

Western New Mexico University



***2011 Fall
Commencement Convocation***

Friday, the Ninth of December

Two Thousand Eleven

2:00 PM

Fine Arts Center Theatre

Western New Mexico University

Silver City, New Mexico



Dr. Virginia (Palmer) Huegel

Dr. Virginia (Palmer) Huegel is a retiring Western New Mexico University full professor.

Dr. Huegel was born in Kansas City, MO. She graduated in 1967 from El Dorado Springs High School in El Dorado Springs, MO. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from the School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO (near Branson, MO) and her Master of Education and Ph.D. in Business Education from the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Dr. Huegel's professional career includes teaching at the University of Missouri (Columbia, MO), Saint Cloud State University (Saint Cloud, MN), Wayland Baptist University (Canon AFB satellite campus) and WNMU. During her 10 years at WNMU, she taught five years in the School of Applied Technology and five years in the Department of Math and Computer Science. Among her campus activities, you would see her hiking the "W", attending Homecoming, advising in the Academic Support Center, attending Great Race, cheering at sporting events, building relationships with all employees, and participating in all aspects of shared governance. She has served as the Faculty Senate President from 2009 to the present.

Dr. Huegel has worked 31 years at various businesses gaining practical work experience that she brings into her classroom lectures. While working in Joplin, MO she met Ralph Huegel. They just celebrated 30 years of marriage. They have two children, Rachel Lynn (a WNMU alumna) and Jacob Alan (currently serving full-time in the Arizona National Guard). They also have two grandchildren, Zoe Fayeth and Aidan Mathias.

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
- Millennium III Honors Program
Gold Letters on Purple Stole

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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Dr. Linda Baldwin, 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

Dr. Linda Baldwin
Faculty Marshal

Invocation

Rev. Earseye Ross
Brewer Hills Baptist Church

Color Guard

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 358

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Performed by
Ms. Esperanza Camunez & Ms. Edna Reyes
WNMU Students

Welcome & Introduction of Guests

Dr. Joseph D. Shepard

Commencement Address

Dr. Virginia (Palmer) Huegel

ASWNMU President

Mr. Jason Lucas

Response from Graduates
Carissa Schwalm, Baccalaureate Speaker
Susan Golightly, Master Speaker

Presentation of Candidates

Patrice Mutchnick

Conferral of Degrees

Dr. Joseph D. Shepard

Alumni Association Induction

Mrs. Terry Anderson
WNMU Director of Early Childhood Programs, (Retiring)
Alumni Hall of Fame Member

Benediction

Rev. Earseye Ross
Brewer Hills Baptist Church

Closing

Dr. Linda Baldwin, Professor

Recessional

Fanfare and Recessional
James Ployhar

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

Note: Picture takers, please do not block the path of the graduates to or from the stage.

Complimentary pictures of the graduates will be taken following the ceremony in the Parotti Recital Hall, next to the Fine Arts Center Theater.

Thank You.

**Undergraduate Certificate
Candidates**

Isaac Bauch
Silver City, NM
Law Enforcement

Alice M. Black
Silver City, NM
Law Enforcement

Alejandra I. Covarrubia
Deming, NM
Law Enforcement

Loren P. Gonzalez
Hurley, NM
Law Enforcement

Marcie A. Goodreau
Silver City, NM
Law Enforcement

Ariel Humberto Iturralde
Los Lunas, NM
Law Enforcement

Luis Miguel Lobato
Deming, NM
Law Enforcement

Joseph G. Marquez
Lordsburg, NM
Law Enforcement

Russell Martinez
Los Lunas, NM
Law Enforcement

Ector Mendoza
Los Lunas, NM
Law Enforcement

Clarissa B. Morgan
Vanderwagen, NM
Law Enforcement

Salvador A. Quintana
Hurley, NM
Law Enforcement

Amelia Rascon
Deming, NM
Early Childhood Education &
Family Support

Anita V. Rios
Silver City, NM
Early Childhood Education &
Family Support

Matthew C. Roufberg
Silver City, NM
Law Enforcement

James Anthony Salgado
Bayard, NM
Fast Track Welding Technology
Welding Technology

