Message from the Dean

To the spring 2020 University of New Mexico School of Engineering graduates

This semester has taken us all by surprise. Due to circumstances none of us could have ever imagined, our celebration of graduation — one of my favorite events both as a dean and as a faculty member — is not taking place in person. No shaking hands of graduates or hugging family members or hooding our graduate students. No handing over diplomas. And no large, gleeful celebrations afterward. However, just because we are not celebrating in person the graduating class of spring 2020, we are celebrating nonetheless. Indeed, there is just as much — and even more — to celebrate this spring.

Although it is heartbreaking for students who have worked hard for many years to reach this point — expecting to be recognized in person in the presence of fellow classmates, faculty, family and friends — to not get their time to shine is difficult for all of us to come to grips with. But rest assured that in no way does that diminish your accomplishments.

Our world is much different today than it was at the beginning of the semester, and certainly different than when you began your degrees. The world has always been in need of engineers to solve so many challenges we have been facing, including cybersecurity, water resources, energy, national defense and so much more. And now we add "global pandemic" to the top of that list.

And while we are still in the midst of fighting this latest challenge, I am proud to say that engineers — both here and around the world — are coming to the forefront with solutions. Many of our faculty and students, including many graduating this semester, have been part of our various efforts to help provide personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer to those on the front lines, using their skills of design, 3D printing, programming, computer science and chemistry — the engineering skills students are taught in the School every day — to solve challenges. There couldn’t be a more relevant — and hopeful — skillset to walk away with into this ever-evolving world. When the news is bleak and it seems like no hope is to be found, I remember this: Engineers are the hope for the future. Go forth and save the world!

As always, 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
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Convocation Program

STUDENT SPEAKERS
Lauren Crabtree, B.S., Nuclear Engineering, ’20
Vanessa Job, M.S., Computer Science, ’20

BREECE AWARD
Awardee: Duncan Madden, Electrical and Computer Engineering, ’20

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Lauren Crabtree grew up like many other girls, knowing that she could be anything she wanted to be, whether that was a doctor, a ballerina or an astronaut. But her career ambitions became a little more focused in her sophomore chemistry class in high school when she first learned about nuclear reactors and radioactive decay.

Always good in math and science, the Albuquerque native soon became fascinated with nuclear engineering.

“I eventually did some more research, learned about nuclear engineering and New Mexico’s nuclear history, and it seemed like the perfect fit for me for a profession,” she said. “I felt that choosing engineering would allow me to best apply my talents and skills to improve our world.”

While a student at UNM, Lauren has kept busy honing her professional and leadership skills. In the summer of 2018, she had an internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory for chemistry, coal industry byproducts research, and nuclear forensics. In the 2018-19 school year, she was a research assistance in the Department of Nuclear Engineering’s thermal-hydraulics lab with Amir Ali, and in the summer of 2019, she had an internship at Los Alamos for nuclear nonproliferation and safeguards research. Additionally, this school year she was a research assistant in Adam Hecht in the nuclear radiation detection lab.

Lauren has served in the American Nuclear Society (ANS) as president and is now a member-at-large. She also was involved with the International Nuclear Materials Management, the Society of Women Engineers, oSTEM, and Tau Beta Pi. She also helped organize the new nuclear engineering summer camp for high school students that had been planned for this summer and is co-chair of the ANS Student Conference Bid Committee.

She said her favorite memories during her time as a student were participating in various student activities, especially attending the American Nuclear Society Student Conference in Richmond, Va.

Her hobbies include scrapbooking, planning her day planner, coloring, doing creative makeup looks, and hanging out with her friends. She also has a large collection of stickers and washi tape (Japanese decorative tape) that she enjoys cultivating. She also likes to help her father restore classic Ford Mustangs.

In the fall, she is planning to pursue her Ph.D. in nuclear engineering at UNM, researching nuclear security and nonproliferation in partnership with Sandia National Laboratories.
Vanessa Job came to UNM with some extensive experience in computer science, but she was eager to learn even more. Living about 50 miles to the north, she tried one course at UNM, a big data course with Trilce Estrada, and she was hooked. Soon afterward, she decided to enroll as a graduate student. She is originally from rural Indiana, but lived in five other states before ending up in New Mexico.

She began her academic journey at Emory University, where she earned both a bachelor’s degree in computer science and mathematics and a master’s degree in computer science, both in the 1980s. She then moved on to the University of Illinois to earn her first Ph.D., this one in mathematics.

After earning her degree, she held a variety of jobs, such as an associate professor of mathematics and computer science and department chair at Marymount University in Virginia and working in industry. She then left the workforce to homeschool her children. When this was done, she found that her skills needed updating, so she came to UNM. Since 2018, she has been a graduate research assistant at Ultrascale Systems Research Center in Santa Fe.

Having earned her degrees in the field a couple of decades ago, she feels that learning more about evolving and current topics like big data, machine learning and high-performance computing will help her build a better life for her children.

“I wanted to pursue a career where I could do interesting, well-paid work,” Vanessa said.

While a student, she was involved in the Women in Computer (WinC) group, where she served as secretary and “chief cookie purchaser.”

Vanessa said she enjoyed her computer science courses at UNM and has especially fond memories of Melanie Moses’ complex adaptive systems class.

“Jannatul (Milli) Ferdous, Brianna Mulligan, Nidia Vaquera and I designed and implemented a model to simulate how viruses move between populations of different species,” she said. “My colleagues were scary bright, kind, and funny. Our collaboration was magic.”

Although being a mother and a student doesn’t afford her a lot of spare time, Vanessa does enjoy gardening and reading.

“I’m not happy unless I’m in the middle of a couple books,” she said.

She plans to continue researching machine learning and finish up her Ph.D. by the time her daughter starts college.
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.

Duncan Madden

Electrical and Computer Engineering, '20

Albuquerque native Duncan Madden has lived here his entire life, so choosing to go to UNM was a natural choice.

He had two older brothers who were already attending UNM when he was a senior in high school. He also liked the affordability and amount of opportunities that the School provided.

The fact that he eventually chose to study engineering was no surprise. He was torn between physics, math and computer science, but instead chose a separate yet related area of study.

“I see electrical engineering as an applied intersection of those three fields, so it was a great major to work with everything that I am interested in,” he said.

Although Duncan always excelled in all of his classes, some were tougher than others. He said that the hardest for him was materials and devices and Electronics II.

While a student, he was a member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), president of Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society and president of Alpha Tau Omega (ATO).

He said his favorite memory as a student the time that he spent studying with other students.

“Especially around exams, it was really bonding to spend two, three, four days with the same people preparing for the same challenge,” he said.

Other fond memories include attending various campus and extracurricular events outdoors in the spring, like fiestas, Spring Storm or Greek Week.

In his spare time, Duncan likes reading, running and hiking in the Foothills, lifting weights, going to concerts, and playing board games and video games.

He will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to begin a Ph.D. in applied electromagnetics and RF circuits.
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.

In spring 2020, the UNM School of Engineering enrolled over 1,900 undergraduate students and over 700 800 students. 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

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Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
Department of Computer Science
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Department of Nuclear Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Nanoscience and Microsystems Engineering
Optical Science and Engineering

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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.

Congratulations and Welcome!
**Convocation website**
GradImages will be putting together slides of graduates who submitted their photo for a special celebration website. The website will be linked from the School of Engineering’s graduation website, available later in May at https://graduation-engineering.unm.edu

**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. Diploma-related questions should be directed to the UNM Office of the Registrar at 505-277-8900 or by email to degrees@unm.edu.