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From the Chairman of the Board



Paul DiPaola
Core Class of 2000
Lifetime Member
Chairman of the Board
Leadership New Mexico
President
U.S. Bank

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We hope you are as excited as we are as we get closer to the 20th Anniversary Dinner & 10th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday & Saturday, May 6 & 7, 2016 at Sandia Resort & Casino! Early bird registration ends April 5, so if you have not yet registered, reserve your spot as soon as possible.

We are proud to announce the 2016 Distinguished Leadership Award recipient, **Robert G. Armstrong**, President of Armstrong Energy Corporation in Roswell. We will recognize Bob at the 20th Anniversary Dinner for his outstanding leadership, accomplishments and contributions that have improved the quality of life for New Mexicans.

The Alumni Committee and 20th Anniversary Committee have helped tremendously to keep the celebration going throughout the year, with events such as: "Leadership New Mexico Day" at the Legislature, Nexus Brewery

tour, Gruet Winery tour, and a private Trinity Site tour. Stay tuned as more events are planned for the summer! We encourage you to stay involved by becoming a dues paying alumni member or Lifetime Member; visit the website to learn more.

This year's Connect Program graduated in Roswell on February 6. Congratulations Connect Class of 2016! Leadership New Mexico welcomed the new 2016 Local Government Leadership Program participants at their first session on February 25 - 27 in Santa Fe! Their second and final session will take place in April in Albuquerque. The Core Program participants completed their Education session in Hobbs on March 3 - 5, with two more sessions before graduation, the Environment & Natural Resources session in Farmington and Government, Crime & Justice, and Leadership in Taos.

We are recruiting for the 2017 Core and Connect Programs. The deadline to apply is March 15. Encourage anyone you think would be a great candidate for either program to call our office or visit the "Programs" page on our website to find applications and dates. If you would like to recommend someone you think is a qualified leader, please contact president Patty Komko.

Thank you again for your investment of time and resources that contribute to the success of Leadership New Mexico. We hope that you will join in the celebration of the 20th Anniversary this year; it would not have been possible without great graduates and friends like you!

Paul DiPaola

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Class News - Core

2003

Susan Musgrave has joined LATA Sharp Remediation Services, LLC as Business Development Director.

2006

Trudy Healy, Co-Owner of Healy Foundation, received the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources 2016 New Mexico Earth Science Achievement Award for "outstanding contributions advancing the role of earth science in areas of public service and public policy."

2010

Randy Bartell was re-elected as President of the Montgomery & Andrews Law Firm for a third term.

2011

Jeff Elmore left his position with Helena Chemical and took the position of President of Diversified Applications Incorporated in Collierville, Tennessee.

Brent Moore, Shareholder with the Montgomery & Andrews law firm, was sworn in by the New Mexico Supreme Court as the 120th President of the State Bar of New Mexico in December 2015.

2012

Brenda Begley has joined Dreamstyle Remodeling as a Field Marketing Manager.

Skip Sayer, Chief of Sales and Marketing for Laguna Development Corporation, has been elected Treasurer for the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) Board of Directors.

Tracy Utterback is now the Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer at Jaynes Corporation.

Class News - Connect

2010

Andy Hawk, is now Field Environmental Coordinator at BP America Production Company.

2012

Liz Earls and her husband Mitch, welcomed Sophia Anne Earls to their family on January 19, 2016. Sophia weighed in at 6 lbs. and 4 oz. Congratulations Liz and Mitch!

2014

Melinda Allen left the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County to become the Communication and External Relations Specialist at URENCO USA.

Amanda Aragon is now the Director of Strategic Outreach at the State of New Mexico, Department of Public Education.

Greg Gambill, Attorney with Davis Graham & Stubbs in Denver, married Allison Biles on October 3 in Denver, Colorado. Congratulations and best wishes to Greg and Allison!

2015

Reid Griggs, Branch President of First Savings Bank, and his wife Crystal welcomed James Ryan on February 22. James weighed in at 7 lbs. and 4 oz. and 20 inches long. Congratulations Crystal and Reid!

2016

Deena Crawley, Marketing Director for Dion's, was recently honored with the Young Alumni Award by the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Management.

