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32 STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO WNMU SCHOOL OF NURSING

Silver City, NM – The School of Nursing has announced the acceptance of 32 students into the 2011-2012 Associate Degree Nursing program, the maximum amount it can accept. There were 24 students accepted at the main campus in Silver City and 8 students accepted at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center. Students will take theory classes together through Interactive Television and have clinical experiences in their local area.

Students admitted into the two-year program were selected because of high academic standing and experience. The 32 students will now enter a vigorous nationally accredited course of study involving classroom, laboratory, simulation, and clinical experience. Alternatives were also named.

WNMU offers an Associate Degree in Nursing through which graduates become Registered Nurses, as well as an RN to BSN program enabling Registered Nurses to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Both programs prepare Registered Nurses to safely meet the needs of consumers and providers and emphasize rural health, cultural competence and evolving models of health care delivery.

The pass rate for the New Mexico nursing licensure exam was 94.8 percent for WNMU's 2010 graduating class. Results for the 2011 graduating class are still pending. School of Nursing alumni currently work across the country in both professional and clinical nursing leadership positions.

The selected students included 24 from New Mexico, four from California, two from Arizona, one from Alaska, and one from Kenya. They are Aubri Allen, Nassrin Bates, Dorothea Beecroft, Randi Bevill, Sabrina Duran, Victoria Estrada, Elizabeth Even, Cassy Farrington, Shikiy Fenlon, Estrellita Gomez, Jamie Jameson, Stacy Jameson, Katie Jones, Sheilah Koskey, Amy Laughlin, Judy Macias, Nichole Montoya, Starr Moore, Lisa Munoz, Eva Negley, Brenda Portillo, Alec Powell, Yvonne Risch, Ann Marie Salaiz, Luis Sanchez, Raquel Sanchez, Arriel Smith, Maria Snyder, Sheila Teague, Shannon Van Ness, Kim Villalobos and Annette Wainman.



Pictured from left to right back row are Sheila Teague, Luis Sanchez, Nassrin Bates, Aubri Allen, Dorothea Beecroft, Raquel Sanchez, Katie Jones, Arriel Smith and Yvonne Risch. Pictured middle row are Nichole Montoya, Judy Macias, Alec Powell, Cassy Farrington, AnnMarie Salaiz, Shannon Van Ness, Eva Negley, Sabrina Duran, Stacy Jameson, Sheilah Koskey and Amy Laughlin. Pictured front row are Randi Bevill, Tori Estrada, Elizabeth Even, Jamie Jameson, Maria Snyder, Star Moore, Kim Villalobos, Lisa Munoz, Annette Wainman, Brenda Portillo and Estrellita Gomez.

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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