FALL CONVOCATION

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Kiva Auditorium

Albuquerque Convention Center
Message from the Dean

To the Fall 2017 University of New Mexico School of Engineering Graduates

Welcome to the Fall 2017 University of New Mexico School of Engineering Convocation.

As dean, there is nothing more important to me than our students. Today is a special day because we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students.

I believe strongly in our students — the ones graduating today, our current students, and even the ones we are yet to attract. As someone who has taught, worked with, and advised countless students over the years, I know you can and will do great things with the education you have received here.

Students, you should feel good about all of your hard work, but certainly you did not get here alone. I also would like to recognize all of your “support staff”: family, friends, teachers, professors, classmates, colleagues, coworkers, and advisors. This day would not have been possible without their commitment.

As many of you know, I have a number of ambitious goals I would like to achieve as dean. First and foremost is attracting new students like you, as well as keeping in touch with our alumni so that they can see — and support — all of the great things going on in the School. I believe that our students and alumni are the best ambassadors we have to advertise all that we offer in the School of Engineering to prospective students, as well as industry partners and supporters. As recent alumni, you are key to the School’s success.

Graduates, we welcome you to the distinguished company of the School of Engineering alumni and wish you every success in your new lives.

Christos Christodoulou
Jim and Ellen King Dean
of Engineering and Computing
The laws of New Mexico provide for a Board of Regents which is responsible for the governance of the University of New Mexico. The Board’s power to govern the University includes fiduciary responsibility for the assets and programs of the University, establishment of goals and policies to guide the University, and oversight of the functioning of the University.

The Board is comprised of seven members who are appointed by the governor of New Mexico, with the consent of the Senate, for staggered terms of six years except for the student regent, who is appointed for a two-year term. The governor and the secretary of education are designated as ex-officio, non-voting members.

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Suzanne Quillen
Garrett Adcock, Student Regent

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Convocation Program

Processional

FACULTY MARSHAL
Robert Busch, Principal Lecturer, Nuclear Engineering

BANNER CARRIER
Anna Mae Apodoca, Mechanical Engineering

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC
“Pomp and Circumstance March Number 1,” Composed by Sir Edward Elgar
“Procession of the Nobles,” Composed by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Performed by The New Mexico Brass Quintet

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Charles B. Fleddermann, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Carol Adkins, Sandia National Laboratories, Chemical and Biological Engineering, ’81

STUDENT SPEAKERS
Estevan Martinez, B.S., Chemical and Biological Engineering, ’17
Cari Martinez, M.S., Computer Science, ’17

PRESENTATION OF BREECE AWARD
Presenter: Edl Schamiloglu, Associate Dean for Research
Awardee: Arthur Napolitano, Computer Science, ’17

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES
Charles B. Fleddermann, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

RECESSIONAL
Platform Party

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Julie Coonrod, Dean, Graduate Studies
Terry Babbitt, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION
Christos Christodoulou, Dean, School of Engineering
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Darko Stefanovic, Chair, Department of Computer Science
Michael Devetsikiotis, Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Yu-Lin Shen, Interim Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Anil Prinja, Chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering

FACULTY MARSHAL
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Keynote Speaker

Carol Adkins
Chemical and Biological Engineering, '81

Carol Adkins is director of the Energy Technologies and System Solutions Center at Sandia National Laboratories. Serving as the director of Sandia’s New Mexico Energy and Geoscience Center, Carol oversees solar, wind, hydro, grid, nuclear, and fossil energy programs at the Labs for the Department of Energy.

She received her bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from UNM in 1981 and her Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1987.

She has served in a variety of roles at Sandia, including in supercritical carbon dioxide cleaning R&D, co-leading the Advanced Wafer Cleaning Project, and leading the CFC+3 replacement R&D from 1987-1996. In 1995, she received the Department of Energy IWP/OIT Technology Commercialization Award for her work in Supercritical Carbon Dioxide Cleaning. Carol has served as deputy director of the nuclear weapons science and technology strategic area and the principal program director for the Defense Security Program.

She served on the National Academies Board on Manufacturing, Engineering and Design from 2003-2006. In 2007, she served on the National Academies committee to assess the continuing need and value of the defense national stockpile, and the Panel on Manufacturing Engineering that assessed NIST’s Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory. She has mentored a number of undergraduate engineers at Caltech and supported women at Sandia as co-chair of the Sandia Women’s Action Network.

