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Mission

The UNM STEM-H Center advances STEM-H teaching and learning through outreach, research, and education programs, services, & resources.

Our mission is accomplished by, but not limited to…

- Administering the highest quality STEM-H focused academic competitions for 4th-12th grade students
- Developing, facilitating, and/or coordinating innovative STEM-H Educator Professional Development opportunities
- Developing, facilitating, and/or coordinating STEM-H focused student learning opportunities (workshops, etc.)
- Developing strategic STEM-H education focused partnerships and collaborations among UNM faculty/staff and within the community (public-private) to increase and sustain engagement as well as create opportunities to increase student interest in STEM-H careers
- Engaging in STEM-H education focused policy research and advocacy

Vision

We are a recognized leader in the STEM-H teaching & learning community in New Mexico and beyond.

- We serve as a key player in the coordination of University of New Mexico STEM-H external outreach activities in order to support the University as well as the community in its efforts to collectively reach key system-wide STEM-H education goals including significantly increasing the recruitment, retention, and graduation of STEM-H majors.
- We provide a comprehensive center for STEM-H education resources, outreach programs, and support services.
- We are a hub for dissemination of information regarding STEM-H teaching and learning best practices and innovation.
- We facilitate the cultivation and support of strategic STEM-H education focused collaborations & partnerships.

Values

We operate with a sense of PURPOSE and the desire to leave a LEGACY in the field of STEM-H education.

- We operate, at all times, with INTEGRITY and COURTESY.
- We conduct our business in the spirit of COOPERATION.
- We are open to CHANGE, encourage CREATIVITY, and strive for INNOVATION.
- We are ACCOUNTABLE for our actions and are COMMITTED to the mission of the organization.
- We are DEPENDABLE and COMPETENT. Our team members, as well as our constituents, know we will deliver what we promise.
- We value WISDOM gathered through experience, seek to instill PASSION in our work, and act with COURAGE as we strive to fulfill our mission and work toward our vision daily

Letter From the Director

Laura Arguelles MA, Director



For the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of working with the UNM STEM-H Center and supporting its mission to inspire the next generation of STEM learners across central New Mexico. During that time, I have seen firsthand how our programs spark curiosity, build confidence, and encourage children to explore scientific research and engineering design. As I step into the role of Director, I am honored to continue serving an organization whose mission I care deeply about and whose impact I have witnessed throughout my years with the Center.

This past year has been one of transition and perseverance for the UNM STEM-H Center. Following the retirement of longtime Director Karen Kinsman in July 2025, the Center entered a new chapter while continuing the work and programs that have made it an important resource for STEM education across central New Mexico. Karen continues to be an inspiring mentor, and I am grateful for her sage advice and endless support.

Transitions are rarely easy, especially for an organization with more than two decades of history and a community of students, teachers, volunteers, and partners who care deeply about its mission. Yet throughout the year, the STEM-H Center team continued to adapt and move forward. While there have been challenges, there have also been many successes and opportunities to learn, grow, and look toward the future.

