

Western New Mexico University



*2008 Fall
Commencement Convocation*

Friday, the Twelfth of December

Two Thousand Eight

7:00 PM

Fine Arts Center Theatre

Western New Mexico University

Silver City, New Mexico



Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez

Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez, life long resident of Grant County, graduated from Cobre High and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in business from Western New Mexico University.

Martinez served two terms as Council member for the City of Bayard before being elected Mayor. He was elected to his second term as Mayor of Bayard in 2006 of which he still serves.

In November of 2006, Martinez was elected to the Grant County Commission representing District 2. He gave up his commission seat after the death of State Representative Manny Herrera, as he was appointed to the Office of State Representative to serve out Herrera's term.

Martinez was elected in 2008 to serve a two year term in District 39. The citizens of Grant and Hidalgo Counties will be in the forefront of his mind as he works for the future of New Mexico.

Martinez serves on the following boards and committees:

1. Chino Federal Credit Union (Chair 10 yrs)
2. Southwest Solid Waste Authority
3. Grant County Central Dispatch (Chair)
4. Grant County Coalition for Economic Development
5. Town & Gown WNMU
6. Yucca Lodge Advisory Board
7. CEO Workforce Investment Act
8. Grant County Water Commission
9. Tri-City Land Fill Commission

Other:

1. Vietnam Veterans of America (Treasurer)
2. Life Member Chapter One Disabled American Veterans
3. Member IBEW Local 611

Martinez has been a volunteer for Bayard Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and first responder for many years.

The Silver City - Grant County Chamber of Commerce chose Martinez to receive the 2006 Annual Leadership Award for Community Action. As Mayor of Bayard, Martinez has worked effectively to bring communities together including Hurley, Bayard, Santa Clara, and Silver City promoting cooperation and economic development throughout Grant County.

Honors

Medallion

Baccalaureate students who are graduating with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are awarded a bronze medallion noting their academic achievement. The medallion worn by honors graduates during the commencement acknowledges the student's and the university's commitment to academic excellence.

Honor

Societies & Clubs

Cardinal Key National Honor Society
Red Letters on White Stole
Active Members ~ Gold Cord
Officers ~ Red Cord
Masters Students ~ White Cord

VICA (Vocational Industrial Club of America)
Associate ~ White Letters on Red Sash
Bachelor ~ White Letters on Red Sash with Gold Tassel

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)
Royal Blue Letters on Gold Stole
Officers ~ Royal Blue and Gold Cords

Society for Education in Politics (SEP)
Pink and Black Cords

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)
Red, White and Green Cords

Mathematics and Computer Science Club
Club Members ~ Black and Silver
Club Officers ~ Black/Silver/Gold

Phi Alpha (Social Work)
Blue and Gold Cords

Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences)
Gold Letters on Royal Blue Stole

Sigma Tau Delta (English Majors)
Honor Cords for Full Membership

Psi Chi (Psychology)
Blue and Gold Cords

Delta Mu Delta (Business Administration)
Purple and Gold Cords

Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
Red and Gold Cords

Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computing and Information)
All members ~ Maroon/White

Associated Students of Western New Mexico University
Silver Cords

Academic

Regalia

Academic Regalia date back to the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Scholars were members of religious orders, then guilds. The university was a guild of Masters of Arts, where the Bachelor was an apprentice to the Master. The first known statute governing academic dress appeared in 1321 at the University of Coimbra (Italy); in the United States the practice goes back to 1754 when King George II transplanted many regulations from Oxford and Cambridge to the newly chartered King's College (now Columbia University).

The principal features of the academic regalia are the cap, gown and hood. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by long pointed sleeves and is worn closed, while the master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has a long closed sleeve from which the forearm emerges through the slit near the elbow. The doctor's gown is faced with broad velvet panels and has full round sleeves, which bear three velvet bars. The square cap originated at Oxford in the sixteenth century and is the same for all degrees, with the tassel in black or in the color of the field of study; doctors are privileged to wear gold tassels.