Carol is the chair of the UNM Chemical and Biological Engineering Advisory Board and the UNM deputy campus executive at Sandia. In addition, she was an author of the UNM-Sandia Strategic Alliance Memorandum of Understanding, signed by both institutions in July 2015. She received the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UNM School of Engineering and serves as a member of the School of Engineering Alumni Leadership Board. In 2017, she received the "Women Worth Watching in STEM" award by Profiles in Diversity Journal.
Student Speakers

Estevan Martinez

B.S., Chemical and Biological Engineering, ’17

It was his father, a mechanical engineer, who first sparked Estevan Martinez’ interest in becoming an engineer, but it was a positive experience in high school chemistry that got him interested in the field of chemical engineering.

The Española, New Mexico, native first considered attending another university in the state, but upon touring the UNM campus, he felt right at home and decided to study chemical engineering at UNM.

Estevan said the highlight of his time at UNM was the teamwork with his classmates.

“Our whole class started coming together, all hanging out and studying,” he said. “I especially remember attending my first conference for AIChE in San Francisco.”

For the last two years, he has been employed at Sandia National Laboratories and is planning on continuing his job there for a few years, then considering graduate school. In his spare time, he likes outdoor activities, such as fishing and camping.

His advice to students is: “Don’t be intimidated by your initial engineering classes. Stick with it, find your support system, and it starts to click.”

Cari Martinez

M.S., Computer Science, ’17

One could say that Cari Martinez took the long way to UNM. A native of Philadelphia, she was the first person in her family to attend college, and earned a B.S. in math and music from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, in 2002.

After graduating, Cari stayed in Indiana for several years, working first as a faculty intern, piano teacher, and fencing coach at Culver Military Academy before beginning a career in the title insurance industry. By the time she was 25, Cari — an only child — had lost both of her parents, and so set off on her own to explore the country and to embark upon a new career path.

After accepting a transfer to continue working full time in Albuquerque, Cari began taking computer science classes at UNM and fell in love with programming and computer science theory. She finally entered the master’s program in 2015 and worked as a research assistant with Professor Stephanie Forrest in the Adaptive Computation Laboratory.

Cari is currently a software engineer at Sandia National Laboratories and is continuing in the Ph.D. program in computer science. She is married and has an 8-year-old daughter and two stepsons, 16 and 17.

With a full life, time is precious to Cari, who says her advice to students is to “recognize that time is the most valuable thing you have. Make every second count.”
George E. Breece Award

The George E. Breece Award was established in 1921 to honor the UNM School of Engineering senior with the highest grade point average from each graduating class. The recipients of this award consistently have grade point averages higher than 4.0, reflecting a majority of A+ grades throughout their undergraduate courses.

Arthur Napolitano
Computer Science, ’17

Arthur Napolitano never intended to go into computer science. He first had aspirations of becoming a musician. The son of two math teachers, he always liked math and was a math major at UNM. A MATLAB class he took early on didn’t do much to change his mind.

“I didn’t like MATLAB, but I did well in the class,” he said.

It was his brother, also a math major, who convinced him to give the world of computer science another chance, talking frequently about coding. He eventually came around.

“I found computer science and programming more interesting than math,” he said.

Although he said he didn’t do well right away, Arthur found the atmosphere of UNM and the Department of Computer Science to be encouraging and inspirational.

He took a special interest in Java, and established a broad skillset in algorithms, database management, and many other topics.

A native of the Philippines, Arthur and family moved to New Mexico when he was a child. He attended high school in Española and was part of the MESA program in high school, which familiarized him with the universities in New Mexico. He chose UNM because he liked the urban location.

While a student, he enjoyed hanging out with his computer science classmates playing ping pong. He also worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory in the robotics area.

Graduating at age 20, Arthur is currently planning to go into industry, then would like to pursue a master’s degree.

In his spare time, he enjoys coding, watching movies, and playing video games.

His advice for incoming students is to “work your hardest and follow your heart.”
Convocation Traditions

Throughout their long and proud history, universities have retained and cherished strong ties to their ceremonial roots. When English universities were taking form in the 12th and 13th centuries, scholars were also clerics. They adopted robes similar to those of their monastic orders. Caps were a necessity in the drafty buildings and copes, or capes with hoods attached, were needed for warmth.