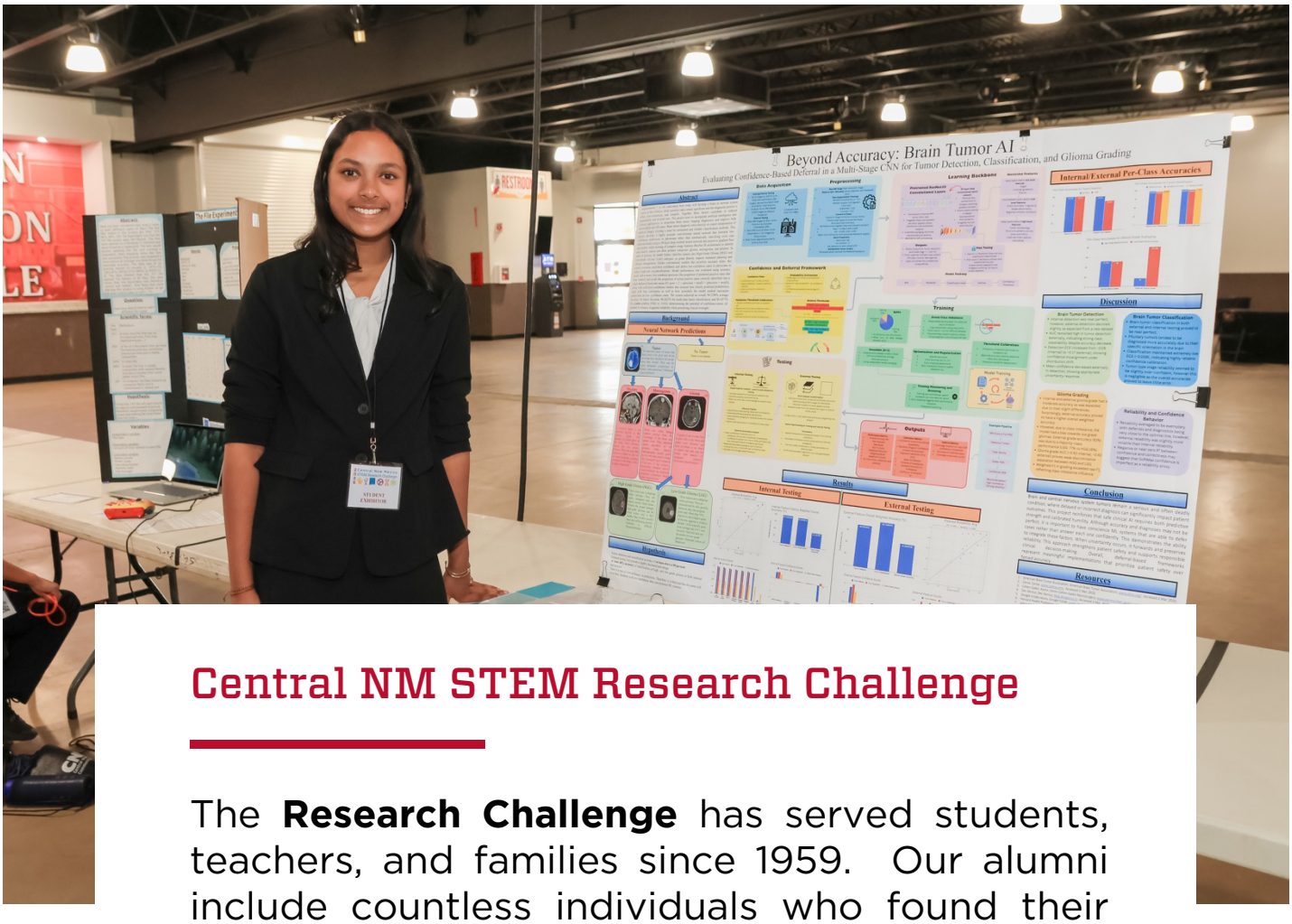
One of the greatest strengths of the STEM-H Center has always been its people. Staff, volunteers, teachers, STEM professionals, sponsors, university partners, alumni, and community organizations all played an important role in helping the Center navigate a year of change and ensuring students continued to have access to high-quality STEM experiences. One of the most encouraging aspects of this work is seeing former participants return as judges, mentors, volunteers, and STEM professionals, giving back to the programs that helped shape their own journeys. Their involvement reminds us that the impact of our programs extends far beyond a single competition, classroom, or school year.

As we look ahead, our goal is not simply to maintain what has been built, but to find new ways to grow, improve, and expand the impact of the STEM-H Center. We want to encourage even more young people to embrace scientific research and engineering design, ask difficult questions, pursue their curiosity, and recognize their ability to make a difference in the world around them.

I look forward to the year ahead and to working alongside our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and supporters to create meaningful opportunities for the next generation of central New Mexico's innovators, researchers, and problem-solvers. Thank you for being part of this mission.

Laura Argüelles

Outreach



Central NM STEM Research Challenge

The **Research Challenge** has served students, teachers, and families since 1959. Our alumni include countless individuals who found their way into STEM careers – including a retired NASA Shuttle Astronaut, prestigious researchers, physicians, educators, and many who left NM to pursue their post-secondary education then came home to serve their communities at Sandia National Labs, Los Alamos National Labs, UNM, and countless other businesses in our community. Several of our alumni return every year as judges to be part of the experience that meant so much to them as pre-college students and a handful are part of our judging leadership team.

Central NM STEM Research Challenge

Central NM STEM Research Challenge is a three-division (Elementary, Junior, and Senior), multi-category, regional STEM research competition. The Central NM STEM Research Challenge qualifies students to participate in the State Science Fair and sends top qualifying students to the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), the world's largest pre-college research competition. Research competitions reward discovery and innovation as well as promoting creativity through the discovery of new problems, inventions, ideas, and solutions. They also provide the perfect way to help students develop the "essential" skills needed to succeed in the workplace (eg: time management, personal organization, oral & written communication skills, project management, etc.). Research Challenge serves students and science teachers, grades 4 - 12. Over 10,000 students in the Central region participate in local school competitions. Schools then qualify students to move on to the regional level. Almost **400 4th through 12th grade students** registered for the 2026 Central NM STEM Research Challenge.



