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

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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:

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Linda McGee, Professor

Pre-Commencement Music  
Symphony No. 3, Mvt 1, Allegro Energico  Vittorio 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

**Adrianne 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‘New**  
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

Joy L. Barrett*  
Silver City, NM  
BS Psychology

Jaclyn 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

Cherrell V. Cooper*  
Bayard, NM  
BS Elementary Education

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
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 McKeown*
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

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
Yahtohey, NM
BSW Social Work

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

Laura Christine Spradlin
Safford, AZ
BAS Criminal Justice
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**Master Candidates**

**Master of Arts**

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MA Counseling

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Arrey, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

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Hurley, NM
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

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Silver City, NM
MA Educational Leadership

Elizabeth María 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 Rodríguez
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
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MA Interdisciplinary Studies

Tiffany Whitehead Watson
Henderson, NV
MA Interdisciplinary Studies

**Master of Arts in Teaching**

Norma Christine Bender
Silver City, NM
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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

**Master of Business Administration**

Martha Grijalva-Padilla
Santa Clara, NM
MBA Business Administration