

LEADERSHIP LINK

CONNECTING AND EDUCATING NEW MEXICO'S LEADERS



Steve Griego
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times in our state and country, we would like to recognize those who have made the Leadership New Mexico experience one that can weather the challenges. Because of our incredible Alumni and dedicated speakers, we have been able to transition into virtual educational programming for Lifetime and Alumni Members.

The virtual educational programs have helped to keep us connected. We would like to thank all the speakers who have helped make these programs possible. It is because of our speakers and volunteers that we have been able to adapt and continue to provide programs about the issues that face the state. We look forward to the time when we can all be together again!

Although we could not meet in May for the Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament, these events have been rescheduled. The Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Sandia Golf Club. The Annual Dinner honoring Distinguished Alumnus, Laura Conniff, Core Class of 2004 and Lifetime Member and Distinguished Leader, Bill Lang, will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Sandia Resort.

Leadership New Mexico has also provided programs for our on-going Core and Local Government Leadership Program sessions. Participants in both programs met virtually and reconnected with classmates.

We look forward to holding the graduation ceremonies for the Core Class of 2020 and the Local Government Leadership Program Class of 2020 later this year when we can be together again!

Thank you to all our sponsors for supporting Leadership New Mexico during these times. The past few months have been difficult for everyone but continued support from our donors allows us to bring timely and valuable educational programs to leaders across the state.



Steve Griego
Chairman of the Board
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VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Thank you to all who have attended the virtual education programs throughout the last couple of months and a huge thank you to the following speakers for presenting to Lifetime and Alumni members.



Dr. Jim Crupi - April 15, 2020
“Uncharted Waters - Leading in a Crisis”

Dr. Mike Crossey and Dr. Nick Dayan - April 22, 2020

“COVID-19 in a New Mexico Laboratory: Leading with a Scientific Focus”



Mr. Phil Bryson - April 29, 2020
“Leadership in a Crisis - Leading and Supporting Others in this New Reality”

Mr. T. Greg Merrion - May 6, 2020
“What is REALLY Going on with Oil and Gas in New Mexico?”



Mayor Sam Cobb and Mayor Greg Hull - May 13, 2020
“Economic Recovery from a Community Perspective: What Do We Need to Know and Do?”

Dr. Jim Crupi - May 20, 2020
“The Virus: The Economy, National Security and Geopolitics”



Thank you to the sponsors of the virtual education programs this spring.

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CLASS NEWS

CORE

2005

Blake Curtis, Senior Vice President at Curtis & Curtis, Inc., has been named USDA Rural Development State Director for New Mexico.

2008

Dan Stoddard, was recently elected as a City Council Member for District 6 at City of Rio Rancho.

2010

Alvin Warren, Program Officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, has taken the position of Vice President of Career Pathways and Advocacy at the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation.

2013

Jerry Smith started in a new position as Principal Owner at Fire Clan Consulting, LLC.

2015

Kimberly Stone has taken the position of Insurance Officer at Farm Credit of New Mexico.

2017

Chez Steele, Executive Vice President for Century Bank, has been named Chief Executive Officer at Southwest Capital Bank.

2020

Wei-Ann Bay, Medical Director, Government Programs with Blue Cross Blue Shield, has been promoted to Chief Medical Officer.

GOT CLASS NEWS?

If you have exciting news or announcements to share, please let us know!

CONNECT

2016

Deena Crawley, Chief of Staff and Marketing Director at Dion's, was recently named one of the 2020 40 under 40 by *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

2017

Ty Perry, Chief Executive Officer of Centreras Construction has taken the position of Regional Vice President of Operations at EPPX Construction.

2018

Tom Madrid, President for GEOMAT, Inc., has taken a new position as Materials Department Manager at Terracon.

Olivia Mitchell Standish,

has started The Standish Law Firm, LLC.

2019

Jenni DeGreeff, Integrity Manager at the New Mexico Gas Company, was recently named one of the 2020 40 under 40 by *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

Randy Lucero, Vice

President of Business Banking with First National Bank 1870, was promoted to New Mexico Regional Banking Team Lead.

