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Spring 2015

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Core Class of 2010  
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Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We are gearing up for our Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament at Sandia Resort and Casino on May 1 - 2, 2015. If you have not registered for these events, reserve your spot as soon as possible, the early bird registration ends April 3.

We are proud to announce our 2015 Distinguished Leadership and Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients, **Doug Brown** and **T. Greg Merrion**, Core Class of 1998. They will be honored at the dinner for their accomplishments and contributions to their community and the state.

This year's Connect Program wrapped up with graduation on February 6 in Roswell. For the past five years, the Roswell community's hospitality has helped make this program session one of the most memorable of the year.

The first session of the 2015 Local Government Leadership Program took place March 5 - 7 in Santa Fe. The group bonded during their initial team building exercise and discussed issues such as education, healthcare, and taxes. The second and final session will take place April 15 - 17 in Albuquerque.

The Core Program participants finished their fourth Education session in Hobbs on March 26-28. The participants have two more sessions; Environment & Natural Resources in Farmington, and Government, Crime & Justice, and Leadership in Taos.

We have alumni tours planned for the summer, so please take a moment to make sure you are up to date on your dues or consider becoming a Lifetime Member. As always, Lifetime Members are encouraged to bring a guest to alumni tours and other events. More information on the exclusive benefits of Lifetime Memberships can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you for investing your time and resources in Leadership New Mexico. We wouldn't be successful without your support and involvement!

John Brown

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## 2015 Winter Issues Update

### 2001

**Jerean Camuñez Hutchinson**, Co-Owner of La Posada de Mesilla Restaurant, was recently appointed by Governor Martinez to the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University.

**Jennifer Thomas**, President of Bank of Albuquerque, was recently elected Chair of the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

### 2003

**Vi Florez**, Professor and PNM Education Endowed Chair of the University of New Mexico's College of Education, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Women's Council.

### 2005

**Wes Graham**, Chief Executive Officer with RE/MAX First Place Realtors; was recently elected Vice President for the Southwest District for the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

### 2008

**Jay Czar**, Executive Director of the New Mexico Finance Authority, was recently elected Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

**Liz Shipley**, Government Affairs Manager with Intel Corporation, was recently elected Chair-Elect for Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc.

**Tim Van Valen**, Shareholder and Former Managing Partner with the Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Law Firm, has joined the Gallagher & Kennedy Law firm as a shareholder.

### 2009

**Debra Hicks**, President of Pettigrew and Associates, was recently appointed by Governor Martinez to the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University.

### 2011

**Kamal Ali**, has been promoted by BBVA Compass from Albuquerque President to Chief Executive Officer of New Mexico.

The Winter Issues Update was held at the Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza on January 15-16, 2015. It was very successful with 102 alumni and guests from 16 communities registered for the program. The 2015 Core Class had the highest number of participants with eight members in attendance. Graduates from the following communities attended the program: Albuquerque, Bloomfield, Carlsbad, Corrales, Farmington, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Melrose, Milan, Rio Rancho, Roswell, Santa Fe, Springer, Taos and Denver, Colorado.

Five speakers informed the participants about important issues in New Mexico. David Abbey, Director of the Legislative Finance Committee, spoke about legislative budget and capital outlay issues. Secretary Hannah Skandera, Core Class of 2013, of the New Mexico Public Education Department, discussed issues in K-12 Education. Dr. Paul

Roth, Chancellor for Health Sciences and Chief Executive Officer of the University of New Mexico Health System, talked about healthcare reform in New Mexico. Dale Dekker, Founding Principal and Architect of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini spoke about economic development, jobs and job creation. The program ended with a discussion on "The State of the State" with Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham, Core Class of 2004 and U.S. Representative for New Mexico District 1.

Gerald Peters Gallery in Santa Fe hosted the reception for alumni and guests the evening prior to the Winter Issues Update. Approximately 80 people attended the reception. These events would not be possible without the continued support of our sponsors. The sponsors for this year's Winter Issues Updates were Joiner Construction/Joiner Plaza and the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association.



Debra Hicks, Core Class of 2009 and Lifetime Member; Bryn Davis, Core Class of 2010 and Lifetime Member; and Shelly Herbst, Core Class of 2013 and Lifetime Member.



Janice McCrary, Core Class of 2015 and Lifetime Member and husband Mike Rice.



Anthony Masciotra, Core Class of 2009; Dr. Paul Roth; and Doug Clark, Core Class of 2000 and Lifetime Member.



## Connect Class 2015 Graduation

### 2012

**Dennis Towne**, Executive Vice President of Bradbury Stamm Construction, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Associated General Contractors of New Mexico.

