



CLASS OF
2022

LEADERSHIP *ALBUQUERQUE*

Developing knowledgeable and engaged civic leaders

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Dear Leadership Albuquerque Class of 2022,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, I'm pleased to certify that you are a graduate of Leadership Albuquerque and celebrate your completion of this important program.

The Chamber exists to make our city and state a great place to start and grow a business and a safe, exciting place to work and raise a family. To that end, Leadership Albuquerque helps rising leaders take a deep dive into the issues affecting economic growth and quality of life in our community. I hope you found our program days – on topics ranging from public safety and education to state government and the tourism industry – enlightening and rewarding as you engaged with experts and decision makers and built strong professional relationships with your colleagues.

This year, as we celebrate you, the Chamber also celebrates just over 40 years of Leadership Albuquerque and its place in our city. Those years represent the collaborative learning and development of more than 1,500 of our city's best and brightest leaders who are determined to make a difference, and you now have a place among their ranks. I hope you take what you have learned and use it in your day-to-day lives at work and in our community to make it stronger, safer, and more prosperous.

Wishing you the very best,

Terri Cole
President & CEO
Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce



Dear Leadership Albuquerque Class of 2022,

Congratulations on your graduation! It has been a pleasure to get to know you and learn alongside of you over the past year. As Chairs of the Leadership Albuquerque program, we appreciated your thoughtful questions for our presenters and the significant time you devoted to exploring the most important issues affecting our city and state. We hope you enjoyed your time in the program and built meaningful relationships with other professionals from across the Albuquerque area.

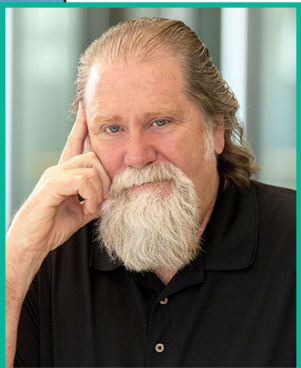
Our community will always have a need for strong, knowledgeable leaders, but this is particularly true as we chart a “new normal” on the other side of the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope you feel as confidently as we do that you are more than up to the task.

You've had the chance to meet with some of the most widely-respected and influential decision makers and experts in New Mexico and across the nation. We worked to offer you the best experiences possible, and we thank you for your continued commitment to and participation in this program that we believe is so important to our community's future. We hope you have found your participation in Leadership Albuquerque as rewarding as we have, and that you feel a renewed sense of purpose to help lead and grow the city and state we all love.

Sincerely,

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Welcome to the Program: Goals, Expectations and Class Schedule

Dale Dekker, GACC Leadership Albuquerque Chair, Founding Principal/Architect, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini
Chris Dunkeson, GACC Leadership Albuquerque Vice-Chair

A Crash Course on the Chamber of Commerce

Scott Darnell, Senior Advisor for Policy, Planning and Operations, GACC

DiSC Assessment Results and Presentation

Michael Kocurek, Professional Coach, Better Life Communications

The City We Love: A History of Albuquerque

Leslie Kim, History Curator, Albuquerque Museum



KEYNOTE:

Michael Kocurek



K-12 AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Keeping Kids At The Center: An Overview of the State of Education in New Mexico

Amanda Aragon, Executive Director, NewMexicoKidsCAN

Albuquerque Public Schools: The Plans and Priorities of New Mexico's Largest School District

Scott Elder, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools

Show Me The Money: How the State Funds Public Education and the Evaluation of Early Childhood Programs

Charles Sallee, Deputy Director, New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee

Policymaking in Education

Mimi Stewart, Senator, Senate President Pro Tem

A Crash Course on Public Charter Schools

Matt Pahl, Executive Director, Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

Leading Schools and Lifting Students

JoAnn Mitchell, Founder and Principal, Mission Achievement and Success Schools

Expansion Underway: Early Childhood Education and Care Programs in New Mexico

Michael Weinberg, Education Program Officer, Thornburg Foundation



GUEST SPEAKERS



Amanda Aragon



Scott Elder



Charles Sallee



Mimi Stewart



Matt Pahl



JoAnn Mitchell



Michael Weinberg

NEW MEXICO'S ENERGY AND WATER FUTURE

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Just How Dependent? The Contribution of Oil and Gas Production to New Mexico's State Budget and Schools

