

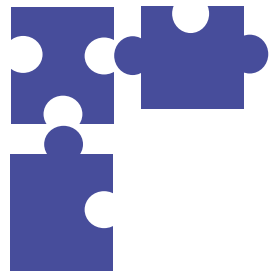
# Leadership LINK

Fall 2011

## From the Chairman of the Board



**Tony Atkinson**  
Core Class of 2004  
Chairman of the Board  
& Lifetime Member  
Leadership New Mexico  
and San Juan County  
Commissioner



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

I am extremely honored and excited to begin serving as Chairman of the Board for Leadership New Mexico's 2011-2012 program year.

I have volunteered in several different capacities with Leadership New Mexico over the past eight years and I look forward to working with the members of our board as well as our graduates and volunteers from around the state.

This fall we began the sixteenth Core Program class and the fifth Connect New Mexico class, and we are accepting applications for our tenth Local Government Leadership Program. We would like to ask you to encourage local officials from your counties, municipalities, local school boards, National Guard units and regional councils of governments to apply for the upcoming Local Government Leadership Program.

We have some exciting Alumni Program events planned, and we hope that you will join us for these fun and educational events. We are holding an "Alumni Member only" educational event on Friday, October 28th in Los Alamos. The title of this program is "Leadership in a Crisis" and we will hear our Los Alamos graduates and other local leaders discuss the recent events in northern New Mexico. The annual "Winter Issues Update" will be held on Friday, January 13, 2012, in Santa Fe, and we encourage you to invite your colleagues to join you for this educational program. Please see the registration forms for these events attached to this newsletter for more details.

The tenth annual Awards Dinner and sixth annual Golf Tournament will be in Albuquerque on April 27-28, 2012. We will begin accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Leadership Awards later this fall, so please plan to nominate a graduate of Leadership New Mexico and a notable citizen from your community to receive one of these prestigious awards.

Leadership New Mexico has exceptional staff, volunteers, speakers and Board of Directors, without whom, the organizations continued success would not be possible. I thank all of you for your commitment to the growth and improvement of our great state. I look forward to a fun and successful year!

Tony Atkinson

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## 1997-1998

**Jackie Baca**, President of Bueno Foods and the Baca family were named one of the “2011 Dynasties” by New Mexico Business Weekly.

**T. Greg Merrion**, President of Merrion Oil and Gas and the Merrion family were named one of the “2011 Dynasties” by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## 1998-1999

**Vic Chavez** of VJC Engineering, LLC and Chavez-Grieves Consulting Engineers was named one of the 2011 Power Brokers by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## 2001-2002

**Diane Harrison Ogawa**, Executive Director of the PNM Resources Foundation was named one of the 2011 Power Brokers by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## 2002-2003

**Susan Musgrave** is now the Director of Business Development for Glacier Technologies, LLC.

## 2003-2004

**Joe Lujan**, Vice President of the Manuel Lujan Agency and the Lujan family were named one of the “2011 Dynasties” by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## 2005-2006

**Gene Baca**, Senior Vice President of Bueno Foods and the Baca family were named one of the “2011 Dynasties” by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## 2006-2007

**Steve Byrd**, Vice President with the Lujan Agencies was elected Secretary for the Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries of New Mexico.

## 2008-2009

**Becky Rowley**, Executive Vice President of Clovis Community College has been promoted by the Board of Trustees of the College to President of the College.

**Matt White**, Mayor of the City of Eunice was recently elected President of the New Mexico Municipal League.

## 2009-2010

**Steve Anaya**, Executive Vice President for the Realtors Association of New Mexico was named one of the 2011 Power Brokers by New Mexico Business Weekly.

**Karen Bayless** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History Foundation.

**Eddie Duffy**, Shareholder with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck has taken a position with Sutin, Thayer & Browne.

## The Core Class of 2011

We are pleased to announce the 39 statewide leaders who graduated from the Core Program at the session in Taos in June. The session kicked-off with a rafting trip and ended with the graduation ceremony at the Taos Ski Valley. Highlights included visits to the Harwood and Millicent Rogers Museums, as well as staying at the luxurious El Monte Sagrado Living Resort and Spa.



