FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Española, NM - The New Mexico Public Education Department has awarded $400,000 to Northern’s College of Education for the preparation of American Indian educators (i.e., teachers, counselors, principals) to serve in NM public schools. The award may be renewed for up to three additional years.

Northern will use these funds to develop and implement the P’oe program, which aims to recruit, educate and place highly qualified American Indian educators in communities with high American Indian student populations throughout the state of NM. The project was developed in close consultation with neighboring school districts, as well as Northern’s American Indian Center, the Eight Northern Pueblos and New Mexico Public Schools. Scholarships and stipends will be available to students enrolled in the program, as well as student support services such as mentorship, tutoring, and individual educational planning.

According to Dr. Matthew Martinez, Director of the Northern Pueblos Institute, “in Tewa P’oe signifies a pathway and it is with this spirit where the strength of traditional communities travels between the past and present, and continues expanding opportunities and resources. The goal of this initiative is that we continue to recruit and train American Indian teachers and leaders.”

“Northern is the right choice for a program like this because of our strong collaborations between the Northern Pueblo Institute and the College of Education, our culturally-relevant and diverse
programming, and our region’s rich culture and central location to surrounding tribes and pueblos,” Co-Project Manager and College of Education Professor, Dr. Regina Robbins, said”. The majority of school districts with high American Indian student enrollment surround the College. In 2013, 15 percent of the College’s teacher candidates were placed in these schools.

Initially, the grant will provide financial assistance for at least 15 Northern students to earn degrees or certifications in the College of Education. The P’oe program will enhance currently offered COE programs by developing culture-based curriculum in health education, early childhood education, and bilingual/TESOL education. The P’oe program will also provide the eight Northern pueblos and surrounding Northern New Mexico school districts and communities with outreach services and culturally-relevant professional development.

Currently, New Mexico Public Schools employ only 2.7 percent American Indian Teachers but have a 12 percent American Indian Student Enrollment. The main goal of the award is to address the need for trained educators who are equipped to successfully support American Indian students’ success. The educator training model developed as part of the project will eventually be available to all twenty-two American Indian tribes and pueblos throughout New Mexico.

Dr. Joaquin S. Vilá, Dean of the College of Education at Northern, noted that, “this award is a significant step towards addressing the academic needs of American Indian children throughout the state of New Mexico. The impact on the availability and qualifications of teachers and school administrators who serve this population will likely continue beyond the conclusion of the project. Northern’s faculty and staff will endeavor to adhere to the university’s vision to offer the children of New Mexico the highest quality education that will support them as they grow to become competent, caring, and contributing members of society.”

Northern’s College of Education has been delivering Pre-K-12 teacher preparation programs since 2005 and students have a 99 percent pass rate for NM Teacher Assessment leading to licensure.

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PBS to air New Mexico Produced Documentary

*A Thousand Voices*

Silver Bullet Productions, a nonprofit educational film company in Santa Fe, is extremely proud to announce that PBS will air their latest documentary, *A Thousand Voices*, on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM local New Mexican time.

From the proverb, “It takes a thousand voices to tell a single story,” the voices of strong tribal women mingle, leading us through the history of Spanish, Mexican, and United States invasions of the American Southwest. Past the era of boarding schools, the reaffirmation of the beauty, strength and vigor sustains the culture and languages of New Mexican tribes today.

The feature-length film, *A Thousand Voices*, focuses on women who carry forth the collective memory, traditions and beliefs of their ancestral families, clans and tribal communities. Each woman tells a story deeply rooted to her culture... and the “thousand voices” that precede her. This eye-opening film shatters stereotypes and features interviews with women from the Navajo Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Kiowa Tribe, Pueblo de Cochiti, Ohkay Owingeh, and Pueblos of Acoma, Laguna, Jemez, Santo Domingo, Pojoaque, Santa Clara, Taos, Nambe, and San Ildefonso.

