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TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS COMPLETE STUDENT-TEACHER EXPERIENCE

Silver City, NM – The School of Education graduated 22 student teachers at the fall commencement in December.

Prior to graduating, the education majors were placed in classrooms in Arizona and New Mexico from August through December. The teacher-candidates completed 680 clock hours in one semester. During the practice teaching experience, the teacher-candidates assumed all teaching duties, attended weekly seminars, and completed a professional portfolio.

By semester's end, the teacher-candidates designed and presented an action-learning unit, a five lesson inquiry-based project organized around an essential question and implemented in the classroom.

The graduates were placed at Western New Mexico University partner schools in Arizona and New Mexico.

Arizona

- Hayley Fox, Sahuarita Primary School

New Mexico

- Gary Allison, Cliff High School
- Michelle Alvarado, April Lopez and Cheryl Montes, Central Elementary
- Charlene Bruton, Bataan Elementary
- Amy Chacon and Brenda Padilla, Jose Barrios Elementary
- Maryanne Coppinger, Deming High School
- Scotty Crespín, Socorro High School
- Rosa Diaz, Columbus Elementary School
- Emmarie Flores, Harrison Schmitt Elementary
- Reina Garcia and Mercy Leyba, Cobre High School
- Melissa Nanez, Opportunity High School
- Carrie Ann Ramirez, R.V. Taylor Elementary School
- Holly Remondini, Memorial Elementary
- Aaron Swatzel, Aldo Leopold High School

- Latisha Zamora, Hatch Valley High School
- Nora Duarte, Elisha Owen, Lilliana Sanchez-Canos and Devin Stroman, G.W. Stout Elementary School



Pictured in back row from left to right are Devin Stroman, Elisa Owen, Carrie Ann Ramirez, Hayley Fox, Emmarie Flores, Reina Garcia, Melissa Nanez, April Lopez, Scotty Crespin and Aaron Swatzell. In front row are Holly Remondini, Michelle Alvarado, Maryanne Coppinger, Mercy Leyba, Amy Chacon, Cheryl Montes, Rosa Diaz and Nora Duarte. Not pictured are Latishia Zamora, Gary Allison, Charlene Bruton and Lilliana Sanchez-Canas.

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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