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**AWARDS
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Welcome from the Chairman of the Board



Brian Freeman

Core Class of 2017
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Dear Graduates, Friends, and Guests,

Good evening and welcome to our 28th Annual Awards Dinner. We are celebrating 28 years of Leadership New Mexico and we gather tonight to honor four outstanding New Mexican leaders: Peter Trevisani, Dale Armstrong (Core Class 2020), Missi Currier (Connect Class 2019), Gregory D. Martin (LGLP Class 2015 & Core Class 2023), 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 entertainment.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Thank you to all 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 again.

Schedule of Events

- 5:30 pm - Check-In
6:00 pm – Reception & Silent Auction
7:00 pm – Dinner & Welcome
8:00 pm – Awards Program
8:30 pm Dance with Son Como Son
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Distinguished Alumnus Award

Peter Trevisani
President & Chief Executive Officer
NM United Soccer

Distinguished Leadership Award

Dale Armstrong (*Core Class 2020*)
President & Chief Executive Officer
TLC Plumbing, HVAC & Electric

Rising Star

Missi Currier (*Connect Class 2019*)
President & CEO
NM Oil & Gas Association

Excellence in Local Government

Gregory D. Martin (*LGLP Class 2015 & Core Class 2023*)
Los Lunas Village Administrator

2023 Distinguished Leader Award Recipient



Peter Trevisani
President & Chief Executive Officer
NM United Soccer

A graduate of Boston College, and Columbia University, Peter Trevisani is the first Club President, CEO, and majority owner of New Mexico United. He is motivated by a commitment to community, a love of competition, and a concrete belief that soccer can pave the path to meaningful growth in the state of New Mexico.

Born just outside of Boston, MA, sometime between the Boston Tea Party and Tom Brady being drafted, Peter attended Boston College where he played the other kind of football: American Football. After graduating, and attempting to go pro in Italy, he spent three years building personal computers for small businesses in Boston before trading his floppy drive in for a calculator and embarking on the path of finance. It started with an MBA from Columbia University and finished 16 years later in Santa Fe, NM, where he was a Partner at Thornburg Investment Management.

After leaving Thornburg in 2015, Peter wrote down 5 things that he loved, besides his family. One was immersive theater. His passion for immersive theater led to an early investment and advisory work with the Santa Fe art collective, Meow Wolf. Another was health and fitness. This inspired “Project 47” a self-induced fitness challenge where Peter worked out for 47 days in a row, but each workout involved a different fitness discipline. This challenge led Peter to some familiar workouts such as CrossFit and mountain biking, but it also found him in some less comfortable environments, such as a water aerobics class and playing dodgeball with the 6th grade class at his son’s school.

Peter also listed the word “Community.” It was this single word that inspired him to lead a group of like-minded individuals who shared his vision to inspire and elevate fellow New Mexicans. The medium for this change and inspiration...soccer. Peter sees this team as a vehicle for community engagement and the catalyst for systemic change. The club will compete at an elite level, with the foundational goals of winning the USL and Open Cup, but beyond that, it will overtly, and positively improve the self-worth of this beautiful state.



2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient



Dale Armstrong
Core Class 2020
President & Chief Executive Officer
TLC Plumbing, HVAC & Electrical

Raised in rural western New Mexico, graduated from San Juan College in 1984. Worked in the plumbing trade while attending SJC and continued working in plumbing until 1987. In 1987, Dale started TLC Plumbing & Utility. Over the past 32 years, Dale has grown the business from a one-man shop into a thriving company that employs over 580 people that live and work in New Mexico.

He and his wife, Gail Armstrong, have been married for 38 years and raised their four children in the rural town of Magdalena, New Mexico where their family was heavily involved with 4H, athletics, and their family ranch.

As a native New Mexican and a member of the trades, Dale was able to get a front-row seat at understanding and addressing the needs of the community he was servicing. Honoring a commitment to provide quality services as well as listening with genuine concern to the customers' interests, Dale developed company values based on honesty, hard work, respect, compassion, and consistency. Because of Dale's approach to employee satisfaction and customer service, TLC has earned a reputation as an excellent place for employment and as an acclaimed service provider.



2023 Rising Star Award Recipient



Missi Currier

Connect Class 2019
President & CEO
NM Oil & Gas Association

Missi Currier is a proven governmental affairs, community development, and strategic communications professional in New Mexico. As the President & CEO of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Missi's passion and understanding of the state's political climate allows her to engage with leadership throughout the state championing energy, tax, regulatory, and economic diversification issues. Missi has worked with Cambiar Consulting, a governmental affairs firm, and has served as the President and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County, working to recruit, retain and diversify economic-based industries to southeast New Mexico. She worked as a community and local government relations professional for XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, and Nuclear Waste Partnership, the former managing and operating partner of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Her career has allowed her to focus on a multitude of topics concentrated on moving communities and relationships forward in positive, enriching ways. She remains actively involved throughout the state and her alma mater through service and membership to the New Mexico Partnership, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Eddy County, Leadership New Mexico, the New Mexico Amigos, and the Texas Tech Alumni Association. Missi earned a Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science, and Bachelor of Science in agricultural communications from Texas Tech University.



2023 Excellence in Government Award Recipient



Gregory D. Martin

LGLP Class 2015 & Core Class 2023
Los Lunas Village Administrator

Gregory D. Martin has been the village administrator of Los Lunas, New Mexico, since April 2012. Before moving to New Mexico, Gregory served in various local government positions, including city manager of St. Johns, Arizona, assistant town manager of Strasburg, Virginia, and assistant city manager of Monticello, Utah. He began his city management career as an intern with the city manager's office in Greenville, Texas, followed by another internship with the county manager's office in Johnson County (Olathe), Kansas, and as a management analyst with the City of Houston, Texas. He holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish Translation and a master's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He has been a Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM) with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) since April 2016, of which he has been a member since 2000. He has been a member of the New Mexico City Management Association (NMCMA), a subsection of the New Mexico Municipal League (NMML), since 2012, serving as its president from 2021-2022. Gregory is a 2015 graduate of Leadership New Mexico's Local Government Leadership Program and a 2023 graduate of Leadership New Mexico's Core Program.

In addition to his role as village administrator, Gregory also serves as clerk/treasurer of Los Lunas, is a member of the board of directors of the Valencia County Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC or E-911 Regional Dispatch Center) and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Los Lunas.

Outside of work, Gregory enjoys spending time with his cherished family, reading, traveling, playing sports, and other games and activities.



About Our Leadership 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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