Richard Anklam, President and Executive Director, New Mexico Tax Research Institute

Oil and Gas Production in the Permian Basin, and Groundbreaking New Investments in Carbon Capture Technology

Matt Thompson, Director of Governmental Affairs, Occidental Petroleum

BlockEnergy Smart Platform: A Solar Powered Neighborhood-level Micro Grid

Gary Oppedahl, Vice President, Emera Emerging Technologies

Understanding Energy (and Fracking): The Role of Fossil Fuels in Our Energy Future

George Sharpe, Investment Manager, Merrion Oil & Gas

Harnessing the Wind

Jeremy Turner, Director of NM Project Development, Pattern Energy

PNM/Avangrid: A Major Merger

Laura Sánchez, Chief Policy and Legal Advisor, PNM Resources

The Clean Fuel Standard Act and New Mexico as a Hydrogen Energy Hub

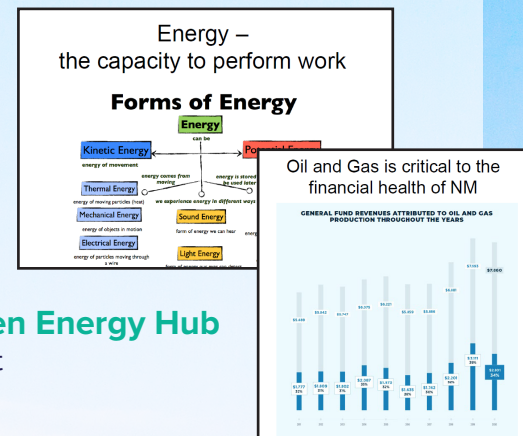
James Kenney, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department

Water Resources Management in the Rio Grande

John Stomp, Former Chief Operating Officer, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Alternative Water Supplies: Brackish Water, Produced Water, and Recycled Wastewater

Kerry Howe, Director, UNM's Center for Water and the Environment



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Jeremy Turner



Laura Sánchez



James Kenney



John Stomp



Kerry Howe

PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIME FIGHTING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

DECEMBER 7, 2021

Primer on Recent Criminal Justice System Changes

Scott Darnell, Greater ABQ Chamber of Commerce Senior Advisor for Policy and Programs and Former Director of the ABQ Innovation Team

Case Catcher: New Crime-Fighting Technology, Built in ABQ

Scott Darnell, GACC

Maggie Newman, Chamber Case Catcher Team

Adolfo Méndez, Chief of Policy and Planning for the Bernalillo County District Attorney

Prosecuting Crimes

Raúl Torrez, Bernalillo County District Attorney

Supporting Victims of Crime

Bernalillo County D.A. Victim Assistance Division



The Crime Strategies Unit: Technology in Policing/Prosecution

Adolfo Méndez, Chief of Policy and Planning for the Bernalillo County District Attorney

Vickie Duran, Victim Assistance Director and Acting Agent-in-Charge of Special Investigations for the Bernalillo County District Attorney

Policing in Albuquerque

Harold Medina, Albuquerque Police Department Chief of Police

Defending the Accused

Ben Baur, New Mexico Chief Public Defender

Panel: Understanding Behavioral Health Challenges, Initiatives, and Treatments in Bernalillo County

Margarita Chávez, Director of Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Initiative

Mariela Ruiz-Angel, Director of the new ABQ Community Safety Department

Catching Criminals, Running Prisons, and Lessons Learned Along the Way

Gregg Marcantel, Former New Mexico Corrections Department Secretary

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Vickie Duran



Harold Medina



Ben Baur



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Mariela Ruiz-Angel



Margarita Chávez

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

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Joe Thompson, Thompson Consulting
Jason Weaks, The Weaks Law Firm, P.C.

