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UNM Foundation Board of Trustees Elects New Members

New members elected to a four-year term on the UNMF Board of Trustees are: **Gary Beal**, Hobbs NM, a principal of Leavell Insurance; **Kimberly Peña, CPA**, Albuquerque, with REDW; **Dorothy Rainosek**, Albuquerque, owner, Frontier Restaurant and Golden Pride BBQ Chicken and Ribs; and Randy Velarde, MBA, Houston TX, founder of The Plaza Group.

Additionally, elected to renewed four-year terms on the board were UNMF Trustees **Michelle Coons**, Albuquerque, southwest division commercial banking manager for Bank of the West; **Gus Foster**, Taos NM, panoramic photographer and curator; **Peter Johnstone, Esq.**, Albuquerque, private law practice; **Mark Leshner, MD**, Albuquerque, ophthalmologist and board member, Eye Associates of New Mexico; and **Steve Petronovich, CPA**, Gallup NM, owner of his own accounting firm.

- **Gary Beal** is a principal of Leavell Insurance in Hobbs, NM, and UNM alum. Beal has spent 18 years in the commercial banking and insurance industries. He is the Past President and current Youth Exchange Officer for the Rotary Club of Hobbs.
- **Kimberly Peña, CPA** has more than 17 years experience in providing financial audits, consulting and regulatory compliance services for a variety of public and private emerging growth companies and large multinational corporations. Peña's experience comes from serving clients at REDW, Arthur Andersen and KPMG as well as working in the private sector. Peña is a native New Mexican and UNM alumna with a BBA from the Anderson School of Management.
- **Dorothy Rainosek** and husband Larry opened the Frontier Restaurant in 1971, and also own Albuquerque's Golden Pride BBQ Chicken and Ribs establishments. Both of the Rainoseks' children are UNM alumni, and were UNM Presidential Scholars. The Rainosek family received the NM Association of Fundraising Professionals "Outstanding Leaders in Philanthropy" award in November 2009.
- **Randy Velarde** spent fifteen years in management and market development at Shell prior to forming The Plaza Group in 1994. A UNM graduate with a BS in Chemical engineering, Velarde also earned an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College. Velarde resides in Houston, Texas and has been named entrepreneur of the year by both Hispanic Business magazine and the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

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