Core Class of 2011

The speakers for the session who joined us at the Anglada’s Building in Taos were: **Tom Taylor**, Core 1997, State Representative, District 1; **Judi Olean**, Chair, Judicial Studies Program, CNM; **Judge Joseph Caldwell**; **Chief Wayne Torpy** (who also chaired the session), Core 2009, Chief of Police, Los Alamos County; **Andrew Phelps**, Local Preparedness Program Manager, Department of Homeland Security; **Tim Van Valen**, Core 2008, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck; **Judith Wagner**, CPA/ABV, Wagner Valuation and Financial Forensics; **Alvin Warren**, Core 2010, Partner/Executive Vice President, Bluestone Strategy Group; **Edward Lujan**, Chairman of the Board, Manual Lujan Agencies; and **Phil Bryson**, President, On the Edge Productions.

- **Kamal Ali**, City President, BBVA Compass
- **Danny Armijo II**, Regional Director, New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- **Katie Baldwin**, Chief Operating Officer, James Hamilton Construction Company
- **Mark Biel**, President and Owner, R.A. Biel Plumbing & Heating
- **Bruce Boyer**, Production Manager, ConocoPhillips
- **Paul Briggs**, Division Manager, Brycon Construction
- **Bob Carter**, Executive Director, US Army White Sands Missile Range
- **Sue Chambers**, President, Chambers Benefit Group, APC
- **Scott Eckstein**, County Commissioner, San Juan County
- **Jeff Elmore**, Branch Manager, Helena Chemical Company
- **Mike Espiritu**, President and CEO, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce
- **Kenneth Freeman**, General Manager, SOC Los Alamos
- **Judy Giannettino**, Features & Special Sections Editor, Albuquerque Journal
- **Mike Grandjean**, Executive Vice President and COO, GranCor Enterprises, Inc
- **Dr. Janet Green**, Director/HRM, New Mexico State University
- **Ron Head**, Chief Financial Officer, URS/Engineered Products Division
- **Kathy Hoopman**, Business Operations Manager, Intel Corporation
- **Randy Kamradt**, Vice President, Davtek
- **Hayley Klein**, Executive Director, Artesia Chamber of Commerce
- **Roberta Lee**, Chief Financial Officer, Presbyterian Medical Services
- **John Madden**, President, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell
- **Brent Moore**, Shareholder, Montgomery & Andrews, P.A.
- **Kathy Moran**, Attorney & Director, Maddox, Holloman & Kirksey, P.C.
- **Greg Nibert**, County Commissioner, Chaves County
- **Randy Pettigrew**, Chief Operating Officer, Pettigrew & Associates, P.A.
- **Richard Reif**, Vice President, Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers
- **Brian Robinson**, Vice President of Engineering, LES-Urenco
- **LaShonda Seay**, Vice President of Finance, Sysco New Mexico
- **Robyn Simmons**, Executive Director, Mescalero Apache Grants Office
- **Kim Skinner**, City Councilor, City of Elephant Butte
- **Belinda Snyder**, Program Manager, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- **Neal Spero**, Vice President Chief Sales & Marketing, Presbyterian Health Plan
- **Scott Stafford**, President, Greer Stafford/SJCF, Inc.
- **Ed Sullivan**, Deputy Director, Kirtland Air Force Base
- **Kevin Washburn**, Dean – School of Law, University of New Mexico
- **Lisa Wilcox**, Business & Financial Consulting, REDW LLC
- **Ron Williams**, President & CFO, Grants State Bank
- **Sheri Williams**, former Superintendent, Carlsbad Municipal Schools
- **Holly Woelber**, Partner, H.A.W. Farms

## 2011-2012 Core Curriculum Committee

Please welcome our new and returning Core Curriculum Committee members:



### Chair

**Jim Haynes**, 2007 Core, Shareholder and Partner, Pulakos CPA's, Albuquerque



### Vice-Chair

**Sharon Zubrod**, 2010 Core, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement and Regulatory Affairs, ConocoPhillips, Farmington



