



2022 Annual Awards Dinner
Friday, October 14, 2022



HATS *off!*

Welcome from the Chairman of the Board



Adam Harrington

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Dear Graduates, Friends, and Guests,

Good evening and welcome to our 27th Annual Awards Dinner. We are celebrating 27 years of Leadership New Mexico and we gather tonight to honor two outstanding New Mexican leaders: Joe Lujan (Core Class 2004) and Fred E. Mondragon, and to reconnect with fellow alumni and their guests.

Leadership New Mexico was founded in 1995 to identify current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico, enhance their leadership skills, and deepen their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing communities and our state. Including alumni sitting in the room tonight, and thinking of those who were unable to attend, it is remarkable that over 2,000 of the most accomplished, talented, and dedicated leaders in the state have graduated from one of Leadership New Mexico's three distinguished programs.

Leadership New Mexico is successful thanks to our talented staff, amazing alumni, volunteers, sponsors, and speakers. They serve on hundreds of boards, oversee thousands of employees, manage millions of dollars, and play an active role in governing the state. We thank all of Leadership New Mexico's supporters for their continued commitment to our organization and our state.

We hope you enjoy the program this evening. It is an excellent time to reunite with your classmates, participate in the silent auction, honor the award recipients, meet new friends, and enjoy your dinner and the entertainment.

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate! We hope your evening is filled with fun and inspiration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Harrington', written in a cursive style.

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Thank you to all of our generous supporters. Without your support and the outstanding leaders who graduate each year, Leadership New Mexico would not be the organization it is today. We ask for your continued involvement; whether it is through a Lifetime Membership, Alumni Program membership, speaking at a session, volunteering your time on a committee, or making a donation, we appreciate your generosity, and thank you!

Schedule of Events

5:30 pm
Reception

6:30 pm
Welcome, Dinner, Award Presentation

Master of Ceremonies

Phil Casaus

Leadership New Mexico Past Chairman of the Board

9:00 pm
Sponsor Reception

Distinguished Alumnus Award

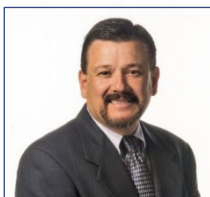
Joe Lujan
Core Class 2004

Distinguished Leadership Award

Fred E. Mondragon



2022 Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient



Joe Lujan

President of Commercial Lines for

HUB Southwest Albuquerque

Core Class of 2004

Joe is President of Commercial Lines for HUB Southwest Albuquerque Office. He was born and raised in New Mexico, is active in the community, and is deeply invested in improving New Mexico's education system. Joe is a graduate and proud supporter of New Mexico State University, where he continues his service to the university as a member of the Business Council. He is also a founding member of Excellent Schools of New Mexico, and a board member of NewMexicoKidsCAN. Joe has been an integral part of Leadership New Mexico since 2004, serving as both Chair and board member. The son of Edward Lujan, a former Distinguished Leadership Award recipient, Joe generously offers his time to mentor anyone who asks for help to get their career started. Joe and his wife Dee have two sons; Josh and Jake, both working at HUB, and following in Joe's footsteps with their involvement in Leadership New Mexico and well as other community programs. The family enjoys spending time together at Conchas Lake.

2022 Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient



Fred E. Mondragon

Honorary Consul for Spain and

Founder & Owner of Mondragon International

Fred was born in Anton Chico, New Mexico. He is the founder and owner of Mondragon International, providing consultation to small businesses, government, and healthcare agencies. Fred has 50+ years of experience in the public and private sectors. He served 3 terms in the New Mexico Legislature, was a member of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, and was Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee. He also served as the Science Advisor to the Governor of New Mexico; as Founding Chair of the Science & Technology Commission and is co-founder of Co-op Catalyst of New Mexico. He was a founding member of the National Institute of Flamenco and serves on several non-profit boards. He also serves as Chair of the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation. He was appointed Honorary Consul for New Mexico by the Spanish Government. Fred and his wife Connie enjoy cultural activities, gardening, travel, and time with their 7 children and 19 grandchildren.

The Distinguished Leadership Award was established to recognize an individual or individuals who have helped improve the quality of life for New Mexico citizens and future generations by using his or her leadership abilities, knowledge, and resources.

About Our Programs

Core Program

The Core Program provides established leaders from all parts of New Mexico an in-depth, nonpartisan 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.

Connect New Mexico

The Next Generation of Leadership

Connect New Mexico 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 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.

Local Government Leadership Program

The Local Government Leadership Program prepares local officials to undertake their civic responsibility with a passion for effective and ethical public service. The 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 encourage leaders to turn their knowledge into action.

Alumni Program

The Alumni Program continues the Leadership New Mexico experience long after the initial program 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.

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