Rikki-Lee Chávez, Capitol Counseling and Consulting

Julie Morgas-Baca, County Manager
Charlene Pyskoty, County Commissioner

Brook Bassan, City Councilor

Mike Puelle, Mayor Keller's Chief of Staff

Scott Darnell, Greater ABQ Chamber of Commerce, Former ABQ i-team Director, and Former Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Susana Martínez

Stuart Paisano, Former Governor of Sandia Pueblo



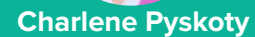
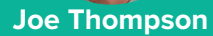
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Scott Darnell

Mike Puelle

Brook Bassan

Raúl Burciaga



MARCH 10, 2022

Samantha Sengel, Vice President of Workforce and Community Success, CNM

Alicia J. Keyes, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Economic Development Department

Jason Harper, State Representative, Ranking Member of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee

Tom Clifford, Tax Expert and Fmr. Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Finance and Administration

Casey DeRaad, Founder and CEO, New Space New Mexico

Gabriel Mounce, Director, U.S. Space Force–Accelerator Program

Jason Lazich, Director of Infrastructure and Ground Services, Virgin Galactic

Cara Michaliszyn, Director of Economic Development for UNM Rainforest Innovations

Scott Darnell, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

David S. Campbell, CEO, Mesa Del Sol, LLC

Kent Cravens, CEO, Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors



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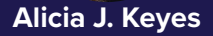
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Scott Darnell

Cara Michaliszyn

Jason Lazich

Samantha Sengel



TOURISM, CULTURE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

APRIL 21, 2022

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and New Mexico's Identity as a Culture Destination

Mike Canfield, President & CEO of Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Tourism Trends and Opportunities in the Albuquerque Area

Tania Armenta, President & CEO of Visit Albuquerque!

"New Mexico True": The Birth of a Powerhouse State Brand

Monique Jacobson, former Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Tourism Department and New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department

Our Crown Jewel: The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Al Tetreault, President of Balloon Fiesta Board of Directors

ABQ BioPark: The Most Visited Attraction in New Mexico

Stephanie Stowell, Director, ABQ BioPark

It's Electric! Immersive Entertainment and Dining in Albuquerque

Brandon Garrett, CEO & Co-Founder, Electric Playhouse

"United" Around Soccer in New Mexico

Peter Trevisani, Club President, CEO, and Majority Owner of the New Mexico United

GUEST SPEAKERS



Mike Canfield



Tania Armenta



Monique Jacobson



Al Tetreault



Stephanie Stowell



Brandon Garrett



Peter Trevisani

Our History

The Destination Management Cycle

By Maura Galt, FCDME

If you build a place people want to visit, you build a place where people want to live.

And if you build a place where business has to be, you'll build a place where people have to visit.

And now...

- 600+ pilots
- 2,400+ chase crew
- 1,200 volunteers
- 787media
- 180+ sponsors
- 80 concessions

DOWNTOWN TRANSFORMATION

JUNE 1, 2022

The Albuquerque Rail Yards: History, Uses, Opportunities and Development Strategy

Lawrence Rael, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Operating Officer, City of Albuquerque

Rail Trail: A Transformative Downtown Project

Ciaran Lithgow, Redevelopment Project Manager, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency

Confronting the Challenge of Homelessness in Albuquerque

Carol Pierce, Director of Family and Community Services, City of Albuquerque

Events and Conventions: Important Business for Downtown

Karl Holme, General Manager, DoubleTree by Hilton Albuquerque
Ray Roa, CSEP General Manager Overseeing the Convention Center, Civic Plaza, Kiva Auditorium and ABQ Regional Sports Complex

RS21: A Thriving, Cutting-Edge Downtown Business

Charles Rath, President & CEO RS21

Downtown Forward: For the Love of Albuquerque

Tim Keller, Mayor of Albuquerque
Peter Kageyama, Community Development Consultant, Downtown Expert
Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director for the City of ABQ Dept. of Arts and Culture
Henry Jake Foreman, New Mexico Community Capital Member
Kalika Davis, New Mexico Community Capital Member



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Peter Kageyama

RETREAT AND GRADUATION

JUNE 15, 2022

The Times, They Are A-Changin'...