As an ISEF-Affiliated Fair, the Central NM STEM Research Challenge sends 4 projects to ISEF as competing Finalists and, funding allowing, up to two top 8th grade student researchers to ISEF as Student Observers.

Our ISEF Finalists from the Central NM Region for 2026 were:

- Aanya Asoori - La Cueva High School
- Euiryeon Kim - La Cueva High School
- Rachel Taylor - Rio Rancho Cyber Academy
- Ahana Koushik - Albuquerque Academy

Additionally, Sahana Paruchuri Albuquerque Academy attended ISEF as our 8th Grade Student Observer. The 2026 Regeneron ISEF was held in Phoenix, AZ. 2027 Regeneron ISEF will be held in Los Angeles, CA.

Central NM STEM Research Challenge 2026

Race/Ethnicity

- Declined to state 9.3%
- Native American 4.6%
- More than 1/Multiracial 6.3%
- Middle Eastern &/or N. African 4.1%
- Indian/So. Asian 8.5%
- Hispanic or Latin Descent 29.5%
- Caucasian/White 27.3%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 4.1%
- Black or African American 6.3%

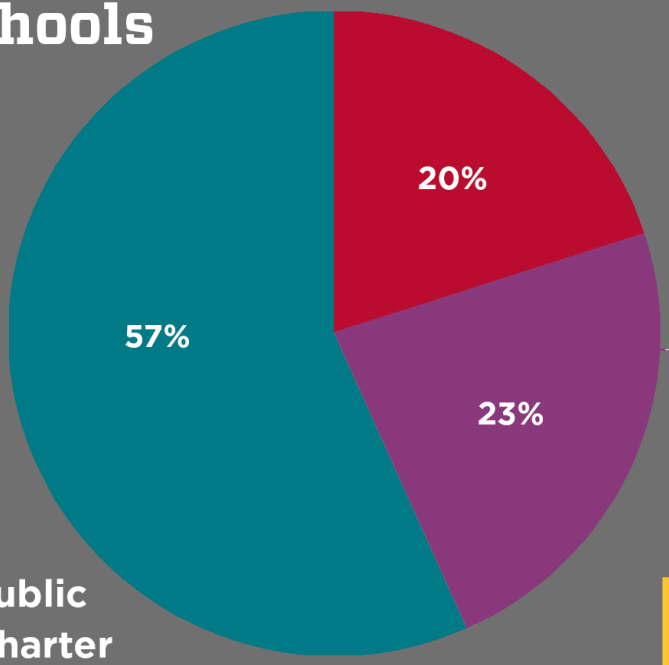
New Mexico student competitors were awarded over $70,000.00!

Gender



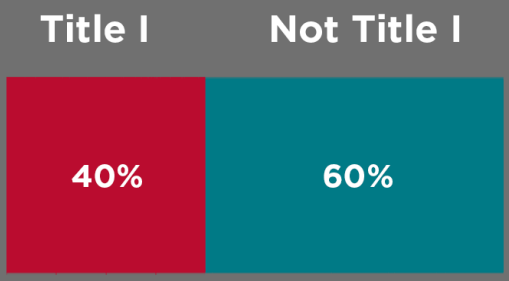
51.6% Female 45.3% Male

Schools



- Public
- Charter
- Private/Parochial

Title I



Almost 400 students participated in our competition in 2026!