John Samuel
Lordsburg, NM
Law Enforcement

Jeremy Shirley
Gallup, NM
Law Enforcement

Joe A. Sierra
Bayard, NM
Law Enforcement

Michael D. Waldrop
Deming, NM
Law Enforcement

Levi Wrye
Truth or Consequence, NM
Law Enforcement

Associate Degree Candidates

Priscilla Arredondo
Hurley, NM
AS Business Administration

Yolanda Yvette Arzaga
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Emily Arzola
Silver City, NM
AA Early Childhood Education
& Family Support

Carol Ballard
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Tammy Rene Botello
Lordsburg, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Miriam Sonia Camacho
Deming, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Arlene Merino Camarena
Bayard, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Mei Zhang Chao
Deming, NM
AS Business Administration

Mary Frances Chavez
Tyrone, NM
AAS Welding Technology

Lillian M. Chavira
Bayard, NM
AA Early Childhood Education
& Family Support

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

Elicia Marie De La Torre
Mimbres, NM
AA Early Childhood Education
& Family Support

Stephany De Los Reyes
Deming, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Christina Endrizzi
Deming, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Jesse Aaron Gonzales
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Kalah Micah Harris
Silver City, NM
AA Early Childhood Education
& Family Support

Sharrina Louise Hawk
Silver City, NM
AA Early Childhood Education
& Family Support

Timothy J. Hernandez
Silver City, NM
AAS Computer Technology

Alberto Hinojosa
Tucson, AZ
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Jerica Huerta
Bayard, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Hilary N. James
Clint, TX
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

William Lara
Bayard, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Tanya F. Lawrence
Bayard, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Lynda L. Lee
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Ruben Joseph L. Lucero
Santa Clara, NM
AAS Electrical Technology

Genesis B. Martinez
Deming, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Larry T. Martinez
Bayard, NM
AAS Welding Technology

Jeremy M^cDonald
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Seth McWilliams
Silver City, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Marlene Medina
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Tiffany Samantha Mejia
Deming, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Simon S. Muñoz
Hurley, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Carroll Kimble Murphy
Silver City, NM
AAS Electrical Technology

Flor Najera
Deming, NM
AS Business Administration

David A. Nevarez
Deming, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

John H. Oakes
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Kristina M. Ozzello
Tyrone, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Kimberly N. Pacheco
Bayard, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Jo Ann G. Crumbly Passig
Carlsbad, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Melissa E. Peru
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Kelli Cherie Reynolds
Silver City, NM
AS Criminal Justice

Candice D. Roth
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

James Anthony Salgado
Bayard, NM
AAS Welding Technology

Esperanza R. Sanchez
Deming, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Kimberly Ann Searles
Tyrone, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Melissa Segovia-Hernandez
Albuquerque, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Daelynn Shiflett
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Sandra Stanley
Silver City, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Earl J. Steele
Las Vegas, NV
AAS Electrical Technology

Benjamin Bowie Tolley
Cliff, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Sonia C. Torres
Bayard, NM
AS Business Administration

Sylvia T. Trujillo
Bayard, NM
AA Graphic Design

Kristin Marianna Turner
Las Cruces, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Sylvia Ann Gutierrez Valerio
Santa Clara, NM
AS Occupational Therapy
Assistant

Diane Peña Vaughn
Farmington, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Nancy Diane White
Deming, NM
AA Liberal Studies

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Melissa Janett Acosta
Gila, NM
BA Spanish

