



WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
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TO OUR GUESTS

The solemn but joyful recognition of the graduates' years of study, commencement is an important occasion for Western New Mexico University, its faculty, staff and students. Guests play a key role in even a hybrid ceremony, and so we hope you'll join us and your loved ones, who are celebrating a life-changing accomplishment. The ceremony will be streamed live on wnmu.edu.



WESTERN
NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

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MAY 8, 2026

Ben Altamirano Field

Standing room will be available on the field.



GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michelle Lujan Grisham is the thirty-second governor of New Mexico and the first Democratic Hispanic woman elected governor in U.S. history.

During two terms in office, Governor Lujan Grisham has led one of the most consequential anti-poverty efforts in the nation. She pioneered the nation’s only cradle-to-career framework connecting free, universal child care, pre-K, tuition free college and adult education programs, backed by a dedicated funding stream that does not depend on annual budget negotiations. In doing so, New Mexico went from a ranking near the bottom in early childhood investment to a national model.

Governor Lujan Grisham has also advanced a sweeping approach to health care access, ensuring that the most vulnerable New Mexicans are covered while expanding the state’s health care infrastructure to improve access to doctors throughout the state. As a result of her ambitious and strategic education and health care initiatives, New Mexico has achieved the largest poverty reduction in the U.S. over the past three years.

The governor’s record also includes a landmark clean energy transition, a 50-year water security plan and strong, consistent advocacy for New Mexico’s tribes, veterans and seniors.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY 2026

Before her election as governor, Lujan Grisham served three terms in Congress representing New Mexico's 1st Congressional District and chaired the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. She previously led the New Mexico Department of Health and the Department of Aging and Long-term Services.

A 12th-generation New Mexican, she was born in Los Alamos, graduated from St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe and holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of New Mexico. She is the mother of two adult children and grandmother of three.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY 2026 SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance by Sir Edward Elgar

Convocation

Manuel Bustamante, Ph.D. - Faculty Marshal

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard — Marine Corps League, Gaffney-Oglesby
Detachment 1328

National Anthem — Keana Huerta, Student Regent

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Christopher Maples, Ph.D.

Keynote Speaker

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

Associated Students of WNMU President Address

Carlos Carranza - Student's Outstanding Teacher Award

Faculty Excellence Awards

W. Jack Crocker, Ph.D. and Gregory Robinson Guerra, Ph.D.

Student Hall of Fame

Betsy Miller, MA

Conferral of Degrees

Christopher Maples, Ph.D.

W. Jack Crocker, Ph.D.

Presentation of Candidates

Jason Quimby, MBA - Zoom reader

Gregory Robinson Guerra, Ph.D.

Closing

Manuel Bustamante, Ph.D. - Faculty Marshal

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance
by Sir Edward Elgar



ACADEMIC REGALIA

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

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

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)

Royal Blue Letters on Gold Stole
Officers — Royal Blue & Gold Cord

Associated Students of WNMU (ASWNMU)

Silver Cord

Cardinal Key National Honor Society

Red Letters on White Stole
Active Members — Gold Cord
Officers — Red Cord
Master Students — White Cord

Delta Mu Delta (Business Administration)

Purple & Gold Cord

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MECHA)

Red, White & Green Cord

Emerging Mustang Leadership Program

Teal Cord

Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society)

Green & Purple Cord

Mathematics & Computer Science Club

Club Members — Black & Silver
Club Officers — Black/Silver/Gold

Millennium III Honors Program

Gold Letters on Purple Stole

National Society of Leadership & Success

Red & Black Cord

Native American Student Alliance

Native American Pattern Stole
Turquoise Cord

Phi Alpha (Social Work)

Blue & Gold Cord

Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences)

Gold Letters on Royal Blue Stole

Psi Chi (Psychology)

Blue & Gold Cord

Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)

Red & Gold Cord

Sigma Tau Delta (English)

Honor Cord for Full Membership

Society for Education in Politics (SEP)

Pink & Black Cord

Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computing & Information)