Science Olympiad

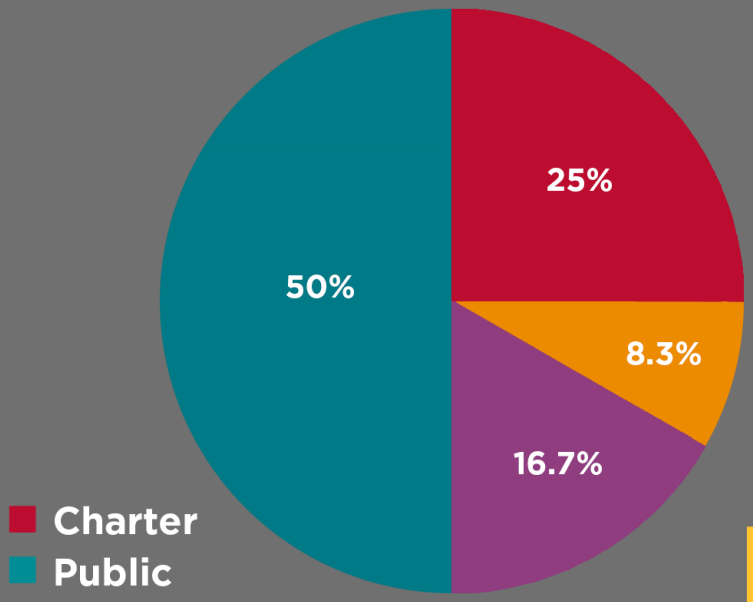
Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science/STEM education, increasing student interest in STEM and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science/STEM education by both students and teachers. These goals are accomplished through classroom activities, research, training workshops and the encouragement of intramural, district, regional, state and national tournaments. Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of events, which students prepare for during the year. Events follow the format of popular board games, TV shows and athletic games. These challenging and motivational events are well balanced between the various STEM disciplines of life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, mathematics, computers, and technology. There is an equilibrium between events requiring knowledge of facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications. One of the goals of Science Olympiad is to elevate STEM education and learning to a level of enthusiasm and support that is normally reserved only for varsity sports programs...celebrating academic athletes!

In 2026, the Central NM Science Olympiad offered 39 events and had approximately 81 volunteer Event Supervisors, Event Assistants & other volunteers from UNM and several other area organizations. There were a total of **21 competing teams from 13 middle and high schools** in the region that competed in events. The Albuquerque Academy High School team placed 1st at the state competition and represented New Mexico at the 2026 National Science Olympiad competition.

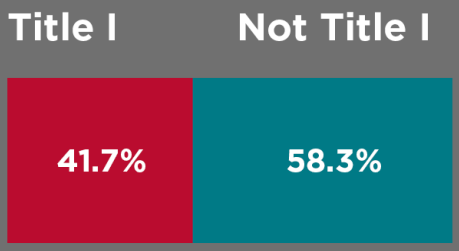
Division B Top 3 Winners	Division C Top 3 Winners
1st Albuquerque Area Homeschoolers	1st La Cueva High School C1
2nd Albuquerque Academy B1	2nd Cottonwood Classical Prep School
3rd Mountain Mahogany Community School	3rd Albuquerque Academy C1