Catie Russell left her position with Saucedo Chavez to become a law clerk with the New Mexico State Court of Appeals.

Introducing the 2016 Local Government Leadership Program Class



Steve Ackerman
Sheriff
Lea County



Michelle Aguilar
Deputy Assessor
Bernalillo County



Kiki Arellano
Human Resources Supervisor
San Miguel County



Anabel Barraza
Assistant Finance Director
Chaves County



Eric Bransford
Outreach & Education Division
Manager
Dona Ana County



Jennifer Breakell
City Attorney
City of Farmington



Will Cavin
Commissioner
Chaves County



Catherine Cullen
Vice President, School Board
Rio Rancho Public Schools



Jesse Davis
Fire Chief
City of Eunice



Tom Dunford
Undersheriff
Lea County



Brian Dunlap
Deputy Chief
Hobbs Police Department



Doug Echols
Deputy County Attorney
San Juan County



Pat Flores
Sergeant, Director of Criminal
Justice Training Authority
City of Farmington



Larry Fry
City Manager
City of Clovis



Linda Gallegos
Assessor
Colfax County



Nicholas Goulet
Human Resources Director
City of Hobbs



Daniel Hill
Deputy Administrator Parks
and Facilities
San Juan County



Lynette Kennard
Accounting and Financial
Reporting Manager
Santa Fe County



ImaLee Mellard
Appraiser
Eddy County



Mike Mestas
Coordinator
Office of Emergency & Management
San Juan County



Tracy O'Neal
Labor Relations Specialist
Human Resources Office
New Mexico Air National Guard



Manny Ortiz
Treasurer
Bernalillo County



Isabelle Purcella
Chief Deputy Treasurer
Bernalillo County



Donica Sharpe
GIS/Planning & Zoning Director
City of Bloomfield



Sammy Standefer
City Manager
City of Portales



Katie Thwaits
Assistant County Attorney
Los Alamos County

Leadership New Mexico Highlights

2016 Winter Issues Update

The Winter Issues Update was held at the Hilton Santa Fe on January 14-15, with a reception at Gerald Peters Gallery. 91 alumni and guests from 16 communities attended. The Core Class of 2013 and Core Class of 2016 tied in having the highest number of participants! Four speakers educated participants, including: Secretary Hanna Skandera, Secretary of New Mexico Public Education Department, Core Class of 2013, about Issues in K-12 Education; David Abbey, Director of New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee spoke about budget and capital outlay Issues; Steve McKernan, Chief Executive Officer, Health System Chief Operations Officer of University of New Mexico Hospital, covered Medicaid and Medicare Reform; and Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, Director of Bureau of Business & Economic Research at the University of New Mexico talked about population changes and where the economy is going. Thank you Joiner Construction/Joiner Plaza and BBVA Compass for sponsoring the event.



Left: **Steve McKernan**, Chief Executive Officer, Health System Chief Operations Officer, University of New Mexico
Middle: **Tres** (Core Class of 2016) and **Debra Hicks** (Core Class of 2009), **Bryn Davis** (Core Class of 2010) and **Linda and Joe Leong** (Core Class of 2016)
Right: **David Abbey**, Director, New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee

Connect Class of 2016 Graduation

Congratulations to the Connect Class of 2016 which completed their final session in Roswell in February. The session included topics such as the structure and issues for municipalities and counties, the court system, juvenile justice system, immigration, effects of violence on the community and issues of K-12 and higher education. Participants visited Dean Baldwin Painting, Roswell UFO Museum, New Mexico Military Institute, Leprino Cheese Plant, Three Amigos Dairy and the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art. Phil Bryson, On the Edge Productions, conducted a final leadership skill building workshop during the session. Paul DiPaola, Chairman of the Board and President of U.S. Bank, congratulated the Connect Class of 2016 during the graduation ceremony.



**Congratulations
Connect Class of 2016!**

“Leadership New Mexico Day”

Leadership New Mexico kicked off the 20th anniversary year with this special day at the New Mexico Legislature. Thank you Governor Susana Martinez for signing the proclamation and for all alumni who attended to support Leadership New Mexico!