School of Engineering Convocation

The School of Engineering Convocation pays tribute to the history and traditions of graduations throughout the ages. The bachelor's gown is red, has long sleeves, and is worn closed. The master's and doctor's gowns are black. The cap, originally round, is now a square mortarboard and is the same for all degrees. Caps are traditionally black with a long tassel fastened to the mid-point. The tassel is worn on the right side until the degree has been conferred; it is then worn on the left. The hood indicates the type of degree and the official color or colors of the university conferring the degree. For example, the color orange represents engineering, and that color is used on the velvet binding or edging of the hood. The official University of New Mexico colors are cherry and silver, so the hood is lined with silver gray with a chevron of cherry red.

The Convocation begins and ends with a colorful academic procession, led by a staff member carrying a banner in front of the School of Engineering degree candidates. The faculty marshal is usually selected from School of Engineering emeritus faculty, an honorary title for retired full-time faculty. The faculty marshal carries a mace or ceremonial staff and leads the platform party, composed of School of Engineering academic leadership, UNM regents and dignitaries, and convocation speakers.

The mace traces its origins to a medieval weapon and was later carried before kings and high church officials as a ceremonial emblem of authority. The UNM Engineering mace was designed by Dean Emeritus Joseph L. Cecchi and constructed in 2003 by engineering staff member Penn Davis.
School of Engineering History

Engineering instruction at The University of New Mexico has a rich tradition, beginning in 1906, with four-year programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, and mining Engineering. The first bachelor of science degree was awarded in June 1912. By 1916, enrollment was at 37 with two or three graduates each year. In 1947, the Department of Chemical Engineering was established, and in 1972 it expanded to the Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering. In 2014, the department became two: the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering and the Department of Nuclear Engineering. Computer science courses were initially offered in the mathematics department and in 1976, the Department of Computer Science was established. With the addition of computer engineering to the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1979, the present-day complement of academic departments was in place.

This fall, the UNM School of Engineering enrolled over 2,100 students in 10 undergraduate degree programs and nearly 800 students in more than a dozen graduate degree programs. These degrees are offered through the School’s six academic departments and, increasingly, through interdisciplinary and interdepartmental programs. Research is integrated into each degree program in an environment that fosters teamwork, cultural and intellectual diversity, a strong sense of public responsibility, and lifelong learning. An exceptionally active research faculty work in critical and cutting-edge areas, collaborating within UNM and with other universities, the national laboratories, and industry to develop innovative solutions for societal challenges.
Degrees Awarded

Order of Presentation

Department of Mechanical Engineering
Department of Nuclear Engineering
Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering
Department of Civil Engineering
Department of Computer Science
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Nanoscience and Microsystems
Optical Science and Engineering

STUDENT HONORS RECOGNITION

Undergraduates graduating with the cum laude distinction (symbolized by a ✪ by their name) are graduating “with praise,” meaning they have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.74.

Undergraduates graduating with the magna cum laude distinction (symbolized by a ✪✪ by their name) are graduating “with great praise,” meaning they have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 to 3.89.

Undergraduates graduating with the summa cum laude distinction (symbolized by a ✪✪✪ by their name) are graduating “with highest praise,” meaning they have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.90 and above.

“Graduating with Distinction” (symbolized by a † by the student’s name) recognizes the exceptional performance of students who graduate with a master’s or doctor of philosophy degree. The status is determined at the time of the final examination through agreement of the examining committee members, with final approval given by the department chair.
Mechanical Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Logan J. Aragon, Cameron C. Gillen, Alfonso C. Ponce
Lehman R. Barr, Nicole S. Graham, James M. Romero
Brendan P. Behm, Rallin M. Harris, Skyler M. Sherman
Aaron A. Bolivar, Arvin D. Johnson, Ryan M. Sims
Zacharie T. Brenden, Chase Kayser, Aaron M. Solano
Justin R. Brooks, William J. Keys, Louis P. Tkach
Hans C. Brummerstedt, Paxton R. Lammey, Jonathan A. Ungaro
Shamiso O. Chirenda, Andrez M. Leyva, Zachary M. Wedgeworth
Giuliana M. Davis, Thomas A. Liparoto, Nathan R. Wemple
Trenton J. Dean, Jaylene Martinez, Sean P. Willey
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MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGINEERING

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Shelby M. Fellows
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Chase E. Stearnes

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Michael A. Wolcott  
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Nanoscience and Microsystems Engineering

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In the News
School of Engineering headlines from 2017

January
Christodoulou selected as next dean of School of Engineering
VEX robots will compete Feb. 4 at NM
National Academy of Sciences grant for land research for railroad bridge safety
Symposium offers opportunities for UNM-LANL collaborations

February
UNM engineering student joins ranks of the elite
NSF CAREER recipient to investigate reactivity of uranium mine wastes in Native communities
UNM professor uses game theory to explore best response to cyber attacks
$7 million Air Force contract to fund next-generation satellite electronics

March
UNM awarded NSF ADVANCE grant to create institutional transformation across STEM fields
LANL donation adding to UNM supercomputing power

April
School of Engineering celebrates outstanding students, faculty and staff
Engineering research focuses on bringing efficiency to network processes
Engineering grad one of new crop of Fulbright Scholars
Civil engineering student awarded fellowship
Chi among UNM scientists selected for 2017 Women in STEM awards
Breaking Math: inspiring a community to embrace STEM
Engineering-led team wins UNM Business Plan Competition
Engineering students among those to receive NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

May
UNM awarded $1.6 million NSF grant to extend microsystems education
UNM partners with NASA for national robotics competition

June
Lee Receives ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
High-schoolers build sensors, test them at Sandia crest
International institute brings researchers to UNM for summer

July
New ECE professor selected as a ‘Rising Star’
UNM scientist pursues ultrafast laser technology to increase network speeds tenfold
High-schoolers complete SMILab Summer Camp at UNM

August
Nuclear Engineering receives $2 million in grants from Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
School of Engineering to honor 7 at Distinguished Alumni Award event
Heinrich visits School of Engineering directed energy labs

September
Tapia receives international award for computing research
NSF fellowship to help UNM researcher advance fuel cell technology
Arsenic and algae: finding sustainable water purification systems
UNM partners with NSF, Purdue on new engineering research center
NSF projects to take a holistic look at water quality

October
CARC helps UNM race car team’s need for speed
Civil engineering Ph.D. candidate receives $200,000 grant from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
School of Engineering Open House attracts hundreds

November
Engineering student places first at Shared Knowledge Conference
Engineering student leads winning team at NASA’s FSAE competition
Engineering professor receives IEEE Particle Accelerator Science and Technology Award

December
Solar Splash 2018 needs your support
2 engineering students named scholars by Great Minds in STEM
School of Engineering programs reaccredited
UNM student creates first augmented-reality app that visualizes atoms
Southwest ECE chairs meet at UNM

See more news at engineering.unm.edu
Congratulations and Welcome!

Congratulations, graduates! Now that you have graduated, you are automatically a member of the UNM Alumni Association. There are no dues. Visit the UNM Alumni Association website for information and a complete listing of benefits at http://www.unmalumni.com.

We also welcome you to the School of Engineering alumni family. The UNM School of Engineering strives to keep you connected to the School in the most convenient way possible. As you move forward, please keep us informed regarding address changes, career moves, and significant events in your life. If you are interested in collaborating on an activity to engage fellow alums, let us know. Please contact us at engineeringalumni@unm.edu.
Guidelines for Graduates and Guests

Cooperation Requested
Family members and guests are encouraged to take photos of the ceremony and the graduates. While taking photos, please be courteous and respectful of the students leaving the stage. The audience may not enter the stage area at any time during the program.

Commencement Photographer
Gradimages will take candid photographs of all graduates at their special moment of recognition. Graduates will receive a free proof of this photo via email and regular mail within 5 to 7 days following the ceremony. You may place orders or obtain answers to questions at the GradImages website for graduate photos, www.gradimages.com or by calling 1-800-261-2576

Diplomas
The Office of the University Registrar will mail diplomas (unless the student has specified that it be held for pickup) after grades have been received and recorded, which is usually in mid-February for fall graduates. Diploma-related questions should be directed to the UNM Office of the Registrar at 505-277-8900 or by email to degrees@unm.edu.