Central NM Regional Science Olympiad 2026

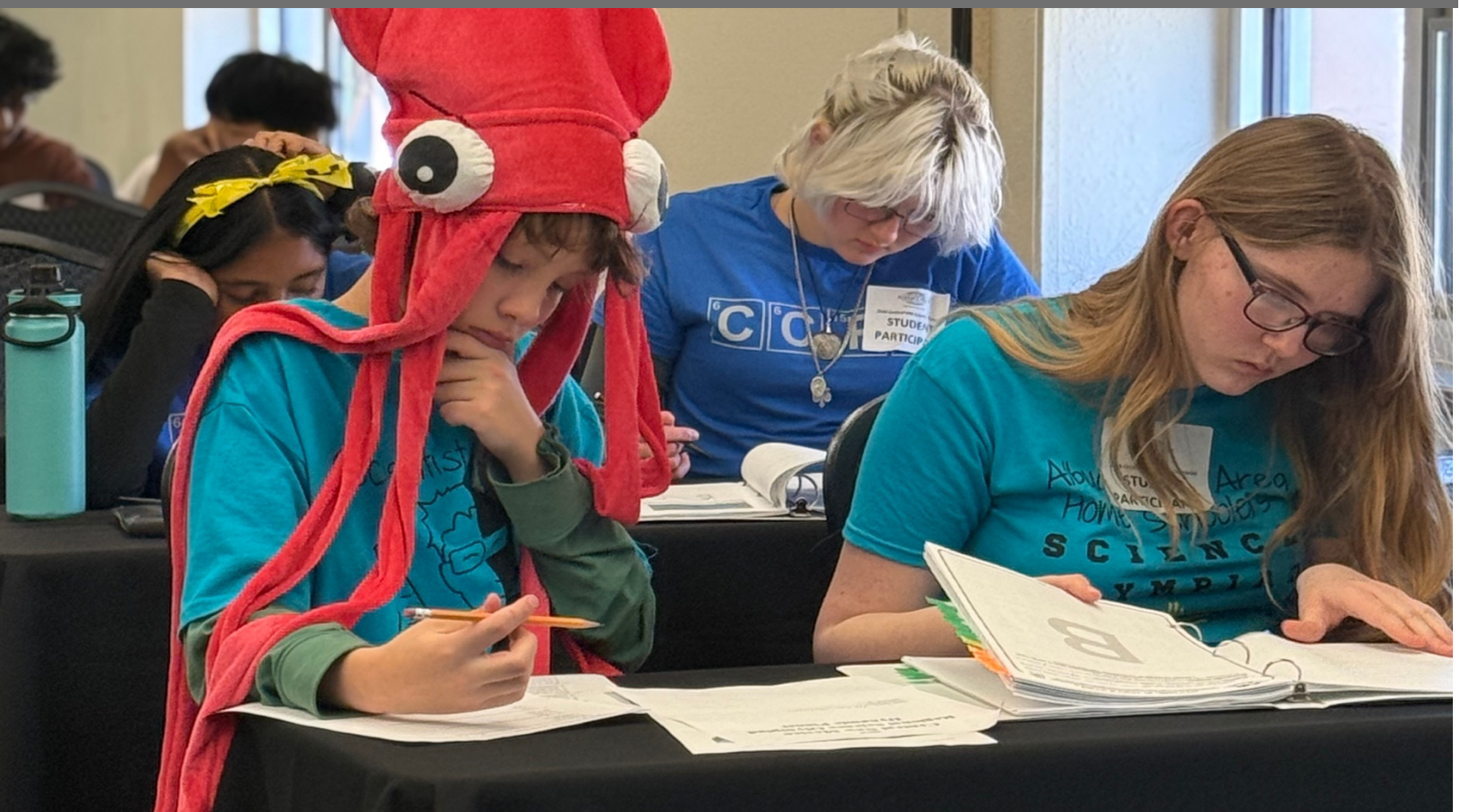
Schools



Title I



Vounteers donated over 650 hours in 2026!



Education & Training

Professional Development

The STEM-H Educator Professional Development Workshops provide teachers with opportunities to engage in professional development specific to including inquiry-based science/math in their classrooms and supporting students in independent inquiry-based research projects leading to local and/or regional as well as potentially state and/or international competition. By engaging in one or more of the workshops, STEM-H educators can prepare themselves to establish or enhance a student research program in their schools/classrooms.

> *"This (RC Bootcamp) is a refreshing professional development opportunity for me to keep me updated with the changes or new protocols about ISEF to make sure that my students are in compliance and ready to compare."*
>
> *2023 RC Bootcamp Teacher Participant*

In 2025-2026, Research Challenge Bootcamp was offered both in-person and online. Educators came from within Central NM, throughout the state of NM, and outside our great state (including California, Minnesota, Utah, etc.). Alaka`ina Foundation/Kupono Government Services continued as the sponsor of the UNM STEM-H Center Learning Lab which has allowed us to utilize a robust online learning management system in Moodle Cloud. The STEM-H Educator Professional Development trainings will continue to evolve over time as needs and funding are identified. Thanks to our amazing community partners, we have also continued to build a video library of STEM Careers Panels. Please check out the panels from 2021-2026 on our STEM-H Center YouTube Channel and share to your heart's content! Our STEM Career Panel partner in 2026 was a collection of informal STEM educators from Explora, R4 Creating, and AFRL STEM Academy!

STEM-H LENDING LIBRARY

The UNM STEM-H Lending Library offers teachers, schools, homeschool/middle/high school students & community groups as well as University level students/faculty the opportunity to borrow small equipment & curriculum materials. The inventory's current home is in Room 114 of the UNM College of Education's Manzanita Hall. Click here to access the current Catalog and Information.

Partnerships, Policy, & Advocacy

Strategic Partnerships & Collaborations

Below are examples (not an exhaustive list) of strategic STEM-H Education relationships/ collaborations/partnerships that have been developed in recent years or are in the process of development out of the STEM-H Center:

Advancing STEM Research Teaching Program	Project ECHO Education
Air Force Research Laboratory – New Mexico	Q Station
APS Engineering the Future Program	Regeneron ISEF Science Fair Directors Group
Corning Life Sciences	Science Buddies
ENLACE NM	Science Fair Directors Institute
EPSCoR	Society for Science
Explora Science Center	Space Center Houston
EXPO NM	STEM NM Learning Ecosystem
Honeywell/Sandia National Laboratories	The Aerospace Corporation
Intel Corporation	University of New Mexico
Kupono Government Services	UNM Engineering Student Services & Outreach Programs
Los Alamos National Laboratories Foundation	UNM Biosafety Office
New Mexico PBS	UNM College of Education
NM Academy of Science	UNM Health Sciences
NM MESA	UNM Health Sciences Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
NM Partnership for Mathematics & Science Education	UNM Human Protections Office
NM Public Education Department	UNM Health Sciences Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee
NM Science Teachers Association	UNM Office of VP for Research
NM Supercomputing Challenge	UNM Responsible Conduct of Research
Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education (JSTI West)	UNM School of Engineering
Pajarito Powder	US Army Corps of Engineers – ABQ District
PNM Resources	Zancada Fellows Program (UNM)

Advisory Council

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Chief, Strategic Initiatives Group
US Army Corps of Engineers (Retired)

Karen Kinsman
UNM STEM-H Director (Retired)

Susannah Clary
Right of Way Project Manager/
Archeologist

Dr. Valerie Romero-Leggott
UNM HSC Office for Diversity
Executive Vice President for DEI

Robert DeBlassie
Sandia National Laboratories Senior Technical Staff
Research Challenge SR Division Master Judge Chair

Sherwin Thiyagarajan
UNM Student
RC Alumna

Dr. Leonard Duda
Sandia National Laboratories (Retired)
Research Challenge JR Division Master Judge Chair
Central NM Science Olympiad Event Supervisor
SW JSHS Lead Judge

Gail Vavruska-Marcum
Senior Manager of Compensation
Sandia National Laboratories
Research Challenge Judge

Patricia Duda
Albuquerque Public Schools (retired)
Teacher

Ali Vavruska
Sandia National Laboratories
Research Challenge Judge

Dr. Melissa Emery-Thompson
Associate VP for Research
UNM Office of Research (main campus)

James Vigerust
Corporate Safety Officer, Aptim Federal Services
Research Challenge D&S/Exhibit Halls Manager

Leah Felty
V. Sue Cleveland High School
Teacher

STEM-H Center Staff

Laura Arguelles, MA
Director

Erin Garcia JD, MBA Candidate
Asst Director/Program Specialist

Appendices

FY26 Programs Impact Grid

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Award Donors – Organizations & Individuals

Impact Grid

PROGRAM	4th-12th Grade Students Directly OR Indirectly Impacted	Educators Directly Impacted	Volunteer Judges & Event Supervisors
Central NM Science Olympiad (6th-12th Grade)	253	25	81
Central NM STEM Research Challenge (9th-12th Grade)	366	135	272
Research Challenge Bootcamps (Gr 4-12 Teachers, Fall 2025) Fall/Winter 2025 Teacher PD; online course was left open until the end of January 2026. Indirect Impact determined based on teacher reported number of students worked with regularly. Totals are projected total based on % of participating teachers who completed evaluation surveys & provided student impact numbers averaged over total # of 2026 RC Bootcamp completers().	10492 (Indirect Impact)	61 (In-Person & Online Completers)	N/A
Total Projected Impact #'s For FY26 Programs =	**11111**	**221**	**353**

Schools Served

FY26 SCHOOLS SERVED

REGISTERED SCHOOLS	Research Challenge Bootcamp (workshop)*	Central NM STEM Research Challenge	Central NM 4th/5th Grade Research Expo	Central NM Science Olympiad	School Type	Title I School
ACES Technical Charter School	X	X			CHARTER	✓
Albuquerque Academy	X	X		X[4]	PRIVATE	✗
Albuquerque Area Homeschoolers				X[2]	HOME	✗
Albuquerque High School		X			PUBLIC	✗
Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science	X	X			CHARTER	✗
Albuquerque School of Excellence	X	X	X	X[2]	CHARTER	✓
Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	X	X	X		CHARTER	✓
The ASK Academy	X				CHARTER	✓
Bosque Farms Elementary	X	X	X		PUBLIC	✓
Colinas del Norte Elementary School	X		X		PUBLIC	✓
Cottonwood Classical				X[2]	CHARTER	✓
Desert Ridge Middle School	X	X		X	PUBLIC	✗
Desert Willow Family School		X	X		CHARTER	✗
Double Eagle Elementary School	X		X		PUBLIC	✗
Eisenhower Middle School	X	X			PUBLIC	✗
Georgia O'Keefe Elementary School			X		PUBLIC	✗
Highland High School				X	PUBLIC	✓
Holy Child Catholic School	X	X			PRIVATE	✗
Immanuel Lutheran School	X				PRIVATE	✗
Jefferson Middle School	X	X			PUBLIC	✗
La Cueva High School		X		X[2]	PUBLIC	✗
Lincoln Middle School		X		X	PUBLIC	✓
Los Lunas High School				X[2]	PUBLIC	✓
Manzano Day School			X		PRIVATE	✗
Menaul School				X[2]	PRIVATE	✗
Moriarty Elementary School	X		X		PUBLIC	✓
Moriarty Middle School	X	X			PUBLIC	✓
Mountain Mahogany Community School				X	CHARTER	✗

FY26 Schools Served Cont.

