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Governor Bill Richardson appoints new regents

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of four new university regents to fill expired terms at New Mexico Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University and the New Mexico Military Institute. The Governor also reappointed a regent at New Mexico Tech University.

“Universities are playing a pivotal role in my administration’s efforts to create jobs and move New Mexico forward,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I will work with these new regents to hold universities more accountable, increase graduation rates and prepare students for high-wage jobs,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “

New Mexico Highlands University

Governor Richardson appointed Javier M. Gonzales, a management consultant and former Santa Fe County commissioner, who will serve a six-year term on NMHU’s Board of Regents. He replaces outgoing regent and former Governor Toney Anaya.

Gonzales is an associate partner with Accenture, a global management consultant company. As Santa Fe County commissioner, Gonzales was elected President of the National Association of Counties, which represents 3,000 counties around the country. He was the first Hispanic to serve as president of the association. Gonzales also owns Santa Fe-based KSWV radio. He serves on the board of directors for Century Bank, and he was appointed by Governor Richardson to the board of the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Eastern New Mexico University

Governor Richardson appointed Pauline Ponce, a retired educator and former state legislator, who will serve a six-year term on ENMU's Board of Regents. She replaces outgoing regent Blaine Hess.

Ponce served in the New Mexico Legislature from 2000-2004. She is a former superintendent and teacher for the Roswell Independent School District. Ponce currently serves as an At-Large member responsible for Legislative activity for the New Mexico School Administrators. She holds a B.A. and M.A. in Elementary Education from Eastern New Mexico University.

Western New Mexico University

Governor Richardson appointed Noreen Krewer-Scott, an economic development executive, who will serve a six-year term on WNMU's Board of Regents. She replaces outgoing regent Felix Collard.

Krewer-Scott is the Executive Director of the Rio Rancho Economic Development Corporation and has more than 16 years of economic development experience and currently serves on the Rio Rancho Economic Development Board Executive Committee. She is a former instructor at the University of Oklahoma and holds a B.A. in Journalism from Mundelein College and a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from Western New Mexico University.

New Mexico Military Institute

Governor Richardson appointed Phill C. Ingram, the founding Principal of First Financial Resources, who will serve a six-year term on NMMI's Board of Regents. He replaces outgoing regent Fred Yates.

Ingram is a graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute. He went on to attend the University of New Mexico and graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA degree in Marketing and Finance. He is a current member and past Director of the New Mexico Estate Planning Council and is a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).

New Mexico Tech

Governor Richardson reappointed Ann Daily, an attorney and businesswoman, to serve a six-year term on New Mexico Tech's Board of Regents.