Originally the hood was a tippet, a shoulder covering worn by medieval friars, which, during the fourteenth century, came to be used to cover the head. When caps were adopted in the fifteenth century, hoods became ornamental and were draped over the shoulders and down the back. Today, the length of the hood and the width of the velvet border that edges it vary with the degree, while the color of the border represents the field of learning. Examples are:

Apricot.....	Nursing
Blue (light)	Education
Blue (dark).....	Philosophy
Brown	Fine Arts
Drab.....	Business Commerce
Grey (silver)	Oratory
Green (sage)	Physical Education
Pink.....	Music
Purple	Law
Scarlet.....	Theology
White	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow (gold)	Science
Red	Communication
Yellow	Social Work
Orange	Engineering

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Linda McGee, Professor

Pre-Commencement Music

Symphony No. 3, Mvt 1, Allegro Energico Vitorio Giannini
Suite "William Byrd",

The Earl of Oxford's Marche Gordon Jacob

Crown Imperial William Walton

A Coronation March Fanfare and Allegro Clifton Williams

Order of Exercises

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance by Sir Edward Elgar

Convocation

Linda McGee, Professor

Faculty Marshal

Invocation

David Enegren

Baptist Student Union

Posting of Colors

New Mexico State Police Honor Guard

National Anthem

Performed by Kim Jensen

Welcome & Introduction of Guests

Dr. John E. Counts

Commencement Address

Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez

ASWNMU President

Joseph Stevenson

Response from Graduates

Laura Victoria Krol, Baccalaureate Speaker

Joseph C. Rael, Baccalaureate Speaker

Vicki Eve Evans, Master Speaker

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Emma Bailey

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. John E. Counts

Alumni Association Induction

Victor Carbajal

Grant County Alumni Chapter President-Elect

Benediction

David Enegren

Baptist Student Union

Retirement of Colors

New Mexico State Police Honor Guard

Closing

Linda McGee, Professor

Recessional

Fanfare and Recessional

James Ployhar

***To respect the graduates the audience is to remain seated
throughout the recessional.***

Note: Those who wish to take pictures during the ceremony are requested to do so from the area reserved for this purpose. Picture takers, please do not block the path of the graduates to or from the stage.

Thank You.

Associate Candidates

Jocelyn Renee Salas Arellano
Bayard, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Daniel Arrey
Silver City, NM
AAS Drafting & Design Technology

Allison Bateman
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Lynna M. Benavides
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ernesto Adrian Carrillo
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Carlos Castañon
Santa Clara, NM
AS Computer & Network Technology

Adrienne Cheromiah
Laguna, NM
AA Early Childhood Education & Family Support

Crystal Davila
Silver City, NM
AS Business & Office Technology

Raynese Rafaela De Los Reyes
Deming, NM
AS Business Administration

Robert S. Edens
Coweta, OK
AA Liberal Studies

Darin Finch
Cliff, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Joyce G. Ford
Hartley, TX
AA Liberal Studies

Robert Andrew Fraser
Hurley, NM
AAS Welding Technology

Rianna Jo Garcia
Hurley, NM
AA Early Childhood Education & Family Support

Salvador V. Gutierrez
Deming, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Monica M. Lucero
Silver City, NM
AA Early Childhood Education & Family Support

Velvet Madrid
Silver City, NM
AS Business & Office Technology

Marlenny M^cNew
Silver City, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Misty J. Muñoz
Hurley, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Isabel Nevarez
Deming, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Nadia Nuñez
Santa Clara, NM
AA Graphic Design

April D. Olmos
Snowflake, AZ
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Victor James Ornelas
Phoenix, AZ
AA Liberal Studies

Thelma Annette Ortega
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Tabitha Perez
Las Cruces, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Jamie L. Quarrell
Las Cruces, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Carrie Ann Ramirez
Animas, NM
AA Early Childhood Education & Family Support

Donal Dimitri Rowlett
Truth or Consequence, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Shannon Salcedo
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Korrie K. Scott
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Kylene Skaggs
Cliff, NM
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Christina Sotelo
Deming, NM
AA Educational Assistant

