Message from the Dean

TO THE SPRING 2016 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING GRADUATES

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the Spring 2016 University of New Mexico School of Engineering Convocation.

Today we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students. This memorable day is the culmination of all of your hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

We also salute all those who supported you: family, friends, teachers, classmates, colleagues, coworkers, counselors, and advisors. This day could not have been made possible without their commitment. Thank you for participating in their lives and sharing in their accomplishments.

Since its founding in 1906, the UNM School of Engineering has focused on applying knowledge to solve the world’s grand challenges. As our world has changed, the School has also expanded its mission to focus on becoming a powerful engine of economic and social development, fostering innovative ideas and technologies to better society.

You have learned from some of the best in the field, and now it is your turn to apply the knowledge and experience you gained during your studies for the good of the state, nation, and world. We are eager to watch your careers flourish, and we hope that you will always be part of our academic family.

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

Joseph L. Cecchi
Dean, UNM School of Engineering
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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Edward D. Graham Jr., Professor Emeritus, Electrical and Computer Engineering

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Nicole Bingham, Department of Civil 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

GREETINGS
Joseph L. Cecchi, Dean, School of Engineering

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Randy Velarde, B.S., Chemical Engineering, ’81

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Awardees: Wesley Hutchins, B.S., Computer Engineering, ’16
Travis Jensen, B.S., Chemical and Biological Engineering, ’16

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES
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RECESSIONAL
Platform Party

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Randy Velarde
Chemical Engineering, ‘81

Randy Velarde grew up in Albuquerque and followed in the footsteps of his older brother, choosing the University of New Mexico to study chemical engineering. But rather than begin his career as an engineer, Velarde chose a different – and less obvious – route.

“It was a high time for the petroleum industry when I graduated in the spring of 1981,” Velarde said. “I had many job offers, most for an engineering position and one working on the commercial side; I chose the commercial job offer from Shell Chemical in Houston.”

For the first few years, he worked for Shell in Cleveland, where he held a position in sales. After earning an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, he was transferred to Houston by Shell and held various positions in marketing, business planning, and product management of what are known as the “downstream” products of oil – petrochemicals that are made from petroleum and natural gas. Such petrochemicals are used to make a wide variety of products used in the housing, automotive and construction industries.

In 1990, Velarde joined Texaco Chemical as a business manager. Four years later, he made the big decision to form The Plaza Group, a specialty marketing firm focused on marketing refinery and petrochemical products produced at Texaco refineries as Texaco Chemical’s assets were being sold to Huntsman. Within a few years, The Plaza Group became the exclusive distributor of the chemical products produced at these facilities under a long-term contract. Today, the company has sales agreements with many of the industry’s leading petrochemical producers, including Dow Chemical, Shell, Goodyear Chemical, Total, Versalis, Husky, Mitsui, and Alon Refining, among others.

The Plaza Group remains in growth mode, as it continues to build its reputation as a multi-million dollar international chemical marketing firm. The Plaza Group was ranked among the top 15 North America Chemical Distribution Leaders, the Top 50 Chemical Distributors and one of the 50 largest private companies in Houston.

Among his many career achievements, Velarde was appointed by former Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson to serve on the National Petroleum Council, and has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by both Hispanic Business magazine and the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Velarde continues to visit the UNM campus several times a year, especially in connection with his role as a board member of the UNM Foundation.

“My UNM Engineering degree provided me with a set of skills to approach challenges of all kinds, which has helped me tremendously in business and in life,” he said. “I enjoy the connection I have with UNM and what I have received, and I look forward to giving back.”
Melissa Mills was inspired to become a civil engineer while participating in the School of Engineering’s freshman summer bridge program. It was there she was exposed to different engineering disciplines and found that civil engineering provided the most extensive opportunity.

After earning her undergraduate degree in civil engineering from UNM, Melissa stayed on in the department for her master’s, mostly because of the strong student-faculty interaction and support she received, including working with Professor John Stormont. In 2011, she was selected as the outstanding pre-major sophomore in the School, and in 2014, she received a fellowship through the Department of Energy Nuclear Energy University Program to conduct research on the consolidation of granular salt to be used in geologic repositories for nuclear waste disposal.

The lifelong Albuquerque resident also had a great opportunity for real-life experience working as a student intern at Sandia National Laboratories for the last five years. After graduation, she is planning on continuing at Sandia, working in nuclear waste research and disposal. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, skiing, playing softball, and being outdoors.

Christopher DeGraw
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, ’16

To say Christopher DeGraw took a slightly different path to becoming an engineer would be an understatement. The Connecticut native earned both his bachelor’s in music education and a master’s in musicology (from Ithaca College and the University of Limerick in Ireland, respectively), then was an elementary and middle school band teacher in Connecticut and Las Vegas, Nevada, for nearly a decade before deciding to attend UNM to pursue a mechanical engineering degree at age 33.

He said he always had twin interests in music and engineering, and just happened to choose music first, but a variety of factors caused him to change course. He calls music “just as hard” as engineering. He still enjoys music as a hobby, including singing and playing a variety of instruments.

While a student, Christopher has kept busy, working in rocketry at Sandia National Laboratories while also working as a tutor and teaching assistant at UNM.

In the fall, he will be heading to Georgia Tech to earn a master’s degree in aerospace, planning to return to his position at Sandia afterward. His wife, Mary Louise, is a former orchestra teacher who is pursuing a chemical engineering degree at UNM.

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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.

Wesley Hutchins

Computer Engineering, ‘16

For Albuquerque native Wesley Hutchins, UNM was a natural choice, and the Presidential Scholarship he received made it a very “good deal” financially, he said.

While a student, Wesley said he had a lot of fun times, both in class and out of class. He especially enjoyed classes taught by Joel Castellanos in computer science — vector graphics and the design of large projects. During his time at UNM, Wesley held part-time positions at UNM’s COSMIAC as well as Sandia National Laboratories. When not studying, he enjoys hiking and racquetball.

In June, Wesley will start a new adventure, beginning a job at Google in Mountain View, California, where he will be working on the “next billion users” project, which focuses on bringing the Internet to people in Third World countries. He said a recruiter from Google contacted him after hearing that he had been selected as the School of Engineering’s Outstanding Junior in Electrical and Computer Engineering the year before.

Travis Jensen

Chemical and Biological Engineering, ‘16

Travis Jensen hadn’t thought much about his future plans in high school, but going into work every day at 5 a.m. at a local grocery cutting fruit for pre-made fruit cups made him think a little harder about how he wanted to spend his life. That’s when he decided to pursue a degree in biochemistry, but later switched to chemical engineering because he felt it was more applicable to real-life problems.

Although he says earning an engineering degree was more work than he thought it would be, he said all the effort was worth it. In his spare time, he enjoys biking and backpacking, hobbies he will be able to continue this fall, when he will begin at the University of Colorado – Boulder, where he will pursue a Ph.D. in chemical and biological engineering. He said he plans on eventually becoming a university professor.
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 twelfth and thirteenth 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 Joseph L. Cecchi and constructed in 2003 by engineering staff member Penn Davis.
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. 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 spring, the UNM School of Engineering enrolled over 2,300 students in nine undergraduate degree programs and over 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 Civil Engineering
Department of Computer Science
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Department of Nuclear Engineering
Department of Chemical and Biological 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.
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We pay tribute to our alumni who graduated 50 years ago, our Golden Graduates. We honor their lifelong connection to the UNM School of Engineering and extend a warm welcome to those Golden Graduates who are able to join us today.

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