*A Thousand Voices* is based on a treatment by Conroy Chino (Acoma), written by Maura Dhu Studi, directed by David Aubrey, and narrated by Irene Bedard, Innuipiat and Malnuit. Producer Pamela Pierce, Co Producer Matthew Martinez, Ohkay Owingeh, and Associate Producer Lisa Lucas formed the production team. “A Thousand Voices” was produced by Silver Bullet Productions.

Major funding for *A Thousand Voices* was provided by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.
Northern New Mexico College becomes University
For Immediate Release

Española, NM – The Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College officially changed the school’s name to Northern New Mexico University in a unanimous vote during their January 27, 2015 meeting.

The name change came as a recommendation from Northern’s Academic Affairs Committee and is effective immediately. The name does not constitute a change in the institution’s status or offerings.

“This name change is long overdue,” Northern Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Pedro Martinez said. “The term University reflects the depth and breadth of our academic offerings, and we are continuing to add more.”

Northern currently offers 13 bachelor’s programs and has expanded to offering post-baccalaureate opportunities via partnerships in recent years.

Northern President Nancy Barceló said that the name change would minimize confusion between the institution’s component colleges and the school as a whole. She said it would also help the institution to be regarded with equal status as sister schools such as Western New Mexico and New Mexico Highlands.

The Board of Regents has authority under state law to change the name of the school and must inform the Higher Learning Commission of the change. Legislation will also be introduced to ensure that all references to Northern New Mexico College in statute now refer to Northern New Mexico University.

The President and the Board indicated that the name change had been discussed for several years prior to this month’s decision.
Native Student Travel Fund!!!
Help AIS in their goal to attend the Native American & Indigenous Studies Association Conference in DC

The American Indian Student Organization (A.I.S.O.) is based out of the American Indian Center at Northern New Mexico University (formerly Northern New Mexico College). A.I.S.O. is an active student organization whose mission is to increase representation of American Indian students at Northern by creating an academic support network through culturally relevant activities that foster unity and celebrate tribal traditions. Our student organization has been actively involved with sponsoring lectures and cultural activities that are geared toward sharing our American Indian perspectives. Our AIS students come from a variety of tribes with majors in areas such as Education, Business and Pueblo Indian Studies.

We are raising funds to support student travel to attend the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association conference to be held at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. in June 2015. This travel experience will provide our students to visit one of the world’s most unique museums and diverse collections of its kind. We are excited to have the opportunity to attend the NAISA conference to learn more about the histories and cultures of indigenous peoples.

Many of our students have never had the opportunity to travel outside New Mexico. We value the opportunity to learn about our nation’s history and participate in an international academic conference.

Thank you for supporting the opportunity to continue our educational pathways. Any amount helps to meet our travel costs and your donation is greatly appreciated!

You can donate at: gofundme.com/northernaiso
Native Student Travel Fund!!!

Show your support by going to this link
GoFundMe.com/northernaiso
Come grow with us this Spring!

Our hours of availability are:

- Monday: 10am - 8pm
- Tuesday: 10am - 8pm
- Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
- Thursday: 10am - 8pm

For questions, or to fill out a customer service survey please contact Shaun Cooke @ 747 - 2226 or Scooke@NNMC.edu. Customer service surveys are available on our blackboard page.

All Tutoring will take place in the Student Success Center (SSC) until Feb. 20th. After Feb. 20th tutoring will move to HT 130.
THE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Valentine’s Chocolate-Covered Fruit Sale

Thursday, February 12, 2015
10am - 3pm
Next to Northern Student Lounge
CALLING ALL STUDENTS!
The Writing Center is open, with extended hours on Fridays

At the Writing Center you can:

- Get FREE Tutoring in half hour sessions
- Work on one of our computers
- Print up to ten pages a day FREE

Call 747-2294 to make a tutoring appointment or drop in and make one. Telephone tutoring is also available. Just make an appointment, send in your paper an hour or two before the time, and call 747-2294 at the scheduled time.

Do tell us what area you would like to concentrate on in your session, such as grammar, clarity, structure, citations, etc.

This semester we are open from 10 am to 6 pm on Mondays through Thursdays.

We’re open from 10 am to 4 pm on Fridays.

We are in 129 AD, on the lower level of the Administration Building.

