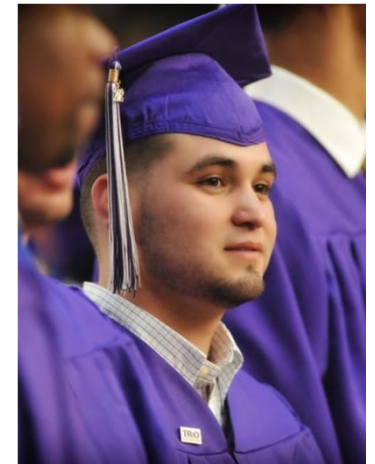




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to



New Mexico Highlands University  
Luna Community College  
and  
Las Vegas, NM  
"Future Education Capital of NM"



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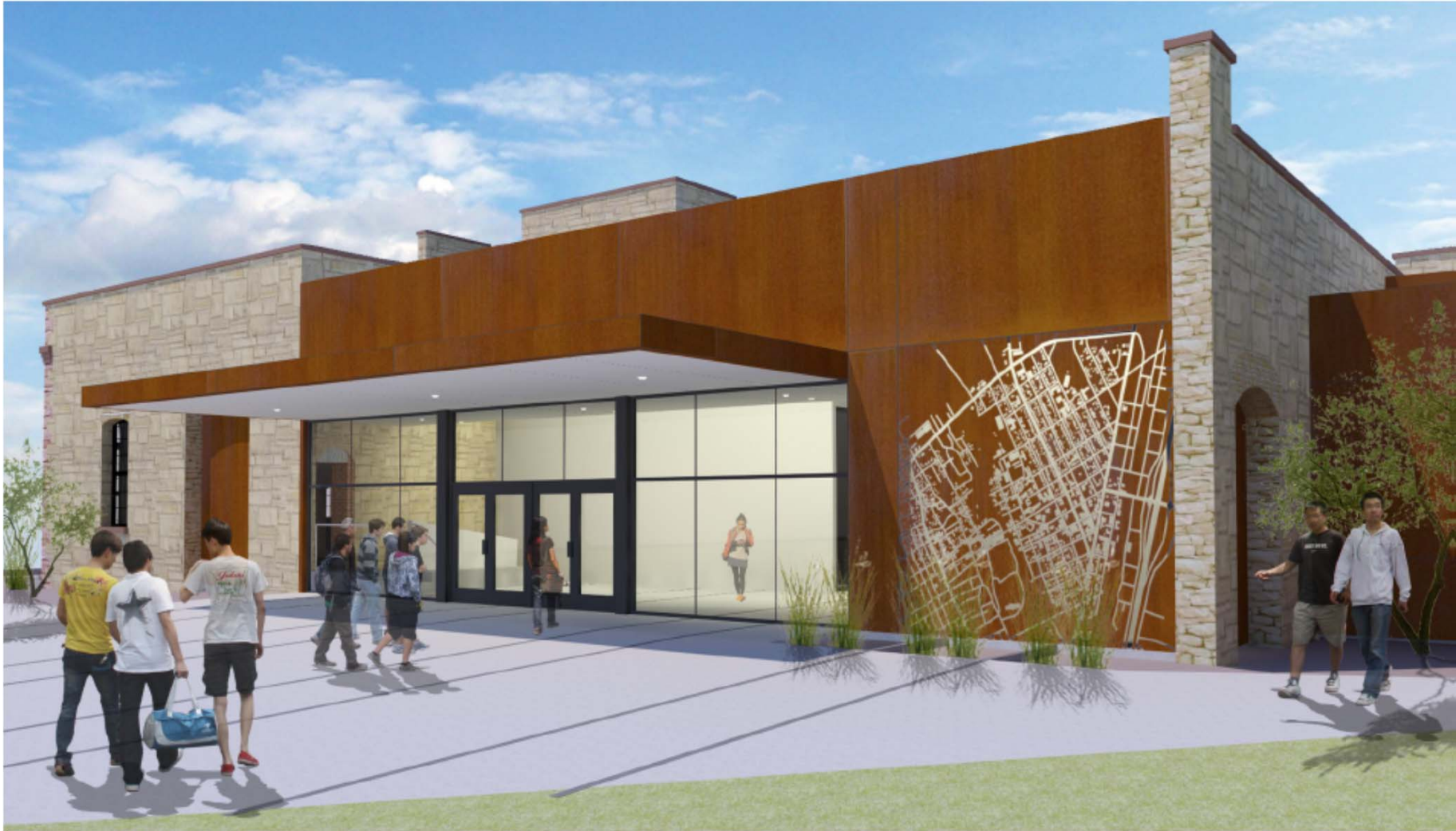
- ❑ Operations
- ❑ Capital Improvements
  - ❖ 4 LEED Gold Projects in 5 Years
  - ❖ Student Center
  - ❖ Historic Trolley Building