### Health and Human Services Session Chair

**Bill Connor**, 2010 Core, Supervisor, Customer Service, El Paso Electric Company, Las Cruces



### Economic Development Session Co-Chair

**Randy Grunow**, 2009 Core, Installation Safety Director, White Sands Missile Range



### Environment & Natural Resources Session Chair

**Nancy Shepherd** - Dean for Continuing Education, San Juan College, Farmington



### Economic Development Session Co-Chair

**Monte Marlin**, 2010 Core, Chief of Public Affairs, White Sands Missile Range



### Graduation Session Chair

**Wayne Torpy**, 2009 Core, Chief of Police, Los Alamos Police Department, Los Alamos



### Education Session Chair

**Sheri Williams**, 2011 Core, Former Superintendent of Schools, Carlsbad Municipal Schools, Carlsbad

### Committee Members

- **Russell Allen**, 2008 Core, Vice President of Operations, Allen Theatres, Inc., Las Cruces
- **Lynne Andersen**, 2010 Core, President, NAIOP, Commercial Real Estate Development Association, Albuquerque
- **Angie Baca**, 2007 Core, Market President for Sandoval County, U.S. Bank, Rio Rancho
- **Katie Baldwin**, 2011 Core, Chief Operating Officer, James Hamilton Construction Company, Silver City
- **Karen Bayless**, 2010 Core, Co-Owner, Bayless Drilling Company, Farmington
- **Steve Byrd**, 2007 Core, Vice President, Employee Benefits, Manuel Lujan Agencies, Albuquerque
- **Steve Girrens**, 2010 Core, Division Leader, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos
- **India Hatch**, 2002 Core, Deputy Director, New Mexico Racing Commission, Albuquerque
- **Martin Marchi**, 2009 Core, Owner, Marchi Foods, Inc., Los Lunas
- **Randy Pettigrew**, 2011 Core, Chief Operating Officer, Pettigrew & Associates, P.A., Hobbs
- **Rich Reif**, 2011 Core, Vice President, Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers, Albuquerque
- **Brian Robinson**, 2011 Core, Vice President of Engineering, Urenco USA, Eunice
- **Page Sullivan**, 2006 Core, President, Page Sullivan Real Estate Group, Taos
- **Alison Todd**, Program & Marketing Director, Leadership New Mexico, Albuquerque
- **Lisa Wilcox**, 2011 Core, Business & Financial Consulting, REDW LLC, Albuquerque
- **Holly Woelber**, 2011 Core, Partner, H.A.W. Farms, Belen



Core Curriculum Committee members, Lynne Andersen and Sharon Zubrod with Board Members, Patty Komko and Barbara Crockett at the Core Graduation session in June.

**Keith Lusk**, President of Sysco New Mexico has taken the position of President of Sysco Foods for the Washington State Division and has relocated to Seattle. The best to Keith and Amy!

**Alvin Warren**, Former Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department has joined the Bluestone Strategy Group as the Executive Vice President.

### 2010-2011

**Janet Green**, Director of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Department at New Mexico State University was recently elected President of the New Mexico Amigos.

**Kamal Ali**, City President at BBVA Compass was named one of the 2011 Power Brokers by New Mexico Business Weekly.

## Thank You for Serving!

We'd like to take a moment to say thank you to all of those who previously served on the Leadership New Mexico Board and Curriculum Committees who were unable to help again this year. Your service to our organization has made a huge impact and we hope to work with you all again in the near future!