Yair Banuelos*
Houston, TX
BA Kinesiology

Eric R. Botts
Silver City, NM
BS Kinesiology

Terence Terrell Brannic
Oceanside, CA
BS Kinesiology

Kevin Breaker Jr.
Stockton, CA
BS Kinesiology

Thelma Annette Brusuelas
Silver City, NM
BA Rehabilitation Services

Amber D. Butz*
Deming, NM
BS Psychology

Carolina Catherine Calzadillas
Deming, NM
BA History

Sergio Campos
Silver City, NM
BA Elementary Education

Nancy J. Castle*
Deming, NM
BGS General Studies

Lillian M. Chavira*
Bayard, NM
BS Early Childhood Education

Colton L. Cisco
Hatch, NM
BS Secondary Education

Christopher Collins
San Jose, CA
BS Sociology

Kimberly M. Crumbley
Bayard, NM
BAS General Business

Schalicia Rae Degase
Elephant Butte, NM
BSW Social Work

Jesse DouBrava*
Silver City, NM
BSN Nursing

Britteni Nicole Flamm*
Tyrone, NM
BS Kinesiology

Nicole Flores
Arrey, NM
BA Early Childhood Education

Ruthie Garza*
Lordsburg, NM
BS Early Childhood Education

Rosanne M. Gómez
Silver City, NM
BS Early Childhood Education

Cody W. Green
Silver City, NM
BS Secondary
Education/Mathematics

Carolina Grijalva-Zazueta
Bayard, NM
BBA Accounting

Erika Paige Grussendorf*
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice
BS Chemical Dependency

Vonda Harris
Cleveland, OH
BSW Social Work

Jack Holland
Tucson, AZ
BS Psychology

Laura A. Jimenez
Bayard, NM
BGS General Studies

Stacey J. Johnson
Albuquerque, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Hari Har Singh Khalsa
Silver City, NM
BS Kinesiology

Monica Louise Kie
Laguna, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Shawna Kuentler
Caballo, NM
BGS General Studies

Erik Anthony Lewis
Grants, NM
BBA Management Information
Systems

Mary Ann Lewis
Rockmart, GA
BS Special Education

Leann R. Littleton*
Silver City, NM
BS Mathematics

Eddie Lopez
Silver City, NM
BAS General Business

Elaine G. Martinez
Hurley, NM
BAS General Business

Wesley L. Mauia
Stockton, CA
BS Sociology

Jeremy M^cDonald
Silver City, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Anne J. Mendoza
Deming, NM
BS Secondary Education

Christopher Isaiah Miranda
Glendale, AZ
BS Kinesiology

Susan Deanna Montoya
Silver City, NM
BA Sociology

Shawmaree J. Motes
Silver City, NM
BBA Accounting

Marie-Alene Orival
Somerville, MA
BSW Social Work

Rene Jordan Ortega
El Paso, TX
BS Secondary
Education/Mathematics

James Ortiz Jr.
Silver City, NM
BS Chemical Dependency

Christopher J. Orton*
Silver City, NM
BS Cell & Molecular Biology

Sari S. Otero
Silver City, NM
BS Early Childhood Education

Neomi Olivia Martinez-Parra
Lordsburg, NM
BGS General Studies

Glynnis Jean Price
Albuquerque, NM
BBA Business Management

Ashley Vianney Rivero
Deming, NM
BGS General Studies

Kimberly Sue Roark*
Animas, NM
BS Elementary Education

Christina Ross
Silver City, NM
BSN Nursing

Flavio Rueda
El Paso, TX
BA Kinesiology

Carissa Ann Schwalm*
Las Cruces, NM
BS Movement Science-
Kinesiology

Patricia G. Shanks
Silver City, NM
BGS General Studies

Kortney R. Smith
Maricopa, AZ
BS Secondary
Education/Mathematics

Christopher Sneed
Marshall, TX
BBA Business Management

Kyleen C. Snyder
Deming, NM
BS Elementary Education

Devin Marcel Stewart
Tucson, AZ
BBA Business Management

Shay A. Thwaits
Silver City, NM
BGS General Studies

Shawna M. Toledo
Gallup, NM
BSW Social Work

Bill Lee Turner Jr.*
Tularosa, NM
BS Secondary Education

Maria Quezada Vallejo
Deming, NM
BAS Criminal Justice

Paulo Veltri
Mimbres, NM
BGS General Studies

Lisa Renee Wilson
Moriarity, NM
BA Rehabilitation Services

Margot J. Young
Silver City, NM
BSW Social Work

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

**Graduate Certificate
Candidates**

Bobbie J. Shack
Rio Rancho, NM
Secondary Education

Master Degree Candidates

Master of Arts

Camille Marie Amador
Hanover, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Alan Dwight Atchison
Sterrett, AL
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Deborah G. Berry
Tyrone, NM
MA Counseling