All Members — Maroon/White

VICA (Vocational Industrial Club of America)

Associate — White Letters on Red Sash
Bachelor — White Letters on Red Sash
with Gold Tassel

WNMU Student Hall of Fame Inductee

Purple Cord

WNMU Veteran Students

Red, white & blue cord

WNMU Resident Assistants

Purple & gold Aiguillette left shoulder

MASTER OF ARTS

Juanwon Anderson Verdell
Educational Leadership
Inglewood, CA

Kassandra Ysette Carbajal
Educational Leadership
Deming, NM

Alyssa Darlene Chaffino
Educational Leadership
Deming, NM

Deena Cordova Bertrand
Early Childhood
Education Trauma
Edgewood, NM

Arnel Dela Cruz
Educational Leadership
Gallup, NM

Portia DePina
Counseling
Wareham, MA

John Gabriel Kloet
Interdisciplinary Studies
Gladstone, MI

Joshua Lara
Interdisciplinary Studies
Albuquerque, NM

Alexis Mallon
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Wildwood, MO

Amy J. Mapes
Interdisciplinary Studies
Deposit, NY

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Alexandra Morales
Counseling
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David Michael Rodriguez
Educational Leadership
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Columbus, NM

Anthony Sanchez
History
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History
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Educational Leadership
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Educational Leadership
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Early Childhood
Education Trauma
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MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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Reading Education
Mora, NM

Joshua A Benningfield
Special Education
Deming, NM

Marlon Joseph Burton
Special Education
Tularosa, NM

Victoria Alexis Castro
Secondary Education
Tucson, AZ

Patricia Clark
Reading Education
Lordsburg, NM

Madelyn Grace Edwards
Specialization
Alamo, NM

Lemuel Guerro
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Alamo Navajo, NM

CLASS OF 2026 MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Michael Fralick
Specialization
Silver City, NM

Katrina Parks
Specialization
Las Cruces, NM

Melissa Salazar
Reading Education
Gallup, NM

Tia Leann Holyan
Reading Education
Coyote Canyon, NM

Elias Nieves Perez
Secondary Education
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Specialization
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Lambson**
Specialization
Carlsbad, NM

Azalia Areli Ramirez
Specialization
Las Cruces, NM

Bobbie Sierra
Specialization
Santa Clara, NM

Cambry Lujan
Reading Education
Tucumcari, NM

Raphelia Melissa Rivas
Special Education
Thoreau, NM

Natalie Silva
Elementary Education
Mesquite, NM

Renee Maderazo
Specialization
Santa Ana, CA

Arianna Rodriguez
Specialization
Hatch, NM

Stephanie Vazquez
Specialization
Las Cruces, NM

**Laura Rebecca
Martinez**
Specialization
Anthony, NM

Zena Marie Saiz
Specialization
Lordsburg, NM

Manoela Yajaira Walser
Specialization
Las Cruces, NM

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Business Administration
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Business Administration
Pine Hill, NM

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Deming, NM

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Española, NM

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Counseling
Gallup, NM

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Counseling
Henry, VA

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Jenna Joelle Hicks
Counseling
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Counseling
Wuakegan, IL

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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& Rural
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& Rural
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& Rural
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& Rural
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Joanne Marie Brito

Social Work
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Jaclyn Mary Brown

Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work

Prativa Devkota

Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
Indianapolis, IN

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Social Work
Saint Johns, MI

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Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Social Work
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Jayden Benito John

Hernandez
Social Work
Deming, NM

Tiina Kataja

Social Work
Orimattila, Finland

Shawnee Era Alice

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Waianae, HI

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Hilo, HI

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Stephanie James

Special Education
Gallup, NM

Veronica Jaramillo

Early Childhood Education
Hatch, NM

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Outdoor Behavioral Health
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School Social Work
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Taylor Lucero

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Denver, CO

Lolita Manzano

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Ruben Paul Marquez

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Laura Rebecca Martinez

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Secondary Education
Aztec, NM