### Board of Directors

- **Walt Bolic**, 2001 Core, President & Chief Executive Officer, Delta Dental of New Mexico, Inc., Albuquerque
- **Dan Hodges**, 2004 Core, Retired, Intel Corporation, Rio Rancho
- **Traci Neff**, 2009 Connect, Juvenile Facility Administrator, San Juan County, Aztec
- **Dave Palmer**, 2004 Core, Retired, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque
- **Julie Peters**, 2005 Core, Senior Vice President, Avalon Trust, Santa Fe
- **Dick Smith**, 2001 Core, Owner, RLS Consulting, Clovis

### Core Curriculum Committee

- **Tom Burris**, 2010 Core, Superintendent, Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools
- **Alan Briley**, 2001 Core, City Manager, City of Elephant Butte
- **Wayne Davenport**, 2006 Core, CFO, Jaynes Corporation, Albuquerque
- **Scott McAdams**, 2008 Core, President, Peoples Bank of Taos
- **Blair Naylor**, 2006 Core, Managing Member, Palace Capital Management LLC, Santa Fe
- **Becky Rowley**, 2009 Core, President, Clovis Community College, Clovis
- **Alvin Warren**, 2010 Core, Executive Vice President, Bluestone Strategy Group, Española
- **Chris Youngblood**, 2005 Core, President and CEO, Chavez-Grievess Consulting Engineers, Albuquerque



## Connect Curriculum Committee

- **Anna Byers**, 2007 Connect, Owner, J. S. Ward & Son, Inc., Artesia
- **Virgil Chavez**, 2010 Connect, Capital Projects Superintendent, ConocoPhillips, Farmington
- **Dara McKinney**, 2010 Connect, In-House Counsel, Los Alamos National Bank, Los Alamos
- **Jerrot Owen**, 2010 Connect, Senior Plant & Operations Manager, Jaren LLC, Las Cruces
- **Luke Ragsdale**, 2007 Connect, Attorney, Ragsdale Law Firm, Roswell
- **Zack Snyder**, 2008 Connect, Project Manager, Brycon Construction, Rio Rancho
- **Tim Thackaberry**, 2009 Connect, Director of Information Technology, New Mexico Mutual, Albuquerque
- **Melissa Valles**, 2010 Connect, Account Executive, Comcast Spotlight, Albuquerque

## LGLP Curriculum Committee

- **Bill Aymar**, 2010 LGLP, County Manager, Catron County
- **Alan Briley**, 2001 Core, City Manager, City of Elephant Butte
- **Gordy Hicks**, 2005 LGLP, City Councilor, City of Socorro
- **Steve Kopelman**, 2008 LGLP, Risk Manager & Attorney, New Mexico Association of Counties, Santa Fe
- **Terry Martin**, 2009 LGLP, School Board Member, Clovis Municipal Schools
- **Sarah Merklein**, 2006 LGLP & 2008 Core, County Treasurer, Catron County
- **Lance Pyle**, 2008 LGLP, County Manager, Curry County
- **Margie Tapia**, 2009 LGLP, School Board Member, Pojoaque Valley Schools
- **Gary Whitehead**, 2007 LGLP, County Commissioner, Sierra County

## Alumni Committee

- **Cindi Clayton Davis**, 2000 Core, President, Condotel Corporation, Ruidoso
- **Dan Hodges**, 2004 Core, Retired, Intel Corporation, Rio Rancho
- **Bill Norris**, 2005 Core, District Administrator, South Central Colfax County Special Hospital District, Raton
- **Bobby Ortega**, 1999 Core, Executive Vice President, Centinel Bank of Taos
- **Dan Stoddard**, 2008 Core & 2010 LGLP, Owner, Fairhaven II Quality Assisted Living, Clovis
- **Fred Woody**, 2002 Core, Retired, Carlsbad

## Golf Committee

- **Dan Cover**, 2009 Core, Commercial Lender, Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union, Albuquerque
- **Cheryl Sowder**, 2009 Core, Owner and Designer, The Finishing Touch, Los Alamos
- **Tom Whatley**, 1998 Core, Associate Broker, Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, Las Cruces
- **Ben Way**, 2009 Connect, Operations Superintendent, ConocoPhillips, Farmington
- **Chris Youngblood**, 2005 Core, President and CEO, Chavez-Grievess Consulting Engineers, Albuquerque

## 2011-2012 Connect Curriculum Committee

Please welcome our new and returning Connect Curriculum Committee members:



