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SANCHEZ NAMED WNMU EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

SILVER CITY, N.M. – Director of Maintenance, Henry Sanchez, was named the Western New Mexico University employee of the year.

“This is for my maintenance department, I give them the credit,” said Sanchez about his recognition.

Employed at WNMU for 24 years, Sanchez has moved his way up the Maintenance Department ladder from a custodian to being named head of the department in 2001.

Born in California, Sanchez has lived in Silver City most of his life and has been married to his wife Patsy for the last fifteen years. Together they have four children.

The news came to Sanchez as a surprise, not knowing he was named until the day of the commencement ceremony when WNMU President Dr. Counts told him personally.

Sanchez oversees a department of over 40 employees including custodians, groundskeepers, electricians, and other general maintenance positions.

The Staff Senate Standing Committee on Rewards and Recognition votes on which employee will be named employee of the year. Candidates are chosen from the twelve employees that were named employee of the month over the last academic year.

Past award recipients have included Sylvia Villegas, custodian; Kathryn “Cookie” Stolpe, Reference Technician; and Julia Biglin, Project Accountant.



Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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