NMCEL was so proud to provide scholarships to our two award winners! And best of all — these two incredible students are entering into education as their fields of study! We were delighted at their selflessness and passion delivered in their acceptance speeches. As Annie and Marisa move forward in their studies we will continue to support their efforts to become part of our professional tapestry in New Mexico Education. Annie will be attending New Mexico State University and Marissa will attend Eastern New Mexico University.

Bill Green Selected As 2017 Superintendent of the Year

Bill Green, Superintendent of Reserve Independent Schools was honored as the Superintendent of the year for 2017 by the NMSSA. Bill has served students in New Mexico for 31 years. Formerly Superintendent in Quemado, Bill has continued to serve with the same vigor and vitality as when he began his service to New Mexico students in 1986.

CONGRATULATIONS BILL!
Awards For Administrators

Nancy Patterson, recently retired from Deming Public Schools as Associate Superintendent for HR was awarded the NMSPA Administrator of the year.

Robyn Cook, Principal of Cloudcroft Elementary/Middle School was selected as the Administrator of the Year for the NMAESP.

Karla Crane, Coordinator of Special Services for the Los Alamos Public Schools was awarded Administrator of the year by NMCASE.
Dr. Annette Johnson, was selected as the 2017 Administrator of the year. As a member of the White Earth Ojibwa Tribe living in Cimarron, New Mexico, she is a retired superintendent of the Cimarron Schools and currently serves as President for NMAER.

Ms. Vicki Chavez, Executive Director of the Southwest REC, providing services and technical assistance for the districts in the Southwest Region of New Mexico. Vicki was selected by her colleagues in the NMRECA as the 2017 Administrator of the year.

Mr. Patrick Arguelles, Principal of the Career Enrichment Center & Early College High Schools in the Albuquerque Public Schools was selected as the New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals (NMASSP) 2017 Administrator of the Year.

Awards for Administrators Cont'd

NMAER Congratulates Dr. Johnson!

NMRECA Congratulates Vicki!

NMASSP Congratulates Patrick!

Affiliates

- New Mexico School Superintendents Association (NMSSA)
- Albuquerque Public Schools Principals Association (APSPA)
- Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning (NMSU)
- Cooperative Educational Services (CES)
- Eastern New Mexico Educational Resource Center (ENMERC)
- New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA)
- New Mexico Association of Bilingual Educators (NMABE)
- New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER)
- New Mexico Association of Elementary School Principals (NMAESP)
- New Mexico Association of Secondary School Principals (NMASSP)
- New Mexico Association of School Business Officials (NMASBO)
- New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (NMASCD)
- New Mexico School Personnel Association (NMSPA)
- New Mexico Society for Technology in Education (NMSTE)
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- Southeastern New Mexico Educational Resource Center (SNMERC)
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Dear Colleagues:

Your efforts in leading your district(s) this new school year is rooted in our current situation and will create a formula that can/must lead us to success for our public schools in New Mexico. The prevailing question that I would ask us to consider is “What legacy will we leave our children?”

During this last year, we have struggled with pressures from the Legislature and Governor regarding our finances and have, necessarily, continued to put a finer point on how we manage our resources in the best fashion to assure that our students are enabled for success. At the end of the day the key question is how we align our tight budgets with enabling what works best for kids. A good part of this consideration is how we assure equity of access to our limited funds and how we enable districts to best access those resources (above and below the line). This is a significant issue of public policy that we need to shape today and into the future.

In New Mexico, we have a terrific strength in our relationships and within those relationships, how we form reasonable, effective collaborations becomes critical in our mission. I am impressed with the strength of our public-school-community statewide. I am certain that we will find solutions. We are strongest when we are united.

As we combine these factors, our thesis question is what effective change do we bring to our public schools in New Mexico within this equation?

In a recent retreat, your NMCEL Board has defined a three-part strategy for this upcoming school year to specifically impact and influence the decision making of the legislature, future governor candidates, and our statewide strategic planning. Part One includes increasing our collaborations and creating a defined communication plan to better advocate for our efforts. Part Two includes pushing the agenda of a quality, better defined, and all-out effort to increase local control as a state policy focus. Part Three includes an active set of actions to press for sufficiency of funding for New Mexico Public Schools and assure that no more raids on any part of the resources for public schools will be considered acceptable politically or strategically.

As you can see, the mission focus for the next two years’ NMCEL activities is well defined and depends on our collaboration. As you begin your new school year, I want you to know that we are here to serve and assist you. I send my wishes for a great school year! The legacy you are creating each day is evidenced in each of the students that you serve. Thank you for your leadership and service!
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Dr. Crit Caton of Artesia Public Schools was recognized as the New Mexico Superintendent of the Year for 2016. Dr. Caton represented the Superintendents of the state well at the AASA National Conference held in New Orleans. Dr. Caton stated that he was honored to represent all of the Superintendents of the State of New Mexico. Crit will serve the New Mexico School Superintendents Association as the Past-President in this upcoming year as he “passed the gavel” to Mr. Rickey Williams, Superintendent of Hagerman Schools.

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Challenging—Future Forecasting—Insightful

Dr. Hall Davidson has worked from think tanks in Turkey to classrooms in Tennessee. He has collaborated with thought leaders including teachers, superintendents, and departments of education. A former K-12 bilingual math teacher and college faculty member, he left the classroom to become part of an Emmy-winning team, creating math and technology integration programs. For forty years, he has been an educational innovator in important waves of change, first in broadcasting, then computers, and now digital learning. He has worked with thousands of students through guidance of the nation’s oldest student media festival. Across four decades of work with education, he identifies right now as the most transformative and important time for teaching and learning.

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Information available at the U. S. Department of Education website and at the NM Public Education Department. **Click images below.**
Let me start by saying how humbled I am to be serving as your NMCEL President for the next two years. There's a lot to be done and I am excited to work with all of you to continue to support the educators who teach our students. As prioritized by your NMCEL Board this summer, we must continue our collaborative stance as leaders partnering with all who have an interest in our public schools. I believe with the amazing NMCEL board and staff, we are poised to help NMCEL reach its potential as the leader in public education.

As I reflect on the past few years in NM, it would be easy to allow feelings of frustration and at times, disbelief to cast a continuous negative shadow over our profession. However, I am fortunate enough to be surrounded by positive influences on a daily basis in my interactions with people like you who not only inspire hope, but are assisting our students and educators to be the next generation of effective leaders. Lucky for me this constant reminder of how things could be, is the fuel that keeps me going year after year. Leaders not only see how things are but also how they could be…I look forward to going on this journey with you.

If you were able to attend the NMCEL conference last month, you would have been awe struck by Manny Scott (keynote speaker). What an incredibly inspirational speaker...he pulled at our heart strings. But you would have also been as inspired by our scholarship recipients – Annie Hernandez from Hobbs HS and Marisa Ann Luna from Estancia HS. Two unbelievably articulate and well poised young ladies! Our future is bright!

Please feel free to share your suggestions, concerns, and thoughts with us regarding NMCEL. We look forward to hearing from you. Have a fabulous start to the 2017-18 school year!

Maria Jaramillo
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