### Chair

**Jose Viramontes**, 2008 Connect, Public Affairs Specialist, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Albuquerque



### Vice-Chair

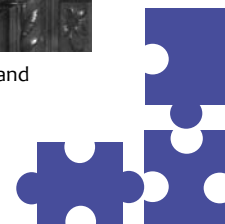
**Rivkela Brodsky**, 2010 Connect, Staff Writer, Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque

## Committee Members

- **Yvette Ammerman**, 2008 Connect, Associate Director, Western Operations National Association of Community Health Centers, Albuquerque
- **Rebecca Avitia**, 2010 Connect, Attorney, Bannerman & Johnson, P.A., Albuquerque
- **Carlos Branch**, 2009 Connect, Director of Plant Operations and Environmental Services, Los Alamos Medical Center, Los Alamos
- **Andy Hawk**, 2010 Connect, Regulatory and Environmental Advisor, BP America Production Company, Albuquerque
- **Jennifer House**, 2008 Connect, Client Services Manager, CH2M Hill, Albuquerque
- **Korbie Killebrew**, 2008 Connect, Physicist, Shot Director, Tech Area IV Z-Facility, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque
- **Matt Kim Miller**, 2010 Connect, Of Counsel, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Albuquerque
- **Traci Neff**, 2009 Connect, Administrator, San Juan County Juvenile Services, Aztec
- **Lucille Shaw**, 2011 Connect, Division Business Manager, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque
- **Zachariah Smith**, 2010 Connect, Phase II Construction Manager, LES, Eunice
- **Michelle Stallings**, 2011 Connect, Project Manager, Los Alamos National Bank, Los Alamos
- **Alison Todd**, Program & Marketing Director, Leadership New Mexico, Albuquerque
- **Jennifer Ventura-Trujillo**, 2010 Connect, Operations Support Manager, SOC Los Alamos, Los Alamos
- **Mary Alice Walker-Lysak**, 2009 Connect, Chief Financial Officer, Armstrong Energy Corporation, Roswell
- **April Wilkinson**, 2011 Connect, Programs Specialist, Pueblo of Jemez, Jemez Pueblo
- **Kaye Whitefoot**, 2011 Connect, Deputy Executive Director, Dairy Producers of New Mexico, Roswell
- **Priscilla Williams**, 2011 Connect, Asset Optimization Program Manager, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque



Former classmates and now Connect Curriculum Committee members, April Wilkinson and Michelle Stallings at a dinner event in Roswell last January.



## 2011-2012 Local Government Leadership Program

We are now taking applications for the 2011-2012 Local Government Leadership Program.

The Local Government Leadership Program is a partnership between the New Mexico Association of Counties, the New Mexico Municipal League, the New Mexico School Boards Association, and Leadership New Mexico. The program provides a unique educational experience to county and municipal officials, members of the National Guard, school boards and regional councils of governments.

The Local Government Leadership Program will hold two 2-1/2 day program sessions:

- **Session I – February 23-25, 2012 Santa Fe**
- **Session II – April 11-13, 2012 Albuquerque**

The curriculum is patterned after the Leadership New Mexico Core Program and is designed to offer participants the opportunity to explore critical issues facing New Mexico and to participate in skill building workshops.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact Patty Komko at (505) 241-4800.

**The application deadline is December 1, 2011.**



Classmates from the 2011 graduating class, enjoyed dinner and a tour of the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History in Albuquerque.

## 2011-2012 Local Government Curriculum Committee

Please welcome our new and returning Local Government Leadership Program Curriculum Committee members:



**Chair**  
**Dan Stoddard**, 2010 LGLP & 2007 Core, County Commissioner and City Council, Clovis



**Vice-Chair**  
**Scott Eckstein**, 2004 LGLP & 2011 Core, County Commissioner, San Juan County, Aztec

### Committee Members

- **Kathy Colley**, 2009 LGLP, Councilor, City of Rio Rancho
- **Mike Gallagher**, 2011 LGLP, County Manager, Lea County
- **Susan Griffin**, 2011 LGLP, County Assessor, Catron County
- **Tamara Gutierrez**, 2011 LGLP, City Councilor, District 3, City of Rio Rancho
- **Steve Harris**, 2011 LGLP, Treasurer, Chaves County

