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GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ TO DELIVER KEYNOTE AT WNMU COMMENCEMENT

Silver City, NM – New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez will deliver the keynote address at Western New Mexico University’s commencement ceremony on May 13.

Governor Martinez became the first Latina governor in United States history when she was elected on November 2, 2010.

Martinez was the District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a position she held for 14 years.

In 2008, Heart Magazine named Martinez “Woman of the Year” for her dedication to children’s advocacy and her efforts to keep children safe. Martinez has twice been named New Mexico’s “Prosecutor of the Year.” She was also recently named 2011 Woman of the Year by Hispanic Business Magazine.

Born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, Martinez earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and later earned her law degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Scheduled for May 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Old James Stadium, the commencement will include the conferring of degrees and certificates to 285 students.



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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