REGISTERED SCHOOLS	Research Challenge Bootcamp (workshop)*	Central NM STEM Research Challenge	Central NM 4th/5th Grade Research Expo	Central NM Science Olympiad	School Type	Title I School
Moriarty Middle School	X	X			PUBLIC	✓
New Mexico Connections Academy	X	X			CHARTER	✓
Our Lady of the Assumption		X			PRIVATE	✗
Rio Rancho High School	X	X			PUBLIC	✗
Route 66 Elementary School			X		PUBLIC	✓
Salam Academy	X	X	X		PRIVATE	✗
South Mountain Elementary School	X		X		PUBLIC	✓
St. Pius X High School		X			PRIVATE	✗
St. Thomas Aquinas School	X	X	X		PRIVATE	✗
Tome Elementary School	X				PUBLIC	✓
V. Sue Cleveland High School	X	X		X	PUBLIC	✗
Sundance Elementary School	X	X			PUBLIC	✓
TOTALS =	25	24	13	Schools = 12 Teams = 21	Public = 21 Private = 9 Charter = 10 Home = 1	Title I = 45%

✓ = Title I School ✗ = Not Title I School X = Fielded "x" # Regional Science Olympiad Teams

ALL public, private, parochial, charter, and home schools in Central New Mexico are eligible to participate in Research Challenge and Science Olympiad. All participating schools along with the programs in which their students participated, the type of school, and the school's Title 1 status are indicated *(Title I, Part A [Title I] of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or ESEA, as amended, provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards)*

FY26 BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROUP SPONSORS

(Includes In-Kind Donors for which donation value is known)

Plutonium Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $30,000+)*

UNM Health Sciences Center
UNM Office of Research

Platinum Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $15,000-$19,999)*

NAIOP-NM
UNM Scholarship Office (Jackling Fund)

Silver Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $10,000-$14,999)*

Sandia National Labs

Zinc Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $5,000-$9,999)*

Intel Corporation
Kāpili Services LLC/Alka`ina Foundation
Nusenda Credit Union
Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)
UNM School of Engineering
UNM School of Medicine

Copper Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $2,500-$4,999)*

Albuquerque Publishing Company
UNM Alumni Association

Aluminum Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $1,000-$2,499)*

Benevity Community Impact
Goodmans Interior Structures
Pavilion Construction
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Explora Science Center & Children's Museum
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International Test & Evaluation Association, Roadrunner Chapter
Sandia Peak Tram Company
Titan Development
UNM Grand Challenges
UNM College of Pharmacy

FY26 BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROUP SPONSORS Cont.

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Helium Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $250-$499)*

American Chemical Society, Central NM Section
American Association of University Women
Chalmers Ford
Duke City Commercial
ENLACE NM
Flanagan Investment Real Estate
Geltmore, Inc.
NAI Sunvista – Alex Pulliam
NAI Sunvista – Clay Azar
New Mexico Engineering Foundation
Regeneron
Springer 5 Investments
Studio Southwest Architects
UNM Department of Neurosciences

Hydrogen Sponsors *(Monetary and in-kind sponsors of $5-$249)*

Albuquerque Rocket Society
Association of Old Crows
CBRE
Citadel Securities
Climate Change New Mexico
DoD STEM
Enchanted Lens Camera Club
Groundwater Partners
Lemelson Foundation
New Mexico Trout
Office of Naval Research
Society of Women Engineers, Central NM Section

FY26 BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

TOTAL VALUE OF SPONSORSHIPS/DONATIONS = $300,120.00



FY26 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

(Includes In-Kind Donors for which donation value is known)

Einstein Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $2500+)*

Patricia & Leonard Duda

Curie Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $1500-$2499)*

Foreman Family

Darwin Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $1000-$1499)*

Karen Robinson
Martignoni Family

Carver Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $500-$999)*

Catherine Turpin
Karen Kinsman & Holly Lowe
Lopez & Perez Families
Louis & Stacy Abruzzo
Nancy Schmierbach
Randi Buck