Alex Montano, Vice

President of Project Development at Yearout Energy, was recently named one of the 2020 40 under 40 by *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

2020

Emily Gaffney, Senior Manager at Sandia National Laboratories, was recently named one of the 2020 40 under 40 by *New Mexico Business Weekly*.

ALUMNI PROGRAM EVENTS & TOURS

Alumni events and tours are a fun and engaging way to stay in touch with your classmates, get to know graduates from all three programs and continue learning about our great state!

Online Auction

Thank you to our donors and participants!

As COVID-19 impacts our communities and the state, we are reminded of the strength and stability of your friendship and support. We are grateful to all of our donors and participants that made our online auction fundraiser fun and a huge success. Thank you.



Southwest Fashion Package donated by Holly Woelber, M-G Designs, Core Class of 2011 and Molly Bell, Rio Grande Inc., Core Class of 2019



Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, August 1 - Albuquerque

Catch up with classmates, friends, and colleagues on the golf course in August at Leadership New Mexico's 14th annual golf tournament!

Exclusively for Lifetime Members!

Mass Ascension Breakfast Saturday, October 3 - Albuquerque

Enjoy a majestic New Mexico morning during Balloon Fiesta in the company of Lifetime Members and their guests. Join us for breakfast, hot air balloon viewing, and catching up with fellow leaders and friends from across the state.



Annual Dinner Wednesday, October 14 - Albuquerque

Honor Distinguished Leadership Award recipient, Bill Lang, Publisher and President of the Albuquerque Journal and President of Starline Printing and Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, Laura Conniff, Core Class of 2004, Lifetime Member, Associate Broker at Better Homes and Gardens - Steinborn and Associates, and Owner of Leveldale Farms & Conniff F Cross Farm.

**Register today! See insert for event details and registration form.
If you are not currently a dues-paying Alumni or Lifetime Member, consider becoming one.**

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020
SANDIA RESORT AND GOLF CLUB

Join us for our Rescheduled Golf Tournament



Healy Foundation Team



Bank of Albuquerque Team

ANNUAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020
SANDIA RESORT AND CASINO

Honor the 2020 Award Recipients at our Rescheduled Annual Dinner

Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient



WILLIAM P. LANG

Publisher and President
Albuquerque Journal
President
Starline Printing

An Albuquerque native, Lang is Publisher and President of the Albuquerque Journal and President of Starline Printing. The Journal has been in Lang's family since 1926. Lang has had a long tenure at the Journal, serving as Vice President of Publishing for 30 years before being named President. He has played a role in awarding close to half a million dollars in scholarships to high school students through the Journal since 1984. He served on the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Santa Fe. He currently serves as a trustee for the University of New Mexico Foundation. He is a board member of the Albuquerque Community Foundation, serving on their finance committee. Lang is a Co-Founder of The Cinco Amigos, a group of five men, all very passionate about cars, who created a fund called The Cinco Amigos Now and Forever Fund to improve the lives of Albuquerque's citizens and public officials.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient

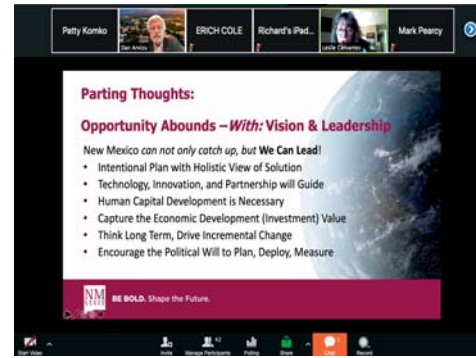
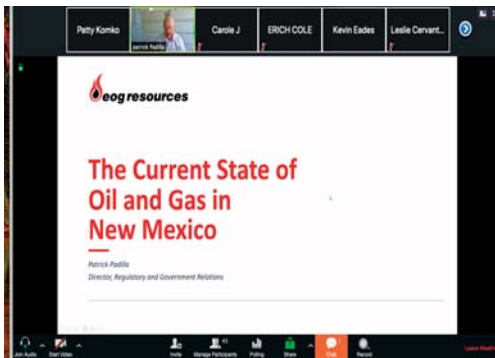


