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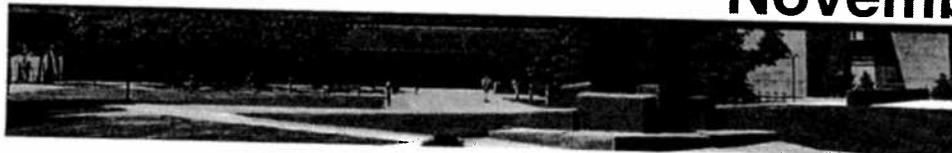
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Senate Bill 133

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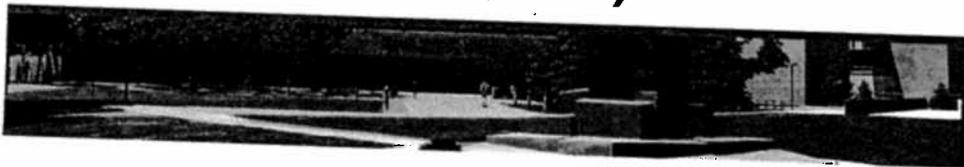
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Residency Success



Residency program began in 2004 and has grown to
10 Residents per year:

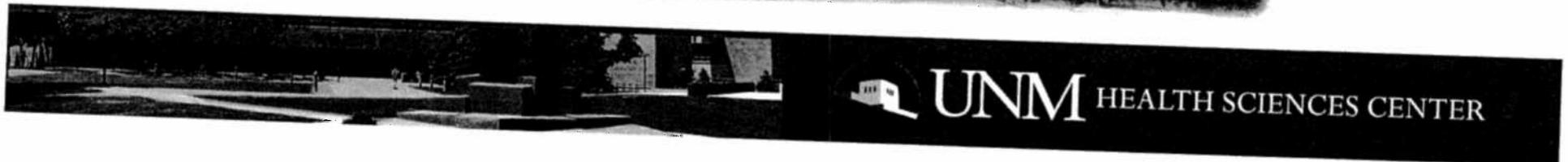
- \$963,000 recurring from the legislature
- 28 of the 47 graduated residents have remained in the State of NM to practice Dentistry
- 10 of the 28 are serving in Rural locations within the state
- 7 of the 28 are serving in clinics that treat medically fragile populations (Healthcare for the Homeless, First Choice, etc)



2010-2011 Statistics



- 22,766 Patient Visits (4 clinics in Albuquerque – 6 Faculty & 10 Residents)
- 2,020 Emergency Visits (to Clinics)
- 405 Emergency Room/Hospital Consults



Outreach

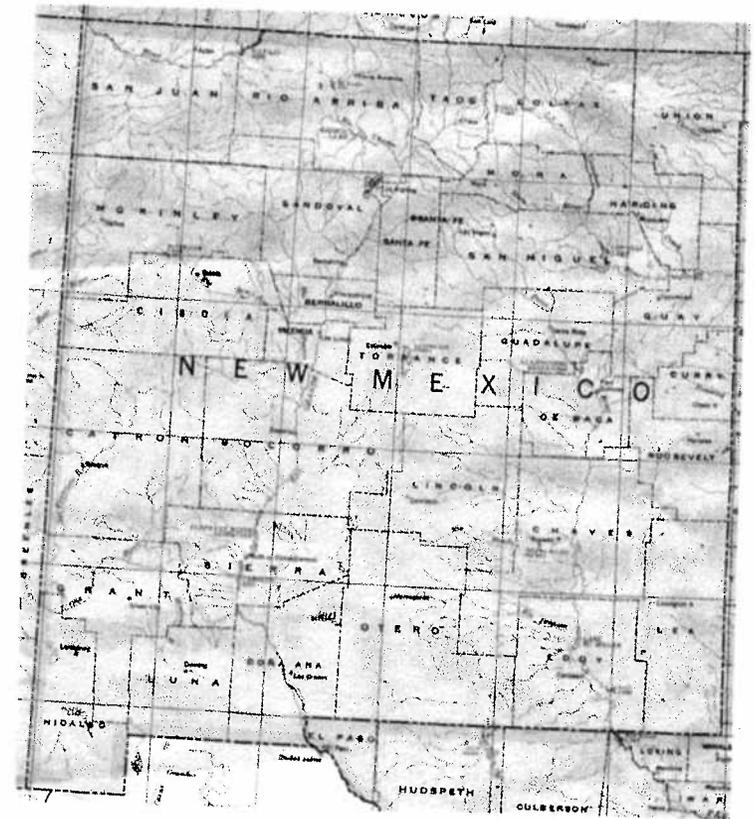


- **Service locations around the State Include:**

- Silver City
- Roswell
- Lordsburg
- Artesia General Hospital

Albuquerque Area:

- Veteran Administration
- First Choice
- Healthcare for the Homeless
- Van Buren Middle School