- **Audrey Jaramillo**, 2010 LGLP, School Board Vice President, Moriarty-Edgewood School District
- **Michael Jaramillo**, 2011 LGLP, Director of Parks, Recreation and Streets, Village of Los Lunas
- **Allan Landavazo**, 2010 LGLP, City Councilor, City of Gallup
- **Priscilla Lucero**, 2009 LGLP, Executive Director, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
- **Debra Krikorian Porter**, 2010 LGLP - School Board Member, Reserve Independent School District
- **Darlene Rosprim**, 2009 LGLP, County Clerk, Eddy County
- **Curtis Schrader**, 2008 LGLP & 2010 Core, City Manager, City of Jal
- **Linda Thompson**, LGLP 2008, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Project Development, San Juan County
- **Alison Todd**, Program and Marketing Director, Leadership New Mexico
- **Delilah Walsh**, 2010 LGLP, County Manager, Socorro County
- **Mayor Matt White**, 2007 LGLP & 2010 Core, Mayor, City of Eunice

In 2009, Leadership New Mexico established an Endowment Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation and the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

The goal of the endowment funds is to generate a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses allowing us to focus our fundraising efforts exclusively on program expenses. The endowment funds will also serve as a financial cushion against lean times, and help ensure that Leadership New Mexico's mission will be sustained in perpetuity. Gifts to Leadership New Mexico's endowment funds are fully tax-deductible.

If you would like to support the endowment fund, you may purchase a Lifetime Membership, make a tax-deductible contribution directly to Leadership New Mexico or contact the Santa Fe Community Foundation and/or the Albuquerque Community Foundation for instructions on how to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Currently there are 85 Lifetime Members who have contributed to the fund. It is not necessary to be a graduate of Leadership New Mexico to become a Lifetime Member.

### Lifetime Member Benefits

- Receive discounts to LNM Alumni education programs and special events throughout the year.
- Receive the quarterly newsletter, Leadership Link, which will keep you informed of events, recent happenings with alumni, and other developments.
- Receive special recognition on the LNM website, in the annual Accomplishments Brochure, and other printed materials as appropriate.
- Receive a unique Lifetime Membership etched glass business card holder.
- Receive priority seating at the Annual Awards Dinner.
- Have the ability for your spouse or guest to attend alumni "members-only" tours and special events.
- Know that 100% of your Lifetime Membership will be applied to the Endowment Fund.

### New Lifetime Members

- **Jeff Elmore**, Core 2011, Branch Manager, Helena Chemical Company, Mesquite
- **Mike Grandjean**, Core 2011, Executive Vice President and COO, GranCor Enterprises, Inc., Albuquerque
- **Holly Woelber**, Core 2011, Partner, H.A.W. Farms, Belen



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## Upcoming Dates & Events

**Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2011**  
Connect New Mexico  
Los Alamos

**Oct. 27 - 28, 2011**  
Leadership in a Crisis Reception  
& Leadership in a Crisis Program  
Los Alamos

**Nov. 3 - 5, 2011**  
Core Program Session  
Artesia

**Nov. 16 - 19, 2011**  
Connect New Mexico  
Las Cruces

**Jan. 5 - 7, 2012**  
Core Program Session  
Las Cruces

**Jan. 12 - 13, 2012**  
Winter Issues Update  
Reception at the Governor's Mansion &  
Winter Issues Update Program  
Santa Fe

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2012**  
Connect New Mexico  
Roswell

**Feb. 23 - 25, 2012**  
Local Government Session I  
Santa Fe

**Mar. 1 - 3, 2012**  
Core Program Session  
Silver City

**April 11 - 13, 2012**  
Local Government Session II  
Albuquerque

**April 27, 2012**  
Annual Awards Dinner  
Albuquerque

**April 28, 2012**  
Annual Golf Tournament  
Albuquerque