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Bobbie Jo Sierra
Dyslexia
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Suzette N. Wilson
Rehabilitation
Counseling
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Adrian Joseph Padilla
Instructional
Technology Coach
Grants, NM

Natalie Silva
Elementary Education
Mesquite, NM

Gretchen Zobel Lopez
School Social Work
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Katrina Parks
Gifted Education
Las Cruces, NM

Marin Smith
Secondary Education
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BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

Dante Joseph Aguilar
Business Management
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General Business
Chicago, IL

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Social Work
Farmington, NM

Sabra Aguilar*
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Anthony Aldaz
Social Work
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Jocelyn Renee Arellano
Early Childhood Education
Bayard, NM

Shaienne Cienga Aguirre
Social Work
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Business Management
Hurley, NM

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Business Management
Chihuahua, Chihuahua, MX

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Elementary Education
Gallup, NM

Miguel Angel Arreola Avalos*
Business Management
Guadalajara, Jalisco, MX

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Zoology
San Lorenzo, NM

Yolanda Y. Arzaga
Interdisciplinary
Silver City, NM

Esau Au*
Early Childhood Education
Deming, NM

Jarred Baca
Biology
Las Vegas, NV

Jesus Badillo*
Elementary Education
Bayard, NM

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Early Childhood Care &
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Las Cruces, NM

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Crownpoint, NM

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Social Work
Las Cruces, NM

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Aztec, NM

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Marketing
Albuquerque, NM

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Early Childhood Education
Albuquerque, NM

Nikita Beard*
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Albuquerque, NM

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Marketing
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Early Childhood Care &
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Kirtland, NM

Shakiah Dee Bitson
Social Work
Kirtland, NM

Jamie Lynn Blech
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General Business
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Raelynn D'Ann Brabson
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Silver City, NM

Trisha Ilene Brewer*
Social Work
Tularosa, NM

Bryant Keith Brock Jr
History
El Paso, TX

Danai Therese Burns*
English
Homer Glen, IL

Miranda Bustamante*
Psychology
Tucson, AZ

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Social Work
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Early Childhood Education
Bayard, NM

Christina Campbell*
Psychology
Farmington, NM

Kenya Cardoza
Accounting
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Amanda Caruana*
Secondary Education
Roswell, NM

Dillon Torborg
Early Childhood Education
Tucson, AZ

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Christina Marie Estrada*

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Loretta M. Cervantes*

Special Education
Tijeras, NM

Valerie Leticia

Delacruz*
Social Work
Elfrida, AZ

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General Business
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Chen Simin*

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Lucia Delgado*
Elementary Education
Hatch, NM

Maria Rocio Fierro Teran

Social Work
Los Lunas, NM

Idaiza Chaparro Chavez

Criminal Justice
Bloomfield, NM

Michael Diaz

Accounting
Rialto, CA

Sheila Danielle Fuller*

Elementary Education
Farmington, NM

Rubi R. Christensen

Early Childhood Education
Deming, NM

Diego T. Diaz*

Accounting
Frisco, TX

Kaya Furry

Sociology
Silver City, NM

Michelle Diane Contreras

Elementary Education
Albuquerque, NM

Cieara Dinwiddie*

Kinesiology
Porter, TX

Brooklyn Gainey

Business Management
Mesa, AZ

Emily Dayne Cox*

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Criminal Justice
Tucson, AZ

Priscilla Cruz*

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Bella Grace Drissell*

Fine Arts
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Nefertiti Garcia*

Secondary Education
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Psychology
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Hobbs, NM

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Heaven Kee*
Early Childhood Education
Gallup, NM

Alexis Laine Ledwon*
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Early Childhood Care
& Education
Aztec, NM

Carson Kelly
Interdisciplinary
Chandler, AZ

Morgan Hope Lee*
Early Childhood
Education
San Jon, NM

Tamera Hargis*
Secondary Education
Aztec, NM

Naomi Kimble-Earls
Zoology
Animas, NM

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Silver City, NM

Shoni Hendren*
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Goodyear, AZ

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