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### **WNMU TO GRADUATE NEARLY 300 STUDENTS**

SILVER CITY, N.M. – School is finally over for nearly three hundred students at Western New Mexico, with only final exams in the way of graduation. The Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 16 at 6:00pm. At Old James Stadium, the outdoor ceremony will feature Keynote Speaker Christina Gonzales, former WNMU student and Board of Regents member, as well as Honorary Degree recipient Stephen R. Janos.

The Registrar's Office is reporting that 71 associate degrees, 138 bachelor degrees, three certificates, and 71 master degrees will be conferred.

Silver City residents earning an associate degree are Cody Ahlm, Shae Danielle Anderson, Kacy Belen Bencomo, Sean Callaway, Brandon L. Cameron, Efren Canas, Kinsey R. Cooper, KaDawn M. Evans, Renee Danielle Garcia, Eric Innocente Gonzalez, Jaelyn Marie Guillaume, Joyce Hart, Eugene Kirker, Andrea P. Kluth, Monica M. Lucero, Launi Miller, Richard O. Morones, Olga Munoz, Denise L. Ortega, Sara Carlota Quintanilla, James Read, Gladys P. Rivera, Fredina Iris Rogers, Veronica Roes Saldivar, Julie Turner, Johnathan Paul Vannatter, Ruben A. Vasquez Jr., Vernon P. Wacondo, Joni Wilson, Wren Winston, Roxanna Wright, Erika S. Zavala-Fierro, and Melanie Shareen Zumwalt.

Silver City residents earning a bachelor's degree are Aurora Carvallo Aguilar, Steve Ray Aguirre III, Spencer Allred, Debra D. Alvarado, Lawrence P. Aquino, Kimberly Carraso Barragan, Elaine M. Blancett, Jonathan W. Bowser, Alexis Lauren Brown, Emily Cammack, Mark Chavez, Nelson Diaz, Jill Hooper, Susan Lutzke, Kathy A. Madrid, Lisa Marchetti, Erica Ashli Martinez, Mark K. Martinez, Anna Marie McGovern, Amanda D. McKay, Amanda Maria McWilliams, Cynthia Moreno, Melinda S. Murray, Nathaniel Tyrone Ratliffe, Jean Roof, Jason John Sanchez, Albert J. Sandoval, Chris Schofield, Jennifer L. Shook, Wanda L. Snyder, Laura A. Tedford, Tierra K. Tellez, David E. Turreita, MARRISSA M. Vega-Moore, Danielle K. Walkup, George Allen Wertz, Wren Winston, Rebecca Ann Witler, Ciye Yniquez, Marie Elizabeth Zembas, and Mary Lorraine Zurich.

Earning a master degree from Silver City are Edward S. Alvarez, Heather Danielle Bird, Julio Augusto Burciaga, Gary Garcia, David V. Goeckel, Vidal Gonzalez, Susie Lucero, Judith A. Marrufo, Darlene J. Meza, Arturo Monje Jr., Tamara A. Ogilvie, Marques Reischl, Crescent Rodgers, Bartholomew J. Warren, and Grant J. Welker.

Bayard residents earning an associate degree are Guy G. Claypool IV, Antonia Gonzalez, Dana T. Herrera, Kyle Daniel Legarda, Tiffany D. MacDonald, Michelle Lorraine Moreno, Guadalupe Salas, and Vanessa Rene Sherman.

Bayard residents earning a bachelor's degree are Richard Adam Dalton, Adam Herrera, Ricardo Saenz Medrano, and Gale C. Sera.

Earning a master's degree from Bayard is Javier C. Salas.

Arenas Valley resident Melanie Zipin is earning an associate degree .

Tyrone residents earning bachelor's degrees are Arcenio McDonald and Sharleene Antonette Vega.

Earning a master degree from Tyrone are Jeffrey Barentine and Madelyn Sartor.

From Deming, earning an associate degree are Carole W. Almanza, Carissa Danielle Arenibas, Yvonne F. Baca, Idaly Barrera, Joshua Aaron Benningfield, Sergio Cadena, Maria M. Corral, Leslie Jimerson, Cherish Deanna DeVaney-Sweetser, Daniela Garcia, Anglea Austin Hess, Jesus Magana, and Bernice Jeanette Speir.

Deming residents earning a bachelor's degree are Charlene Ann Bruton, Angela H. Davalos, Vanessa N. Edwards, Ryan Hefley, Sandra L. Hudson, Melissa N. Jasso, Brenda Elizabeth Jimenez, Karen D. Lively, Grisel Melendez, Hector G. Mesta, Christine Baca Milo, Mary A. Ovalle, Dahlia M. Perez, Rosa Porras, Brenda Anne Ransone, Joyce S. Sainz, Charlotte E. Sandoval, Bon Simmons, Jessica Vinson, and Lisa Lynette Wycoff.