Bernice Jeanette Speir
Deming, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Dawna M. Stephan
Silver City, NM
AA Graphic Design

Alexandra Stevens
Douglas, AZ
AS Occupational Therapy Assistant

Baccalaureate Candidates

Reyna Aleidy Acosta*
Deming, NM
BA Secondary Education

Gabriel Kyle Anderson
Luna, NM
BS Forest Wildlife

Rebecca C. Anderson
Silver City, NM
BA Sociology

Rebecca Lee Anderson*
Silver City, NM
BS Music

Joy L. Barrett*
Silver City, NM
BS Psychology

Jaelyn Kelly-Rae Bartlett*
Silver City, NM
BSW Social Work

Matthew G. Baska
Hurley, NM
BS Psychology

Holley L. Berkley*
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Rebekah Ann Berve*
Farmington, NM
BS Biology/English

Shay L. Biebelle
San Lorenzo, NM
BS Elementary Education

Bruce Andrew Blue Jr.
Rochester, NY
BGS General Studies

Daniel J. Camarena
Deming, NM
BAS Operations Management & Supervision

Eric Camarillo
Signal Hill, CA
BAS Criminal Justice

Benny Castillo*
Bayard, NM
BBA Business Management

Rafael Santiago Catay*
Silver City, NM
BBA Business Management

Jody Clark
El Paso, TX
BS Secondary Education/Mathematics

Cherell V. Cooper*
Bayard, NM
BS Elementary Education

Michael Dalton
Silver City, NM
BS Mathematics/Computer Science

Melissa K DeLaGarza
Lordsburg, NM
BAS General Studies

Amanda Elizabeth DeMerritt
Fair Oaks, CA
BS Psychology

Clayton J. Dowd
Scottsdale, AZ
BAS Operations Management & Supervision

Michael Epperson
Pinos Altos, NM
BS Forest Wildlife

Katie Ervin*
Silver City, NM
BBA Accounting
BS Operations Management & Supervision

Nikole Escarcega
Douglas, AZ
BAS Criminal Justice

Edward M. Flores
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Deanna Frost*
Silver City, NM
BSN Nursing

Gina Lou Goetz*
Truth or Consequence, NM
BS Elementary Education

Ellen Marie Gonzales
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Valerie M. Gonzales
Silver City, NM
BBA Accounting

Spring S. Granillo*
Deming, NM
BGS General Studies

Brianne Renee Grommon
Mesa, AZ
BBA Business Management

Randall G. Grothues*
Silver City, NM
BBA Management Information Systems

Leah J. Haymore*
St. David, AZ
BS Movement Sciences K-12

Michael A. Hernandez*
Deming, NM
BS Movement Sciences K-12

Roberta B. Hernandez
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Kristy Jo Herrington
Glendale, AZ
BS Secondary Education

Victoria Hill*
Silver City, NM
BBA Accounting

MariaElena Jauregui
Tucson, AZ
BS Psychology

Autumn Cole Kaiser
Silver City, NM
BS Zoology

Rachel Killough*
Silver City, NM
BBA Accounting

Laura Victoria Krol*
Deming, NM
BS Elementary Education

Cynthia L. Leach
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Jessica Lindgren
Silver City, NM
BS Movement Science-Kinesiology

Karen D. Lively
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Celia G. Lopez*
Arrey, NM
BA Elementary Education

Neomi Olivia Martinez- Parra
Lordsburg, NM
BA Secondary Education

Karen Tracy McGovern
Silver City, NM
BS Elementary Education

Melissa M^cKeown*
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Kevin L. Miller
Silver City, NM
BAS Operations Management & Supervision