### 2013

**Lynn Haynes**, Heart and Vascular Surgery Line Director and Director of Operations with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, was named one of the “Women of Influence Honorees” in the Healthcare Category by the *Albuquerque Business First*.

**Shad James**, Executive Vice President for Jaynes Corporation, was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Associated General Contractors of New Mexico.

### 2014

**Adam Harrington**, Chief Financial Officer and Owner of HB Construction, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Mexico.

### 2015

**Rene Ennis**, Chief Financial Officer with TriCore Reference Laboratories, has taken the position of Vice President of Revenue Cycle Management with Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

**Mindy Koch**, Senior Facilities Manager with Intel Corporation, was named one of the “Women of Influence Honorees” in the Technology Category by the *Albuquerque Business First*.

**Phil Lucey**, Executive Director for the New Mexico Press Association, and his wife Christine, welcomed Keira Margaret on February 18 to their family. She weighed in at 5 lbs., 5 oz. Congratulations Phil and Christine!

**Dawn Tschabrun**, Chief Executive Officer at Lovelace Regional Hospital Roswell, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees for Eastern New Mexico University Roswell.

Congratulations to the Connect Class of 2015 which completed their final session in Roswell February 3-6, 2015. The session began with a tour of Dean Baldwin Painting followed by dinner hosted at the Roswell Art Museum. Participants learned about topics such as the structure and issues for municipalities and counties in New Mexico, the court system, the juvenile justice system, the protection and care of youth in the state, immigration, and ended with the effects of violence on the community. The session also focused on issues facing the K-12 and higher education systems. The class participants toured the Roswell UFO Museum, Leprino Cheese and Three Amigos Dairy.

On the final day of the program, the group went to the New Mexico Military Institute where Rick Geraci, Commandant of Cadets and Dean of Students, Core Class of 2012,

welcomed them. Phil Bryson, President of the On the Edge Productions, conducted group interaction and team building activities. The class was presented with a “march by” from the Corps of Cadets, the highlight of the day.

George Anderson, Connect Class of 2012 and 2014-2015 Chairman of the Leadership New Mexico Connect Curriculum Committee, along with Amanda Pierce, Connect Class of 2013 and Vice Chairman of the Connect Curriculum Committee, congratulated the Connect Program Class of 2015 during a graduation ceremony and dinner at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art. George and Amanda acknowledged the session sponsors of the program and the Connect Curriculum Committee for their continuing support of this program.



Connect Class of 2015 at their Graduation Ceremony at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art.



Connect Class of 2015 participants at the Three Amigos Dairy owned by Charlie Degroot, Core Class of 2007.



Phil Bryson, from On The Edge Productions, conducting team building activities for the class.

2014

**Charlotte Andrade**, Community Development Director and DWI Coordinator for Chaves County, has taken the position of Chief Deputy Treasurer for Chaves County.

## LNM Alumni Program

The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September, 2001. In the 19 Core Program, 12 Local Government Leadership Program, and 8 Connect New Mexico Program classes, over 1,200 participants from 82 communities have explored and experienced the issues facing our state.

The goal of the Alumni Program is to further the education and challenge the thinking and perspectives of graduates in a meaningful and dynamic way. In addition, by interacting with graduates from other classes, alumni continue to be exposed to a diversity of education, experiences and regional perspectives, as well as foster the professional and personal relationships that are one of the greatest assets of Leadership New Mexico. As a graduate of Leadership New Mexico, you have the capability to be a powerful voice for change in New Mexico.

### Alumni Program Benefits

- Receive invitations to “member only” alumni events and tours.
- Receive a discount to the Winter Issues Update, Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament.
- Receive an alumni gift when you pay your dues each year.
- Access to the online alumni directory, which provides alumni contact information and photos at a “member only” section of the Leadership New Mexico website.
- Know that your membership supports the vital ongoing work of Leadership New Mexico.