Nexus Brewery Tour

Thank you to Ken Carson, Core Class of 2002, Owner of Nexus Brewery, for opening his restaurant for a tour and tasting to the Alumni Program and guests in February.



CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

with Leadership New Mexico

20th Anniversary Dinner

Friday, May 6, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
Sandia Resort & Casino
Theme - Black & White

10th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 7, 2016
Sandia Golf Club
7:00 a.m. - Registration

Join us for the **celebration!**

Reunite & reconnect with **class reunions!**

Win great prize packages at the **live auction and raffle!**

Honor Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient **Bob Armstrong!**

Enjoy the dinner comedy show by **The Capitol Steps from D.C.!**

Early bird registration deadline is April 5, so reserve your spot today! Registration form is enclosed. Call 505-398-1500, visit the "Events" page on the website, or email leader@leadershipnm.org for tickets or sponsorship opportunities.

Congratulations to the 2016 Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient!

The Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has used their leadership skills to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans. Please join us in congratulating the 2016 Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient, **Robert G. Armstrong.**

Robert G. Armstrong

Founder & President

Armstrong Energy Corporation



Bob Armstrong is the Founder and President of Armstrong Energy Corporation in Roswell. He is also owner of Salt Creek Farm & Ranch, Breckenridge Partnership, Ltd. and G.G. Armstrong and Son, LLC. In Roswell, Bob has served on the Board of Sunwest Bank, as President of both the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Foundation and the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation, as well as a board member of many other organizations. Beyond Roswell, Armstrong has served as President of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico and has been a member of the Board of Directors for PNM Resources, Inc. and the Governor's Business Advisory Council. He has also served as New Mexico First Chairman, Commissioner for the Pecos River Compact and served on the National Petroleum Council. Bob has received numerous leadership and public service awards for his dedication to his community and state.



Core Class of 2003 - San Juan Generation Station



Connect Class of 2014 - Leprino Cheese Factory



Alumni Program 2015 - Very Large Array



Connect Class of 2011 - Graduation



LGLP Class of 2008 - Team Building

Thank you!
Leadership New Mexico could not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers, sponsors, speakers and staff. We invite you to join us in celebrating this momentous year by attending the events for you, our alumni, colleagues and friends. Thank you for being a part of our Leadership New Mexico family!



Alumni Program 2012 - Spaceport America



Alumni Program 2013 - WIPP



Core Class of 2004 & Guests - Rafting Taos Box



Core Class of 2015, "Pirates" - Graduation



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Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program

The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September 2001. In the twenty Core Program, fourteen Local Government Leadership Program, and nine Connect New Mexico Program classes, nearly 1,400 participants from 82 communities have explored the issues facing our state. The goal of the Alumni Program is to further the education and challenge the thinking and perspectives of graduates in a meaningful and dynamic way. By interacting with graduates from other classes, alumni continue to be exposed to a diversity of education, experiences and regional perspectives, as well as foster the professional and personal relationships that are one of the greatest assets of Leadership New Mexico. As a graduate of Leadership New Mexico, you have the capability to be a powerful voice for change in New Mexico.

Learn about the Alumni Program benefits and become a member today and pay your alumni dues at:
www.leadershipnm.org/index.php/makeadonation/

Leadership New Mexico Endowment Fund

In 2009, Leadership New Mexico established an endowment fund. The goal of the endowment fund is to generate a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses that allows us to focus our fundraising efforts exclusively on program expenses, and 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 fund are fully tax-deductible. Currently, there are 163 Lifetime Members who have contributed to the endowment. It is not necessary to be a graduate of Leadership New Mexico to become a Lifetime Member.

To contribute, purchase a Lifetime Membership, or make a tax-deductible contribution directly to Leadership New Mexico. Learn about benefits and become a Lifetime Member by downloading a form at:
www.leadershipnm.org/index.php/programs/alumniprogram/lifetimemembers/

*New Lifetime Members**

Nici Austin - Core 2011, **Alex Brown** - LGLP 2008, **Joe Leong** - Core 2016,
Wanda Lucero - Core 2003, **Dolores Martinez** - Connect 2016

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