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UNM Foundation Welcomes Henry Nemcik as New President

Henry Nemcik took over as president and chief executive officer for the UNM Foundation on Monday, August 16, 2010. He takes the reins as the University continues its eight-year, \$675 million fund-raising effort *Changing Worlds: The Campaign for UNM*.

“In the short time I’ve been here in New Mexico I’ve met with many leading philanthropists in the community,” Nemcik said. “I’m impressed with their passion for UNM, its students, researchers, teachers and medical professionals. They are integral to New Mexico; community leaders know this and their support is apparent. I’m looking forward to aligning their passions with UNM’s many gift opportunities.”

Nemcik successfully led two comprehensive campaigns before coming to the UNM Foundation. Most recently he served as vice president for development and alumni relations, as well as president of the foundation, for the University of Tennessee System since 2005. Just prior to Nemcik’s departure, it reached its \$1-billion goal 18 months ahead of schedule. The preceding 16 years Nemcik was associate vice president for development and campaign director at Texas A&M, which raised \$1.52 billion during its campaign.

Anne Yegge, who for the past two years has served as chair of the UNM Foundation Board of Trustees, has been a fundamental leader seeing the Foundation through a period of organizational change.

“In the past few years, under John Stropp’s leadership, I’ve seen the UNM Foundation progress like never before,” Yegge said. “We’ve had much transition and much success. We are all eager to continue advancing higher education, research and health care in New Mexico and are excited that Henry has joined us.”

Changing Worlds: The Campaign for UNM has already raised \$323.3 million, as of June 30, 2010, the end of the last fiscal year. Its goal of \$675 million – the largest ever in New Mexico’s higher education history – will provide unprecedented support for the students, faculty and programs of UNM.

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