders
  - Discussion Point: Creating culturally-relevant curriculum in higher education
- Navajo Technical University's associate degree in nursing program
  - Goal: Enroll 24 students each year to provide a career pathway and serve the healthcare needs of Northwestern New Mexico

## COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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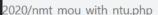












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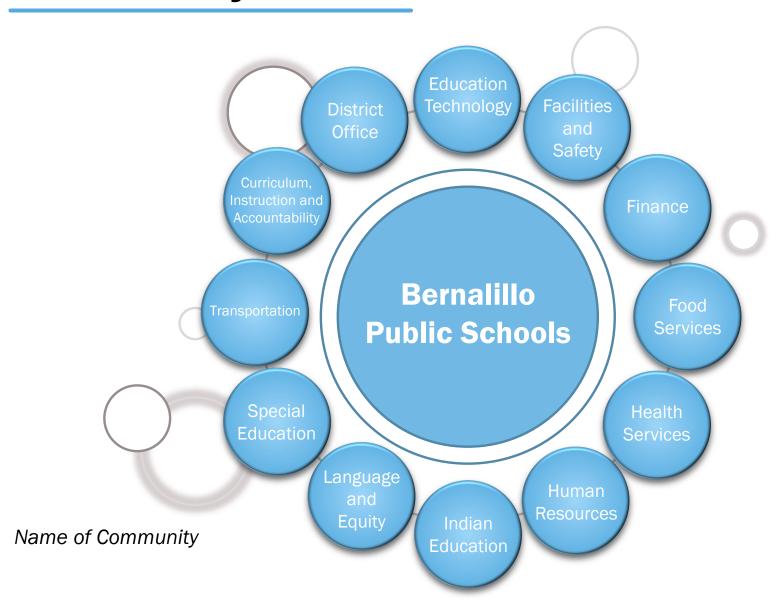




## TRIBAL COMMUNITY PROFILES

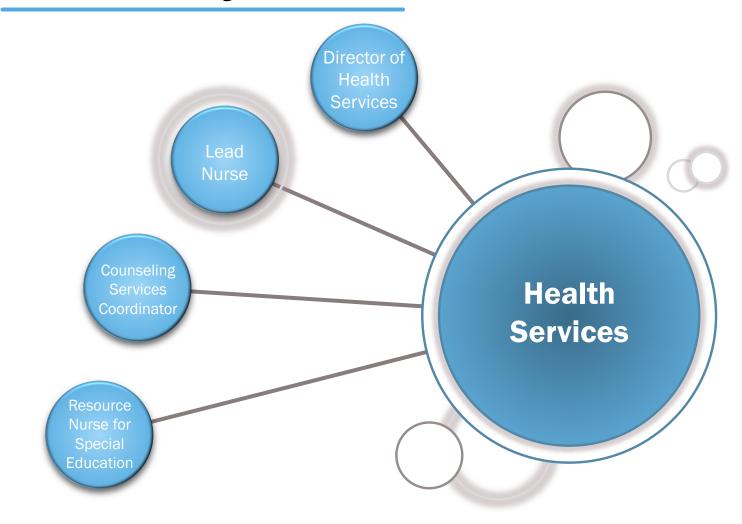
- Key Initiative: College & Career Readiness
- Government-to-Government Support
- Next Steps
  - Formal Presentation
  - Input from Tribal leaders and governments

## **Community Profile**





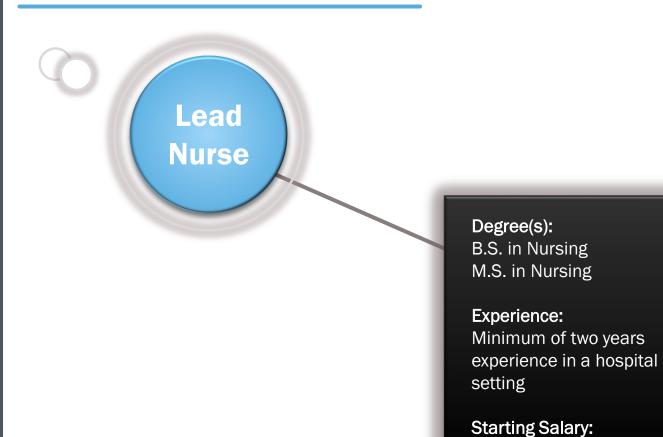
## **Community Profile**



Name of Community

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\$65,000

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### **QUESTIONS**

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