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## Brycon creates engineering lecture endowment at UNM

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Brycon Construction of Rio Rancho has created a new endowment fund at the [University of New Mexico's](#) School of Engineering to bring engineering construction experts to campus for lectures and other activities.

Family members of Brycon's chairman and CEO, Bryant W. Lemon Sr., created the endowment in the patriarch's honor. They made the announcement as a surprise to Lemon Sr. at the conclusion of a lecture by Charles Eastman — a professor from the [Georgia Institute of Technology's](#) Colleges of Architecture and Computer Science — who was brought to UNM as the first lecturer supported by the new endowment.

The Lemon family made its gift to UNM through the [United Way of Central New Mexico](#) fund designation program, but the amount remains confidential, said Pam Hurd-Knief, director of development and alumni relations at UNM's School of Engineering.

"It's a very generous gift," Hurd said. "They gave an initial gift to do the lecture this year, and now the endowment will allow the lectures to continue annually. The family hopes the lecture series will grow, perhaps into a seminar with other educational activities."

The program will be housed under the Civil Engineering Department as the Bryant W. Lemon Sr. Distinguished Lecture in Construction Engineering and Management, said Bryant's son, Bill Lemon.

"It is a fitting tribute to a man who has steadfastly stood by his principles, and in doing so, has built a company from the ground up that few can rival," Lemon said.

Bryant Lemon founded Brycon in 1990 as a construction management firm with five employees. The company now has 500 people at offices in Arizona and New Mexico, and it has branched out into general construction in critical environments, including clean rooms, health care facilities and secure installations.

Brycon's clients include [Sandia National Laboratories](#), [St. Vincent Regional Medical Center](#), General Electric Aviation, New Mexico School for the Deaf, and UNM.

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