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# New Mexico Highlands University

- 3,720 Students in Fall 2013
- 42 States
- 19 Tribes
- 36 Countries
- 50% First Generation
- 66% Pell Eligible
- 40% Master's Level



# Higher Education in Transition

- Impacts of Technology
- How students learn / How to teach
- Online access to courses
- Less emphasis on Vo-Tech Education
- Expanding bureaucracy: Federal & states
- Outcomes focus
- “Time is the Enemy”



# Affordable Excellence

**Affordable:** among lowest tuition and fees in country

**Excellence:** Student research, field experiences, and internships, etc.

- Logos and promotional videos for 3 World Heritage sites: Aztec Ruins, Chaco Canyon, and Mesa Verde
- Development of augmented reality applications for historic sites at the Colorado National Monument and Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor, Maine



## Affordable Excellence: Continued

- Designed two exhibitions at the National Hispanic Cultural Center and have an MOU for the two-way exchange of programming between the NHCC and Highlands
- Translated theories on the origins of life from scientists at the Santa Fe Institute into a permanent interactive multidisciplinary exhibit at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science (Converted space for HU faculty and classes within the Museum)



## Affordable Excellence: Continued

- Contracted with the State Library to lead the statewide digital literacy initiative – Parachute Factory (a Maker Space) visited 18 libraries around NM with 3D printers and electronics working with over 1000 children and adults from Socorro to Farmington
- Developed award-winning 3-D robotic vision system

## Affordable Excellence: Continued

- Had students studying ultrafast lasers in Paris, France and tectonic plates on the island of Mull, Scotland and searching the waters of Venezuela looking for 200 lb anaconda snakes this summer
- Students doing research on the feminization of higher education in Palestine
- Numerous student and faculty research projects at the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge north of Watrous

## Affordable Excellence: Continued

- Graduates accepted into internationally renowned graduate schools such as the University of Edinburgh and the University of Notre Dame
- National runner-up in small college rugby-7's
- NCAA Division II Female Track Athlete of the Year with two national championships and 5 All-American awards
- Very Partial List

## The Goal is “Student Success”

- Lowered minimum graduation requirement from 128 to 120 credits
- Reduced the upper division requirement from 51 to 45 credits
- Reviewing scheduling of classes to better serve students
- Review all policies and procedures to eliminate any unnecessary barriers
- Revising approach to developmental needs through co-requisite classes

# The Goal is “Student Success”

## Restructuring student advisement

- a. Advising to graduation, not just the next semester
- b. All faculty responsible for effective advising
- c. Every student sees their advisor every semester to discuss path to graduation
- d. Encouraging heavier loads of 15 or more credits per semester (20-33% lower cost)
- e. Developing multi-year schedules to simplify planning for students and advisors

## The Goal is “Student Success”

- Establishing Center for Teaching Excellence as professional development for HU faculty
- Greater coordination between main campus and centers
- Working to increase Native American enrollment from current 7% to 10+%



## The Goal is “Student Success”

- Increase graduation rate for fall 2014 freshmen by at least 50%
- Freshmen Convocation
- Class of 2018 t-shirts
- Expectations

## Legislative Requests – Programmatic Support

- Oil and Gas Management program with San Juan College
- Nursing (not included in FY14 appropriations possibly because RN to BSN program)
- Athletics (State funding is still \$149,000 lower than funding prior to the recession)
- Native American student recruitment and retention
- Collaboration with NM Hispanic Medical Association on bringing rural students into medical professions

## Legislative Requests – Capital Projects

- Expect passage of GO Bonds in fall with \$5M for infrastructure and \$95K for Library
- Behind scenes need for more infrastructure funding will remain high
- Need to renovate and update Rodgers Hall – 1936 Library – historic murals
- Relocation of Facilities and Campus Police

## My “3” Goals

1. Be proud of and celebrate who we are
  - I Chose Highlands
  - Purple Pride
  - Too much focus on the past will limit our future
2. Foster, support, facilitate, expect, and celebrate our value-added student success
  - Prior list of student, faculty, and university accomplishments and goals

## My “3” Goals

3. Expand Highlands’ educational, cultural, and economic leadership as a regional university with a national and international impact
  - Grow NMHU enrollment to 4,000 from current 3,700 through retention/recruitment
  - Economic development
    - Patents: Hydrazine remediation, Highlands Stable Isotopes, plant growth,
    - Oil and Gas Management concentrations

## Las Vegas Kids Graduate

Joint effort with LV City Schools and West LV School Districts, and Luna CC to

- a. Reduce dropout rates
- b. Improve college success
- c. Build community support for education
- d. Make Las Vegas the education capital of New Mexico

# Thank You