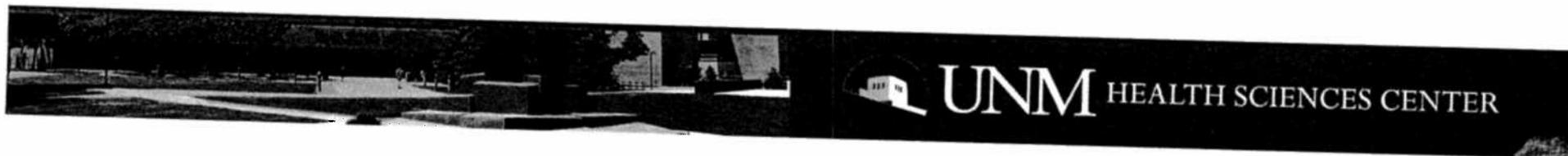




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Sponsor: Senator Pete Campos

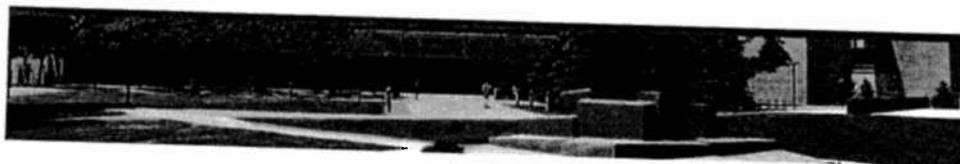
- “The Health Sciences Center at the University of New Mexico shall conduct a study, of the feasibility of establishing at the university of New Mexico a program to allow qualified students to matriculate directly from a bachelor of arts degree program to dental school to obtain a doctor of dental science or doctor of dental surgery degree.”



Other Dental Feasibility Studies



- “New Mexico Dental School Feasibility Study” commissioned by Governor Richardson and Senator Bingaman. Written by Howard Bailit, DMD, PhD



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Costs of a Dental School



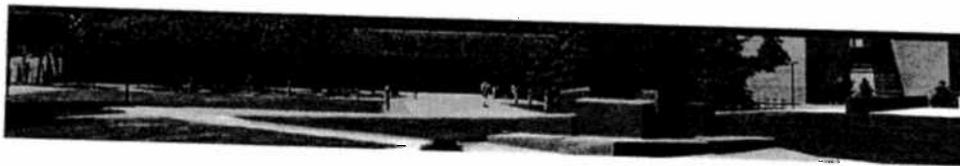
- Most recent dental school under construction -- East Carolina University

– Capital costs for construction

\$97 million (Admit approximately 50 students per year)

– Projected Annual Operating Costs

\$21 million

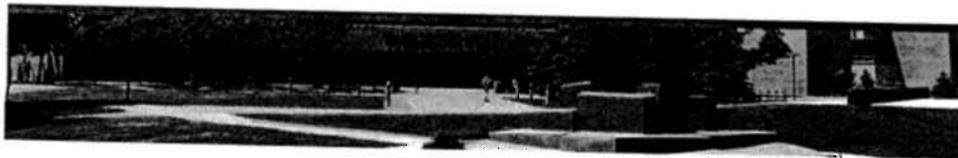


BA/DDS Program



The purpose of the BA/DDS Program is to **alleviate New Mexico's dental dentist shortage** by assembling a broadly diverse class of students who are committed to serving as dentists in New Mexico communities with the greatest need.

- Recruit the "**best and brightest**" students to UNM, beginning Fall 2013 for a focused, customized undergraduate experience.
- **Attract talented high school students** into dentistry, particularly gifted students from rural, dentally underserved communities who otherwise might not become dentists. Assure their entry into dental school.
- Request is a commitment to **10 years of incremental and permanent recurring funding** for a new program.
- **Build on the success of the BA/MD Program** (specifically BA portion)
- **NM Dental Association supports** the BA/DDS program

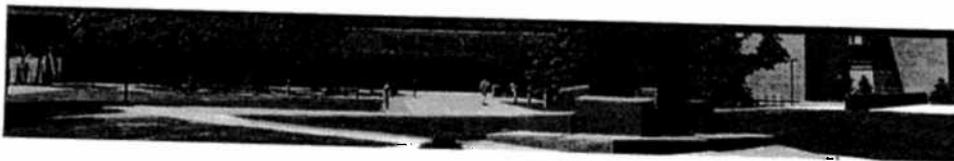


BA DDS Program



NEW MEXICO REGIONAL DENTAL SCHOOL CONCEPT	
PHASED-IN INTERMEDIATE APPROACH	
Phase I	BA/DDS Pre-dental undergraduate program at UNM
Phase II	NM Regional Dental School Affiliation with existing out-of-state dental school Clinical Training Rotations in New Mexico
Phase III	Dental Residency Program at UNM Rotations in Albuquerque and throughout New Mexico

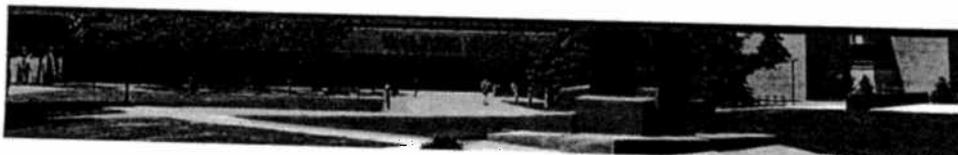
Affiliation agreement with Regional Dental School is an interim step -- Upon funding and construction of a UNM Dental School affiliation agreements would be discontinued.



