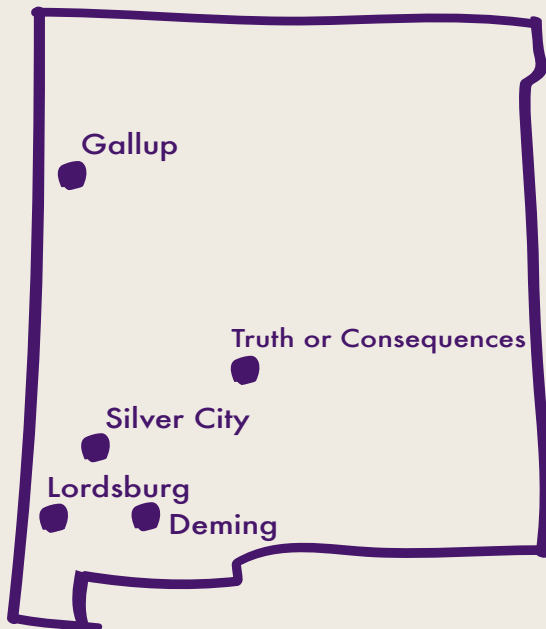


### WNMU campus sites



### WNMU Enrollment 3,400

Located in Silver City, Deming, Gallup, Lordsburg and Truth or Consequences; 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 serves a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

## WNMU Goals

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1. Provide the highest quality education at an affordable cost for all New Mexicans who want to make their lives better through education.
  2. Provide educational opportunities to retrain or enhance the skills of our work force.
  3. Create a university community that provides resources and access to all of those who call this place home.
  4. Positively transform our future together.
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# Western New Mexico University



## 2012 Legislative Agenda

## WNMU Capital Requests



**Priority:**  
**Swimming Pool & Facility**  
**Funds Required:**  
**\$1 million**

**Project Scope:**

The WNMU swimming pool has served as a resource for students and residents of Grant County for more than 40 years, but was drained and closed for repairs in May. The pool was losing up to 9,000 gallons of water per day. The pool facility requires improvements and upgrades to bring it up to code and restore it as a community asset. With the repairs and improvements completed, the pool will again be a venue for class instruction, community swimming lessons, party rentals and sporting events.

**Priority:**  
**Technology Upgrade**  
**Funds Required:**  
**\$800,000**



**Project Scope:**

With the requested funds, WNMU can finally serve our students with modern technologies. These funds will be used to replace our servers, upgrade our wireless infrastructure to allow students to have a secure and more efficient technology experience, purchase a disaster recovery system to backup files, and enhance security across campus to students accessing the internet.

**Priority:**  
**Museum Renovation**  
**Funds Required:**  
**\$2 million**

**Project Scope:**

The WNMU Museum needs renovation to accommodate the recent gift of the NAN Ranch Mimbres pottery collection. A collection that is without equal in terms of its academic research significance. Estimated between \$2 to \$4 million, the acquisition was one of the largest privately held Mimbres pottery collections. It will augment the existing Mimbres collections making the WNMU Museum the leader in our area; however, the WNMU Museum does not have controlled climate or an appropriate fire suppression system. We need **\$2 million** to renovate the WNMU Museum, an asset which goes beyond WNMU and extends to our surrounding community and ancestral heritage. It also amplifies the tourism appeal of Southwest New Mexico.



**Priority: Infrastructure**  
**Funds Required:**  
**\$7 million**

**Project Scope:**

WNMU has one of the worst Facility Condition Index (FCI) scores for its aging buildings. Potholes in the campus streets, crumbling curbs, collapsing ceilings and cracking walls are just a few examples of infrastructure needing immediate attention.

## WNMU Operational Requests

### Maintain Current Funding

Provide at least the current level of funding for the operations of the university. If there is additional funding available, allocate the money based on the new funding formula so that WNMU receives its fair share. This includes removing the tuition credit that limits our growth.

### Compensation

WNMU's greatest asset has always been its people. Our talented faculty and staff have not had an increase to their salaries in three years. Within Grant County alone, other major businesses and public schools pay better.

### Special Funding for Our Programs

WNMU also receives special funding for various programs to include early childhood, nursing, teacher licensure, and instructional television, which offers classes to our rural populations who otherwise have very limited access to higher education. We request that those funding sources are kept at current levels to deliver the quality programs that are needed in our area.