Marcus A. Molina
Albuquerque, NM
BGS General Studies

Clyde Montes Jr.*
Arenas Valley, NM
BS Special Education

Jessica Leigh Montgomery
Silver City, NM
BS Elementary Education

Lindsay M. Morrison
Rio Rancho, NM
BS Movement Science-Kinesiology

Jacquelyn L. Murray
Sierra Vista, AZ
BS Medical Technology

Sarah E. Nelson*
Silver City, NM
BA Elementary Education

Nadia Nuñez
Santa Clara, NM
BA Art

John Henry Perryman Jr.
Tucson, AZ
BAS Criminal Justice

MikaJo Beck Polomski
Silver City, NM
BAS Operations Management & Supervision

Joseph C. Rael*
Reserve, NM
BA Secondary Education

Torey L. Reese
Silver City, NM
BAS Operations Management & Supervision
BBA Accounting

Jacqueline Elizabeth Rico
Mimbres, NM
BA English

Kelly Suzanne Scott
Silver City, NM
BS Kinesiology

Steven P. Sedillos
Bayard, NM
BAS General Studies

Luke Sheldon
Portland, OR
BS Biology

Delia Abalos Sherman
Silver City, NM
BSW Social Work

Amy Simonton
Silver City, NM
BS Zoology

Carl Smith
Yahtahey, NM
BSW Social Work

Daniel A. Soliz*
Bayard, NM
BS Zoology/ Forest Wildlife

Laura Christine Spradlin
Safford, AZ
BAS Criminal Justice

Jennifer Rose Starkey
Harrison, AR
BS Special Education

Joe Sublasky*
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Genevieve Tafoya
Silver City, NM
BA Elementary Education

Michael L. Torres
Albuquerque, NM
BS Movement Science-Kinesiology

Jaime Trujillo
North Hollywood, CA
BS Mathematics

Francisco Estevan Valenzuela
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Deborah Renee Whipple*
Silver City, NM
BBA Management Information Systems

Marvin C. White
Silver City, NM
BS Cell & Molecular Biology

***Baccalaureate Degree candidates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above and are designated for honors.**

Master Candidates

Master of Arts

Tammy Jean Baumgardner
Gallup, NM
MA Counseling

Edward Allen Bennett III
Grand Canyon, AZ
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Suzanne L. Bernardi
Deming, NM
MA Counseling

Rayna Blanco
Silver City, NM
MA Counseling

Clark Douglas Boatwright
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Laura Cardenas Cabello
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Simona Patricia Picazarri Carrillo
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

David Glen Cochran
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Christina B. Ely
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Vicki Eve Evans
Truth or Consequence, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Rodora Lanelle Gray
Socorro, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Kristy Hays
Deming, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Etelvina Del Carmen Martell Hernández
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Racheal Killgore
Gallup, NM
MA Counseling

Brian Lesage
Flagstaff, AZ
MA Counseling

Veronica Iglesias Lucero
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Cynthia Power Manning
Gallup, NM
MA Counseling

Patricia M. Márquez
Arrey, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Gerardo Martinez Jr
Hurley, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Jesse A. Montes Jr.
Silver City, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Elizabeth Maria Narkon
Silver City, NM
MA Counseling

Katherine Pierson
Truth or Consequence, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Jacqueline Pope
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Tanya Jean Powell
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Erica M. Randolph
Silver City, NM
MA Counseling

Manuel Rodriguez
El Paso, TX
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Amanda Marquez Sanchez
Bayard, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Ruth O. Santamaria
Prescott Valley, AZ
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Mary Lou Saucedo
Santa Clara, NM
MA Counseling

Laura Stratton
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

María Del Carmen Ochoa Villegas
Cd Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Tiffany Whitehead Watson
Henderson, NV
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Master of Arts in Teaching

Norma Christine Bender
Silver City, NM
MAT Elementary Education

John D. Deneen
Gallup, NM
MAT Special Education

Rodgers P. Hagert, JR.
Las Cruces, NM
MAT Special Education

Rebekah Jeanne Ormand
Silver City, NM
MAT Elementary Education

Maria del Rosario Escareño Vela
Deming, NM
MAT Elementary Education

Master of Business Administration

Martha Grijalva-Padilla
Santa Clara, NM
MBA Business Administration