Gayle Renae Calloway
Cliff, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Mavis Chapman-Bennett
Plainfield, NJ
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Davena E. Crosley
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Nicholas Demetriou III
Riverview, FL
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Curtis E. Dinwiddie
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Laura P. Duran
Edinburg, TX
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Susan T. Golightly
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

John Lara
El Paso, TX
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Elizabeth Leiba
Plantation, FL
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Wesley T. Lindsay
Williamsburg, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Michelle Manfredi
Jefferson Hills, PA
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Sheila Rose Nez
Prewitt, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Sarah Nichols
Deming, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

**Wendi Shannon Kitting
Oliveira**
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Mary A. Ovalle
Deming, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Alicia M. Plante
APO, AE
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Belinda Meigs Rodgers
Carlsbad, CA
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Bobbie J. Shack
Rio Rancho, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Duane D. Trewern
Silver City, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Farryn Slaton Valderramos
Carrollton, GA
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Valentina Victoria Watson
Silver City, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Lucretia White Williams
Elizabeth City, NC
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Master of Arts in Teaching

Elsie Andazola
Silver City, NM
MAT Reading Education

Linda Tarry Brasier
Belen, NM
MAT Elementary Education

Amber L. Gardner
Safford, AZ
MAT Secondary Education

Bradford A. Lawson
Tuscon, AZ
MAT Secondary Education

Master of Business Administration

Steven Justin Reese

Silver City, NM
MBA Business Administration

Valerie Marie Gonzales

Silver City, NM
MBA Business Administration

Jesus I. Rodriguez

Silver City, NM
MBA Business Administration

Master of Occupational Therapy

JoLeene Boguslawski

Hobbs, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Rosarita K. Brady

San Patricio, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Raul (Rudy) L. Calderon

Artesia, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Mary Angela Cancino-Gallagher

Roswell, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

John L. Carnagey

Socorro, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

José Antonio Dávila

Ruidoso, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Kathy Esquivel

Albuquerque, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Fatima Gonzalez-Ray

Las Cruces, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Joseph F. Kirker

Las Cruces, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Yolanda E. Lopez

Dexter, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Karen Alicia Mestas Martinez

Las Cruces, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Melissa C. Maynes

Bayard, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Lydia Clark Seely

Grass Valley, CA
MOT Occupational Therapy

Crystal Joyce Smith

El Paso, TX
MOT Occupational Therapy

Faith Varela

Silver City, NM
MOT Occupational Therapy

Master of Social Work

Sarah Virginia Crawford

Gallup, NM
MSW Social Work

Juliet Sullivan

Monticello, NM
MSW Social Work

Marie Carmen Trujillo

Truth or Consequence, NM
MSW Social Work



Carissa Schwalm
Baccalaureate Speaker

Las Cruces native Carissa Schwalm is earning her Baccalaureate degree in Kinesiology. While at Western New Mexico University, Schwalm was a member of the Lady Mustang golf team. Schwalm has applied to several graduate schools and plans to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Her speech will focus on giving back to the community. Her favorite memories at WNMU include traveling with the golf team and visiting golf courses around the country. Aside from her golf experiences, Schwalm has been actively involved with the Kinesiology Club and the Christian Challenge.



Susan Golightly
Master Speaker

Susan Golightly is earning a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree. Her areas of focus are counseling and sociology. Golightly is a WNMU alumna, having earned a Bachelor's Degree in Academic Studies in 1992. Golightly grew up in San Diego prior to moving to Silver City. She previously owned the Silver City RV Park and her own realty brokerage. After a long break from college, Golightly returned to WNMU to earn a graduate degree. During her recent experience as a student, Golightly became involved with the local Volunteer Center. Her speech will focus on her vision for the local community's efforts with volunteerism. Post-graduation, Golightly plans to increase her travel and volunteer time. She credits her professors for her recent academic successes.