Come see us! We look forward to working with you.
APPLY NOW for FALL 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS @Northern New Mexico University

Scholarships are available for students in all disciplines, including Nursing, Environmental Science, Education, Engineering, Business, and Cosmetology. Current students and students who plan to attend Northern in Fall 2015 and register for at least 6 credit hours are eligible to apply.*

Apply Now! Deadline is 5 pm, March 27, 2015

*View the application, instructions, and complete eligibility requirements online at www.nnm.edu. Go to Students → Scholarships → Northern Foundation Scholarships. For more info: Visit the Financial Aid Office in AD 278, call 505 747-2128 or email viviane@nnm.edu

Northern New Mexico University Foundation
FERURAY 14, 2015
ESPAÑOLA RISING DAY

A Time to Heal Our Youth; End the Violence!

On June 8, 2014, Victor Villalpando, a 16 year old rising star of Española was shot and killed by an Española Police Officer. This shocking incident not only shows the mounting disregard for male youth of color in this country, but is a terrorist act against women, as their children are being taken from them by senseless and violent means. On Española Rising Day, we will join in revolution with communities all over the world to speak out against violence towards women, and to help our community heal from the tragic loss of one of its children.

Sponsored by:

Four Bridges Traveling Permaculture Institute, Northern NM College, Tewa Women United, MalinaCo Nursing Consultants, ENIPC Inc., Peacekeepers, Siete de Norte, Rio Arriba County, Local Collaborative 18, ENIPC Circle of Life Behavioral Health Network, Nambe Pueblo Domestic Violence Prevention Program

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- 10:00 am - March for Justice for Victor Villalpando (begins at Park & Ride)
- 11:00 am Rally at the Hunter Ford Building
- 12:00 noon – Pot Luck at the Plaza Gazebo
- 1:00 to 4:00 pm Performances at La Mission Convento:
  - Street Dancing
  - Drumming
  - Live Music
  - Art Contest
  - Poetry Slam
- 2nd Annual Recycled Trashyn Show by La Tierra Montessori Students
ART CONTEST & POETRY SLAM!

WHEN
February 14th 2015
Noon to 4:00 pm

WHERE
Espanola Mission Convento
Mission Convento - 1 Calle De Las Espanolas, Espanola, NM

Theme: “A time to heal our youth, end the violence!”
Contact; Lorraine Gray, 518-332-3156,
fourbridges@live.com, www.4bridges.org

ALL MEDIUMS
Call or email for drop off locations, or drop off the day of the contest by 11:00 am.

ALL POETRY
& art winners will be published in a booklet for future distribution!

SPONSORS
Four Bridges Traveling Permaculture Institute,
MalinalCo Nursing Consultants, Northern NM College, Town Women United,
EMIPC Inc., Peacekeepers

1ST, 2ND, 3RD & BEST OF SHOW PRIZES
Categories; ages 0-9, 10-15, & 16+
Northern Intramurals
Spring 2015 Schedule

Volleyball Intramurals
Mondays, 7 – 9 pm. Pick-up volleyball begins on Feb. 2, 7 – 9 pm.

Soccer Intramurals Men’s & Women’s Leagues
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm. Pick-up soccer is currently on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm.

Basketball Intramurals
Wednesdays, 7 – 9 pm & Saturdays, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Season begins February 16, 2015
Teams & individuals may sign up
at the Eagles Memorial Gymnasium

For more info: Richard Sedillo, 747-2285 or sediolo3@nnmc.edu
Pro Music Clinic

John Rangel
Pro Music Clinic on February 6 at 11:00AM @
Northern New Mexico College
Nick Salazar Center for the Arts (Little Theatre)

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Work Ethic
Time Management
Communication
Recording Technology
Music Business

Joy of Playing
&
Success in the Business of Music
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February 2015

All Conference Tournament @ Northern
American Indian Center

Our Mission

Our mission is to create and implement a safe and empowering learning environment that prepares native students to contribute to the well-being of themselves and that of their respective communities. We are here to provide students with access to safe spaces to succeed in their environments.

Visit: American Indian Center