Earning a master degree from Deming are Suzanne L. Bernardi, Bernie Molina Chavez Jr., Eduardo Hernandez Jr., Amelia P. Montellano, and Toby D. Soderberg.

Santa Clara residents earning a bachelor's degree are Amanda Michelle Cardoza and Gabriel Medrano.

Cliff resident Joyce Nielsen is earning a master degree in elementary education.

From Columbus, residents Joel Amaya and Guadalupe Fernandez are earning associate degrees.

Albuquerque resident Jenna Harper is earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Gallup resident earning master degrees are Summer M. Brandon, Peter David Covitz, Maria Vivian Franco, Michelle Galaviz, Tera Lynn Gambill, Regina I. Huffman, Racheal Killgore, Megan Christine Kirwan-Spaulling, Ron Lugo, Cynthia Power Manning, Debra Lynn Moya, Amanda Sue O'Leary, Christine H. Economou Olson, Sean Michael Ottmer, Robert Gregory Salazar II, John Kenneth Spaulling, Rachael Victoria Stewart, Annashay Sutherland, Yvonne V. Unale, June Saulece Whiting, Donald L. Casuse Jr., Johnathan Coleman, Michele Renee Malone Horsley, and Nicole Shauna Laughing.

Earning a bachelor degree from Las Cruces are Jonathan M. Garza and Eva Hernandez.

Hanover residents earning degrees are Cheryl Leigh Head and Richelle Price.

Hurley residents earning associate degrees are Denise R. Andazola, Stevi Danielle Andazola, Rhonda D. Edwards, and Elaine G. Martinez. A bachelor degree and a master degree will be conferred to Emma Parra and Lourdes Huerta, respectively.

Earning a bachelor's degree from Lordsburg are Antonio Luis Maxwell and Roxanne Marie Saenz. Also from Lordsburg is Vanessa Lynn Ortiz-Avalos who will receive an associate degree.

Other New Mexico residents earning degrees are Juana Wendy Brown, Adrienne Cheromiah, Yvette L. Sanchez, Brandy Tillian, Lynda L. Spencer, Eugenia C. King, Nick Kuhn, Debbie Lynne Mowrer, Urian K. Maria, Darryl B. Badonie, James Alexander Leeper, Melissa Lynn Roop, Carrie Fry, Tamera S. Hutchison, Michael R. Bacon, Chris Passig, Rhiannon Jean Monette, Bryan B. Baca, Theresa Jessie Smith, Monica Montoya, Fernando Sanchez Jr., Freda D. Powers, and Whitney Vandenberg.

Arizona residents earning degrees are Tina Rose Bickford, Alexander Cantrell, Whitney A. Card, Stephanie Marie Cardona, David Leonord Clarkson III, Cecil Edward Conner, Christopher A. Cook, Jessica Cordova, Oswaldo Cortes, Michael Crevelone, Currey Wayne Donaldson, Pamela Jo Erickson, Calvin Taylor Fife, Danielle Rene Fischler, Gwendolyn Grant, Courtney Rae Heiser, MariaElena Jauregui, Kristen Lynne Kile, Heather Grace Marie Lentz, Tannesia Shanterra Manley, Candelaria Manygoats, Verna J. Marianito, John David Martin, Brenda C. McGrew, Aimee Montano, Kent T. Nelson, Loretta Notah-Ashley, Miguel Sandoval, Kristopher Todd Taylor, and Deborah Yescas.

Earning a bachelor's degree from California are Lateef Azziz, Tyrone O. Burwell, Thomas Gregory Herringshaw, DaJohn Lynyell Orange, Nwokedi Mbanugo, Emily L. Robinson, Harry Allen Smith, Jonathan Such, and Nathaniel David White.

Texas residents earning degrees are Alejandra Y. Candia, Daniel Chavez, Adrian Estrada, Janis Katrina Marquez, and Crystal Joyce Smith.

Colorado residents earning degrees are Fenell Dante Davis, Richard E. Deems III, and Sarah Katherine McClendon.

Pennsylvania resident earning a bachelor's degree is Eric Dwayne Henson.

Virginia resident earning a master degree is Craig S. Dodson.

Illinois residents earning degrees are Matthew Raidbard and Densville Saunders.

Utah resident earning a master degree is Jonathan R. Denney.

Hawaii resident earning a bachelor's degree is Meghan K. Watson.

Canadian citizens earning degrees are Greg Pool and Tiffnee Rae Wiens.

German citizen earning a bachelor's degree is Benedikt Domke.

Mexican citizen earning a bachelor's degree is Abraham Martinez.

Kenya citizen earning a degree is Janet Achieng Okiri.

For more information about WNMU, call the Admissions Office at 575-538-6000 or visit [www.wnmu.edu](http://www.wnmu.edu).

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