Become a member today and pay your alumni dues at: <http://leadershipnm.org/index.php/makeadonation/>

## Introducing the 2015 Local Government Leadership Program Class



**Elaine Allen**  
Commissioner  
Lincoln County



**Casey Arcidez**  
Detective  
City of Eunice Police Department



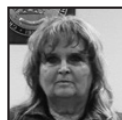
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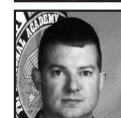
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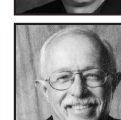
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# Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament

May 1 - 2, 2015

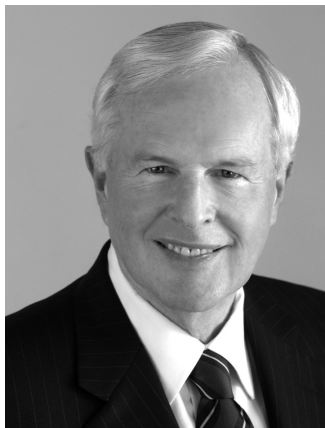
Sandia Resort & Casino and Sandia Golf Club

Please join us for our Annual Dinner and Golf Tournament on May 1 - 2 to celebrate and honor New Mexico leaders from across the state. The early bird deadline for dinner is April 3, so reserve your spot today. Call 505.398.1500, visit the "Events" tab on our website, or email leader@leadershipnm.org for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

Enclosed is a copy of the registration form or register online on our events page at [www.leadershipnm.org/index.php/events/](http://www.leadershipnm.org/index.php/events/)

## Congratulations to our 2015 Award Recipients!

### Distinguished Leadership Award



**Doug Brown**

Dean Emeritus

University of New Mexico  
Anderson School of Management

### Distinguished Alumnus Award



**T. Greg Merrion**

President

Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation  
Core Class of 1998

The Distinguished Leadership Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award recognize individuals who have used their leadership skills to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans. Please join us in congratulating the award recipients at our Annual Dinner at Sandia Resort & Casino on Friday, May 1, 2015.

The recipient of this year's Distinguished Leadership Award, **Doug Brown**, served as the Dean of the University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management for nearly six years. Previously he served as the New Mexico State Treasurer, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tuition Plan Consortium and Talbot Financial Consortium and Talbot Financial Services. He has 28 years of experience in banking and has served as a director for 14 for-profit companies. Brown was a director for Science and Technology Corporation and the Bank of the Rio Grande. He has generously served on 50 different boards and held 18 board presidencies. Brown is a past director of National Public Radio in Washington D.C. and past president of Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival.

The recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award, **T. Greg Merrion**, is the second generation president of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation in Farmington. As a petroleum engineer for over 30 years, he has guided his family-owned business through the volatility of the San Juan Basin. Merrion served as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner in Farmington, headed United Way fundraising drives, chaired the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association and the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico. He is a board member of San Juan Regional Medical Center and the San Juan College Foundation. Through the Merrion Family Foundation, he gives back to his community by supporting education, economic development, social services and serving in leadership roles.

## Endowment Fund

In 2009, Leadership New Mexico established an endowment fund.

The goal of the endowment fund is to generate a permanent source of income to offset administrative expenses, allowing us to focus our fundraising efforts exclusively on program expenses. The endowment fund also serves as a financial cushion against lean times and helps ensure that Leadership New Mexico's mission will be sustained in perpetuity. Gifts to Leadership New Mexico's endowment fund are fully tax-deductible.

If you would like to contribute to the endowment, you may purchase a Lifetime Membership, or make a tax-deductible contribution directly to Leadership New Mexico.

Currently, there are 149 Lifetime Members who have contributed to the endowment. It is not necessary to be a graduate of Leadership New Mexico to become a Lifetime Member.

### Lifetime Member Benefits

Receive all of the benefits of an annual dues paying member, plus those listed below:

- Invited to "Lifetime Member Only" events.
- Your spouse or guest may attend alumni "member only" tours and special events.
- Receive priority seating at the Annual Dinner.
- Receive special recognition on the LNM website, in the annual Accomplishments Brochure, and other printed materials.
- Receive discounts to LNM alumni education programs and special events throughout the year.
- Receive the quarterly newsletter, *Leadership Link*, which will keep you informed of events, recent happenings with alumni, and other developments.
- Receive a unique Lifetime Membership etched glass business card holder.
- Know that 100% of your Lifetime Membership will be applied to the Endowment Fund.

### New Lifetime Members\*

**Shad James**, Core Class of 2013

**Beverly Idsinga**, Core Class of 2014

**LeAnna Fresquez**, Connect Class of 2015



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## Upcoming Dates & Events

**April 15 - 17, 2015**

**Local Government Session II  
Albuquerque**

**April 24, 2015**

**Lifetime Member Tour  
(Details Coming Soon)**

**May 1, 2015**

**Annual Dinner  
Albuquerque**

**May 2, 2015**

**Annual Golf Tournament  
Albuquerque**

**May 14 - 16, 2015**

**Core Program Session  
Farmington**

**June 10 - 12, 2015**

**Core Program Session  
Taos**

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