Twenty-two years ago, Leadership New Mexico was established with the vision of bringing leaders from around New Mexico together and expanding their knowledge about critical issues in our state. Since 1996, Leadership New Mexico has engaged nearly 1,600 leaders to generate a positive impact on our state’s future.

The progress of **NEW MEXICO DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THE VISION TO SEE THE STATE, NOT JUST AS IT IS TODAY, BUT AS IT CAN BE IN THE FUTURE.** Leadership New Mexico is dedicated to identifying leaders and inspiring them to dream, learn, and accomplish more to enhance the quality of life in our state.
Leadership New Mexico has established itself as the preeminent educational organization for business, community, government, and non-profit leaders to learn more about our great state. Participants complete one or more of our leadership programs and actively share with others their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing New Mexico.

THE KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

CORE PROGRAM
The Core Program provides established leaders from all parts of New Mexico an in-depth, non-partisan educational experience not available anywhere else in the state. Each session features presentations by recognized experts on topics of concern for New Mexico including health and human services, economic development, education, environment and natural resources, government, crime, and justice. Sessions introduce participants to communities and local leaders across the state that many would not otherwise encounter. Participants graduate with new knowledge, insights, and a statewide network to improve New Mexico and its diverse communities and regions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
The Local Government Leadership Program is an educational partnership between the New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico Counties, New Mexico School Board Association, and Leadership New Mexico. The organizations have joined together to provide a unique experience for municipal and county officials, New Mexico school board members, members of the New Mexico National Guard, and regional councils of governments. The curriculum provides local leaders with an opportunity to explore issues facing New Mexico, attend skill-building workshops, and offers encouragement to turn knowledge into action. The Local Government Leadership Program prepares local officials to undertake their civic responsibility with a passion for effective and ethical public service.

CONNECT NEW MEXICO PROGRAM
Connect New Mexico "The Next Generation of Leadership" is an educational program for 25 to 40-year-old professionals from around the state. Connect New Mexico allows participants to develop leadership skills, learn how New Mexico’s systems and structures work, and explore issues facing the state. The program provides participants with the knowledge and skills to become effective leaders in their communities and the state. The program creates a bond between young professionals, the communities they live in, and the state of New Mexico to promote well-informed, positive change.

ALUMNI PROGRAM
The Alumni Program continues the Leadership New Mexico experience long after the initial program experience has ended. Through engaging tours and unique members-only events, graduates from all three programs continue to be exposed to a diversity of experiences and regional perspectives that foster professional and personal relationships, promote community and business development, and advance statewide progress.
Leadership New Mexico reaches every corner of the state by inspiring and educating leaders who have the potential to impact thousands of lives. Graduates of Leadership New Mexico programs go on to shape our state’s future with their commitment to developing and promoting New Mexico’s strengths.
Twenty-two years ago, our founders realized the need for a statewide organization dedicated to the development of informed leaders. They established Leadership New Mexico with the vision of bringing leaders from around New Mexico together and expanding their knowledge about critical issues in our state. Since the first program was launched in 1996, nearly 1,600 Core, Local Government Leadership, and Connect New Mexico program participants from 85 communities across the state have explored New Mexico’s most pressing issues.

Today, there are Leadership New Mexico graduates in every part of the state. They represent a diverse range of industries, communities, cultures, leadership roles, individual perspectives, and personal experiences. Rather than focusing on our differences, program graduates share a desire to improve the quality of life in our state. By connecting leaders and expanding their knowledge of New Mexico’s key issues, participants leave our programs passionate about inspiring change and committed to making a difference in the future of the state.

In addition, the personal and professional relationships fostered in program sessions lay the groundwork for lasting partnerships and collaboration across communities and industries statewide. Many donate their time to the organization through board service, committees, and as speakers. Others continue their participation through Alumni and Lifetime Membership, or personal and corporate contributions.

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of Leadership New Mexico’s accomplishments and look forward to many more years of educating New Mexico’s leaders. We are grateful for the many dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and speakers who believe in our organization and generously share their time and resources to accomplish Leadership New Mexico’s mission. In particular, we are humbled by the 209 Lifetime Members who have made a contribution to the Endowment Fund, which enables us to sustain our mission in perpetuity.

The consistent, extraordinary achievements by our alumni, speakers, volunteers, and sponsors inspire us to continue working to create a better, brighter future for New Mexico families and businesses while preserving the numerous cultures of this beautiful state.

Thank you for supporting an organization dedicated to making a significant difference in the quality of life in New Mexico.

DOUG SMITH
Core Class of 2004
Chairman of the Board
Executive Vice President
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PATTY KOMKO
President & Co-Founder
Lifetime Member
Leadership New Mexico
New Mexico's graduates continue to shape the future of the state. In 2017-2018, these graduates gave of their time, expertise, and resources to Leadership New Mexico programs. Thanks to these speakers, Leadership New Mexico's graduates continue to shape the future of the state.

**SPEAKERS**

Leadership New Mexico would like to thank the following speakers for generously donating their time, expertise, and resources to its programs in 2017-2018. Thanks to these speakers, Leadership New Mexico's graduates continue to shape the future of the state.

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2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The Leadership New Mexico Distinguished Alumnus Award was established to recognize a Leadership New Mexico graduate whose leadership activities exemplify the highest standards, achieving statewide significance, and who has used his or her leadership skills, knowledge, and resources to benefit New Mexico.

Paul DiPaola Core Class of 2000, New Mexico Regional President, U.S. Bank
DiPaola is the New Mexico Regional President of U.S. Bank. Known for his passion and dedication to making New Mexico a better place to live and work, DiPaola has made a positive impact on the state through his position at U.S. Bank and through civic engagement on statewide and national levels.

DiPaola has more than 35 years of banking experience and, under his leadership, U.S. Bank has returned to a top position in the New Mexico market. He is a member of the New Mexico Amigos, a current Board Member and past Chairman of the New Mexico Bankers Association, and also serves on the Albuquerque Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the State of New Mexico’s Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) board, where he has served since 2006.

Previously, DiPaola has served as Chairman of Leadership New Mexico’s Board of Directors, President of the University of New Mexico Lobo Club, and Chair of the Rio Rancho Economic Development Corporation.

2018 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Distinguished Leadership Award was established to recognize individuals who use their leadership skills to improve the quality of life for the citizens of New Mexico.

Phil Bryson President and Owner, On the Edge Productions
Bryson is a world-renowned organizational trainer who has worked extensively with high caliber teams ranging from the executives of Fortune 100 companies such as Nike, Johnson & Johnson, American Airlines, and Frito-Lay to elite military Special Forces groups and professional sports teams.

2018 marks Bryson’s twenty-year delivering team building programs at Leadership New Mexico sessions. He has worked as a corporate trainer since 1979 and is known for facilitating experiences which catalyze people to push themselves to a higher level of learning, accomplishment, and commitment to shared goals.

In addition to owning and operating On the Edge Productions, a successful organizational consulting business, Bryson is actively involved in a variety of entrepreneurial and community activities in southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico; he is the real estate developer at Crossroads Durango, founder of Brainstorm Internet, an eight-year founding board member of the Durango Fire & Rescue District, and has been involved in the founding of community leadership programs, including Leadership Los Alamos and Leadership La Plata.
Leadership New Mexico’s Endowment was established in 2009 to create a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses, thereby allowing Leadership New Mexico to focus fundraising exclusively on program expenses. In lieu of paying annual membership dues, a graduate, company, or friend of the organization may purchase a Lifetime Membership that entitles them to the benefits of an alumni membership and more.

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