LAURA CONNIFF

Core Class of 2004
Lifetime Member
Associate Broker
Better Homes and Gardens
Steinborn and Associates

Conniff is an Associate Broker with Better Homes and Gardens - Steinborn and Associates and Co-Owner of Leveldale Farms & Conniff F Cross Farm in Las Cruces. Laura is a graduate of New Mexico State University and has served on the Board of Regents as Chairman of the Board several times from 2003-2012. She has served as Director of 1st National Bank of Artesia since 2006, as well as Director of Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas - El Paso Branch. She was a Founding Member of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and served as a Board Member for three years. She is well-known for her service as Co-Chairman of the NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink, an organization known for their efforts to raise awareness and funds on behalf of Cowboys for Cancer Research.

CORE CLASS OF 2020 VIRTUAL EDUCATION SESSION



The “Best of” Education and Environment & Natural Resources Sessions of the Core Program were held virtually in May.

Participants learned about the challenges and opportunities in education and environment and natural resources in New Mexico. Thank you to the 2019-2020 Core Curriculum Committee members for dedicating many hours to make the virtual education program a success. Thank you to our Session Sponsors!

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- Zia Natural Gas Company

Thank you to the speakers who shared their expertise with our Core Program participants!

- Dr. Kati Haycock** - “National Trends in Education and the Relationship to New Mexico”
- Mr. Stan Rounds** - “Overview of K-12 Education in New Mexico”
- Dr. Joe Shepard** - “Overview of Higher Education in New Mexico”
- Mr. Patrick Padilla** - “The Current State of Oil and Gas in New Mexico”
- Mr. John D’Antonio** - “Water Issues in New Mexico”
- Dr. Howard Passell** - “Overview of Renewable Energy in New Mexico”
- Dr. Dan Arvizu** - “The Energy Landscape in New Mexico”

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM VIRTUAL EDUCATION SESSION

The Local Government Leadership Program Class of 2020 had a virtual education session in April on what would have been their graduation day. Phil Bryson, President of On the Edge Productions, led the class through a leadership education program since their final program has been postponed until later this summer. We cannot wait until we can see all the program participants again for their graduation session!

Thank you to the Local Government Leadership Program Corporate Sponsors.

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- IT Connect
- Jaynes Corporation
- Niagara Bottling
- Pattern Energy Corporation
- Summit Food Services
- Tillery Buick GMC
- US Electric Corporation
- Waste Management of New Mexico
- Yukon Construction



Brian Dunlap
LGLP Class of 2016 and Core Class of 2018
2020 LGLP Curriculum Committee Chair
led the class in a rendition of
“Amazing Grace”
during their virtual education session.



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LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September 2001. In the twenty-four Core Program, seventeen Local Government Leadership Program, and thirteen Connect New Mexico Program classes, more than 1,800 participants from 87 communities have explored the issues facing our state. The goal of the Alumni Program is to continue the education of Leadership New Mexico graduates in a meaningful and dynamic way. Interaction with graduates from other programs and classes expands networks, exposes leaders to a diversity of perspectives, and fosters professional and personal relationships. As a graduate, you have the capability to be a powerful voice for change in New Mexico.

Learn more about the Alumni Program or pay dues for the 2020 calendar year!
www.leadershipnm.org/leadership-programs/alumni-program/

LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

In 2009, Leadership New Mexico established an Endowment to secure the future of the organization. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses, which serves as a financial cushion against lean times to ensure that Leadership New Mexico's mission will be sustained in perpetuity. Gifts to Leadership New Mexico's Endowment are made through Lifetime Memberships and are fully tax-deductible. Currently, 270 Lifetime Members have contributed to the Endowment. It is not necessary to be a graduate of Leadership New Mexico to become a Lifetime Member.

All contributions are tax-deductible charitable donations, and may also be made through your United Way commitment. Visit our website for more information.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS*

Wei-Ann Bay - Core 2020
Erich Cole - Core 2020
Bill Connor - Core 2010
Laurie Farber Condon - Core 2015

Josh Fristoe - Core 2020
Simon Goldfine - Core 2020
Allison Kuper Smith - Core 2020
Jill Klar - Core 2017

*As of June 15, 2020