Newton Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $250-$499)*

Benjamin Gardner
Tom & Maxine Grossman

Ochoa Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $100-$249)*

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Kate Barone Dimock
Randy Woodcock
Shirley Anderson
Steve Garcia
Todd Thompson
Emily Weigel

Goodall Donors *(Individual cash & in-kind donations of $50-$99)*

Brian Platzbecker
Selena Connealy
Tracy Sitland

FY26 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

TOTAL VALUE OF SPONSORSHIPS/DONATIONS = $17,636.00

(Includes amounts not listed above from donors that requested to remain anonymous)

FY26 TOTAL MONETARY/IN-KIND DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS

= $317,756.00

FY26 IN-KIND DOOR PRIZE DONORS

We would also like to acknowledge the organizations that donated raffle prizes for the STEM Research Challenge.

Albuquerque Isotopes

Educational Trust Board of NM - The 529 Education Plan

University of New Mexico - Admissions

UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center

UNM Combined BA/MD Degree Program

UNM HSC OfDEI - Communities to Careers

UNM STEM-H Center



2025-2026 Volunteer Hours & Value of Time

2026 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge	# of Volunteers	# of Volunteer Hours	Value of Volunteer Hours
Category Judges *(8 hrs per judge @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	135	1,080	$37,800.00
Judge Chairs/Master Chairs *(25 hrs per judge @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	26	650	$22,750.00
Special Awards Judges *(4 hrs per judge @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	60	240	$8,400.00
Registration Volunteers *(3 hrs per volunteer @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	10	30	$1,050.00
Registration Volunteers Coordinator *(20 hrs @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	1	20	$700.00
Display & Safety Inspectors *(4 hrs per volunteer @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	20	80	$2,800.00
Display & Safety Committee Chairs *(20 hrs per volunteer @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	1	20	$700.00
Speakers – Panels and Other Individual Speakers *(2-3 hrs per speaker/moderator @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	4	12	$420.00
Speakers-Keynote *(8 hrs @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	1	8	$240.00
Security & Floor Monitors *(8 hrs per volunteer @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	14	112	$3,920.00
TOTAL SERC VOLUNTEERS	**272**	**2,252**	**$78,780.00**

2026 Advisory Board Members	# of Volunteers	# of Volunteer Hours	Value of Volunteer Hours
Board Members - Volunteer *(8 hrs per board member @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	12	96	$3,360.00
ADVISORY COUNCIL	**12**	**96**	**$3,360.00**

2026 Central NM Science Olympiad	# of Volunteers	# of Volunteer Hours	Value of Volunteer Hours
Events with Volunteer Event Supervisors *(12 hrs per ES for prep & facilitation @ $35/hr avg in-kind time donation; some ES's prepared & supervised more than one of the 41 events; time for each event is counted here)*	41	492	$17,220.00
Other Volunteers *(Average 4 hrs each; Average 1 per event @$35/hr avg in-kind time donation)*	40	160	$5,600.00
TOTAL SO VOLUNTEERS	**81**	**652**	**$22,820.00**

	TOTAL # Volunteers	TOTAL # Volunteer Hours	TOTAL Value Volunteer Hours
FY26 GRAND TOTAL =	**365**	**3,000**	**$104,960.00**

Volunteer time value calculated at $35/hour which is higher than national average of $33.49/hour and the NM average of $27.38, A majority of our volunteers are STEM professionals/retirees whose hourly pay rate may be significantly higher than these averages which we took into account when calculating the value of volunteer hours.

2026 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge AWARDS

Special Awards - Donor Paid	$7,155.00
Special Awards - Office Paid	$54,820.00
Top of Category Awards – Office Paid	$6,925.00
CNM-SERC AWARDS =	$68,900.00

2026 Central NM Science Olympiad AWARDS

Science Olympiad - Trophies, Medals, etc.	$1,240.00
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD AWARDS =	$1,240.00

TOTAL AWARDS *(all programs)* **= $70,140.00**



2025-2026 Student & Teacher Award Donors

AIC General Contractors
Albuquerque Astronomical Society
Albuquerque Rocket Society
Allen Sigmon Real Estate Group
American Association of University Women
American Chemical Society - Central NM Section
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
American Psychological Association
Association for Women Geoscientists
Association of Old Crows
Benjamin Gardner, AIA, LEED, AP
Bohannan Huston
CBRE
Chalmers Ford
Citadel Securities
Climate Change New Mexico
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