Students



- **23 New Mexico** students accepted to Dental Schools (in 2011)
- Approximately **60 pre-dental students** at UNM
- **38 New Mexico WICHE** students
- This proposal is **in addition to WICHE funding** – It does not replace WICHE– but merely compliments those avenues
- Preliminary planning is at **20 students** with an affiliated dental school



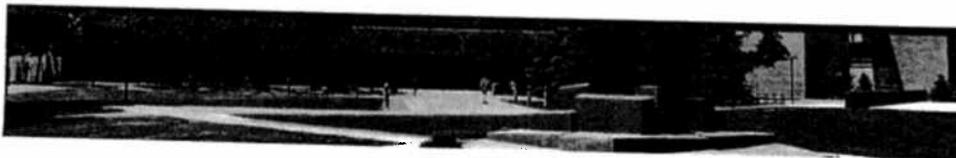
HSC Legislative Request Combined BA/DDS Program



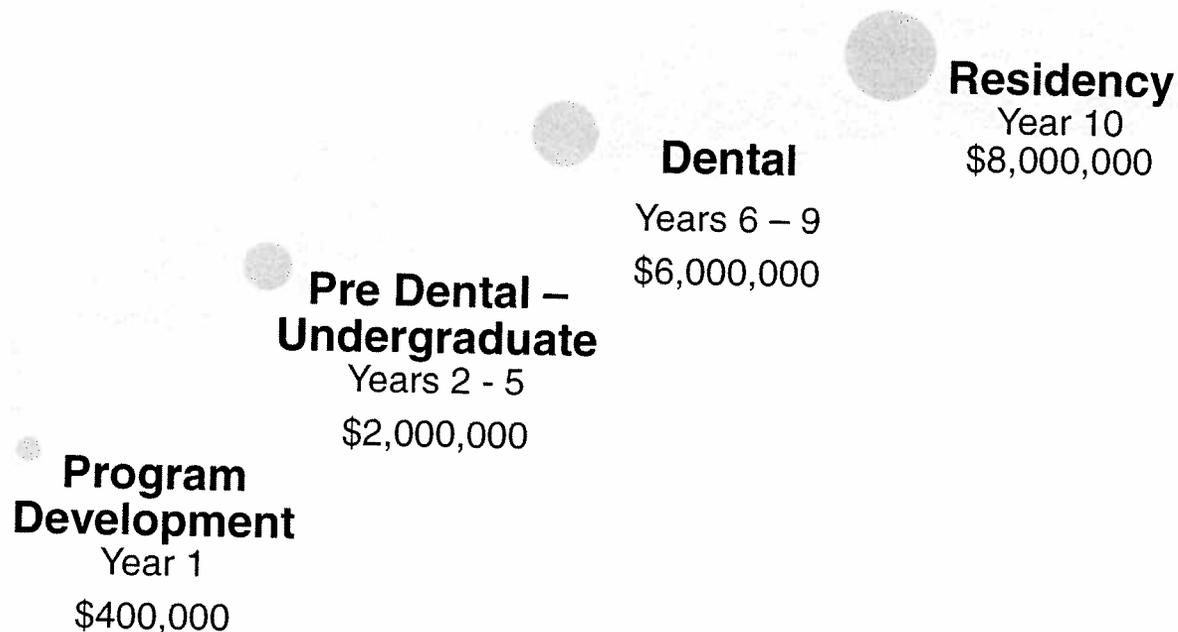
New Program Request \$400,000

NM's Unique Dental Challenges:

- 0.6 Dentists/ 1,000 population in NM (National average is 0.8 Dentists/1,000)
- NM Ranks in the **bottom quartile** in number of dentists/1,000 population (904 licensed dentists live in NM; 775 active; 49% are age 54 or older)
- **70% of dentists** practice within a 4 county area along the Rio Grande corridor
- **25 of 33** counties are Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)
- **42% of the population** resides in a dental designated HPSA
- This program will mobilize UNM HSC resources to address the major oral health problems affecting New Mexicans.



BA/DDS Program Estimated Funding Requirements



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Oral Health Effects & Determinants of Disease



Heart Disease & Stroke

Diabetes

Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

Obesity

Respiratory Disease

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