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.

Senator John Arthur Smith
June 17, 2020
“The Future of the State’s Budget”

David Abbey
July 22, 2020
“New Mexico Fiscal and Policy Issues”

Stan Rounds, TJ Parks, and Dennis Roch
August 5, 2020
“What will K-12 Education look like in the Fall?”

Dr. John D. Floros
August 20, 2020
“Current Issues in Higher Education”

Bobby St. John and WIPP
August 28, 2020
“WIPP Virtual Tour”

Dr. Karissa Culbreath and Dr. David G. Grenache
September 2, 2020
“COVID-19 in a New Mexico Lab: A Conversation with Experts”

Casey Anglada DeRaad, Scott McLaughlin, and Micah Walter Range
September 23, 2020
“Jump Start the Economy New Mexico is the Place for Space!”
LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September 2001. In the 25th Core Program, 19th Local Government Leadership Program, and 14th Connect New Mexico Program classes, over 1,800 participants from 88 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 2021 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, 279 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*

Biddah Becker - Connect 2008
Lisa Goodman - Connect 2017
MeLynn Pattillo - Core 2006
Maxine Valesquez - Core 2009

*As of December 15, 2020
From the Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends and Graduates,

We hope everyone is healthy and safe and that you had a wonderful holiday season with loved ones! We are looking forward to 2021 and kicking off another year of programs and events. There are some great things in store this year for alumni, guests, and friends of our organization!

Please mark your calendars for the 25th Anniversary Dinner and Golf Tournament on May 7th and 8th at Sandia Resort & Casino. The Alumni and 25th Anniversary Committees are working hard to prepare for these events! We will honor the 2021 Distinguished Leadership and Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipients at our dinner in May. The early-bird deadline for discounted dinner tickets is April 9th and the early-bird deadline to secure a golf team is January 30th.

The 25th Core Program class has completed its first virtual session on Zoom and will meet again virtually in January for the Orientation and Leadership Program. We look forward to meeting the 19th class of the Local Government Leadership Program at their first session in Santa Fe in February. This year’s Connect Program will be 100% virtual and is titled “Re-Connect” featuring new content for 25-40 year-old professionals.

We have worked hard to successfully adapt to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic through our Zoom Educational Programs. Programs earlier in the year ranged from virtual tours of facilities such as the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and Sandia National Labs to insightful talks about the New Mexico’s K-12 education system. We finished up 2020 hosting Zoom presentations on Cyber Security and PNM’s Merger with Avangrid.

For information or to register for our programs and events please visit our website leadershipnm.org.

Thank you for providing the time, resources, and support that help us grow and continue to be successful. Our mission would not be possible without great graduates and friends like you!

Happy New Year!

Russell Allen
Chairman of the Board
Leadership New Mexico
LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO’S
25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Sandia Resort
Friday, May 7, 2021
Doors Open at 5:30 P.M.
Class Reunions, Live Auction, Raffle & Awards

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sandia Golf Club
Saturday, May 8, 2021
Registration starts at 7:00 A.M.
Raffle

See enclosure for event sponsorship opportunities and registration information.
The early-bird deadline will be here soon! Register by April 9, 2021 for the early-bird dinner ticket price.
Discounted room rate available at Sandia Resort. Reserve by April 8, 2021.
Availability is limited. Call 505-798-3930 and identify with “LNM” to receive $169 plus tax nightly rate.

A GLIMPSE FROM THE PAST

10th Anniversary - 2006
Award Recipients
Distinguished Alumnus: Diane Denish, Core 1997
Former New Mexico Lieutenant Governor

15th Anniversary - 2011
Award Recipients
Distinguished Leadership: Don & Jim Maddox
Distinguished Alumnus: Trudy Healy, Core 2006
Co-Owner - Rancho Milagro,
Top of The World Ranch/Farm
and Eagle Moon Farm

20th Anniversary - 2016
Award Recipients
Distinguished Leadership: Robert G. Armstrong
President - Armstrong Energy Corporation
Honored Patty Komko, LNM President
for 20 Years of Service

Diane Denish
10th Anniversary Dinner

Don and Jim Maddox at
15th Anniversary Dinner

Robert G. Armstrong at
20th Anniversary Dinner

Trudy and Ed Healy at
15th Anniversary Dinner
Reunite with classmates from across the state. Join us in honoring New Mexico’s leaders.

JOIN US TO HONOR THE AWARD RECIPIENTS

LAURA CONNIFF
Core Class of 2004
Lifetime Member
Associate Broker
Steinborn & Associates Real Estate

Laura Conniff is an Associate Broker at Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, Co-Owner of Leveldale Farms & Conniff F Cross Farm in Las Cruces. Laura, a graduate of New Mexico State University, 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 the 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. Laura has served on many Boards of Directors including Western Bank, New Mexico State University President’s Association, and 1st New Mexico Bank of Las Cruces where she also served as Chairman of the Board. She is well-known for her service as Co-Chairman of the “NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink,” an organization known for its efforts to raise awareness and funds on behalf of Cowboys for Cancer Research. Laura’s other philanthropic causes include Mesilla Valley Hospice, Borderplex Alliance, Kappa Kappa Gamma, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, and the Las Cruces Junior League.

WILLIAM P. (BILL) LANG
Publisher and President
Albuquerque Journal
President
Starline Printing

Bill Lang is Publisher and President of the Albuquerque Journal and President of Starline Printing in Albuquerque. An Albuquerque native, 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 for several years. 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. 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’s other philanthropic interests include his and his wife Elizabeth’s support of the Bosque School and Manzano Day School.

NOW RECRUITING FOR THE CORE AND CONNECT PROGRAMS

Leadership New Mexico seeks qualified professionals from across the state to apply for the 2021-2022 program year.

The Core Program seeks established leaders to participate in a 10-month, six session program focused on building relationships and developing an in-depth understanding of key issues facing New Mexico.

The Connect New Mexico Program seeks young professionals ages 25-40 to participate in a six-month, three session program designed to help participants to develop personal leadership skills and explore statewide concerns and issues.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2021
Program applications are available on the Leadership New Mexico website.
The Core Class of 2021 conducted their first program on Zoom for the topic Leadership, Team Building, and Healthcare in November. During the session, participants listened to and viewed presentations from healthcare professionals.

Thank you to the Core Curriculum Committee and Adobe Productions for hosting the virtual Core Class of 2021.

Leadership New Mexico invites you to join or nominate someone for our redesigned Connect Program called Re-Connect New Mexico. This program has new content, and is 100% virtual.

This fully virtual program is set to begin on February 19, 2021, for 25-40 year-old professionals and includes five, half-day program sessions.

Through the unique challenges of 2020, we have learned the importance of having educated and informed leaders navigate us through tough times while continuing to make a positive impact on our state.

If you would like to continue to be a part of the positive impact in our state or know someone who might be interested, apply to the upcoming Re-Connect New Mexico Virtual Program. Applications are now open! Please visit our website, leadershipnm.org, for more details.

Application deadline is: Monday, January 30, 2021

Want to nominate someone for the program? Please call us at 505-398-1500.