Dale Dekker, Founding Principal/Architect, Dekker Perich Sabatini

Find Your Why

Chris Dunkeson, Vice President of Operations at Comcast

Leading and Managing in a Multi-Generational Workplace

Jeffrey Vargas, President & CEO, Generationology

Reposition that Mirror: How to Envision the Habits, Behaviors and Systems of a Rising Leader

Jeffrey Vargas, President & CEO, Generationology

Negotiation: A Critical Leadership Skill

Elizabeth Suárez, President & CEO, Negotiation Unleashed

Leadership Albuquerque Graduation: Presentation of Diplomas

Michael Padilla, Senator

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Dale Dekker



Chris Dunkeson



Jeffrey Vargas



Elizabeth Suárez



Michael Padilla

CONGRATULATIONS LEADERSHIP ALBUQUERQUE CLASS OF 2022!



THE CITY WE LOVE

A Destination City

- More than 6 million visitors to Albuquerque each year
- 20 Top Places to Visit in the U.S. (*TripAdvisor*, 2019)
- One of the hippest cities in the U.S. (*Insider*)
- Best Place to Live and Work as a Movie Maker in 2021 (*MovieMaker Magazine*)

Outdoor Recreation

- Top 50 city for outdoor access and recreation (*REI/Trust for Public Land*)
- #8 - 2021's Best Cities for Recreation (*WalletHub*)
- One of the Best Places for Outdoor Enthusiasts to Live and Work, 2020 (*SmartAsset*)
- Rio Grande River and its bosque runs through Albuquerque
- Excellent hiking, biking, camping, skiing and much more!

A Great Place to Live and Work

- 310 days of sunshine each year, low humidity, and four distinct seasons
- Average commute time of just 21 minutes
- #11 – Best Cities for Work-Life Balance (*Kisi*)
- #4 – Best Cities for STEM Workers (*Livability*)
- Top 10 Remote-Ready Cities in the U.S. in 2021 (*Livability*)
- Top 10 City for Women Working in Tech (*SmartAsset*)
- 20 Game-Changing Places to Live (*Sunset Magazine*)
- New Mexico: lowest property taxes in America (*Tax Foundation*)

Culture and Heritage – Like No Other Place in America

- Founded in 1706 as a Spanish colony
- New Mexico is home to 19 tribes and pueblos
- ABQ boasts cultural assets like the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and National Hispanic Cultural Center
- Majority-minority city, home to 70 ethnic groups
- Old Town, art, dance, museums – ABQ has it all!



Snapshot of Albuquerque

Population Estimates:

- 560,000 – Albuquerque
- 679,000 – Bernalillo County
- 918,000 – Greater Albuquerque (4-county metro area)

Size:

- 32nd largest city in America by population
- Roughly 190 square miles

Racial / Ethnic Diversity:

- 49.2% Hispanic
- 38.9% White
- 9.2% American Indian, Other, Mixed
- 3.3% Black
- 2.9% Asian

THE CHAMBER'S MISSION: A Greater Albuquerque

The Chamber exists to improve our city's quality of life and promote a dynamic, growing economy in the Albuquerque metro area. **We believe that when it's easy for businesses to start, grow, and thrive, our entire community benefits.** Together, we can build an even greater Albuquerque – one that is safe, exciting, and full of opportunities for children, residents, and workers alike.

MISSION

Founded in 1917, we work with government, business, and community partners to promote and develop a welcoming business environment and thriving, diverse economy in New Mexico. Our goal is to make our city and state a great place to start and grow a business and a safe, exciting place to work and raise a family.

FOCUS

Advocacy

- A powerful voice on behalf of businesses
- Driving policy changes – especially in the areas of economic development, public safety, education reform, and downtown transformation
- Collaboration and engagement at all levels of government

Connections

- Business to Government
- Business to Business
- Business to Resources – including critical information, meeting space, trainings, and leadership development



OUR WORK INCLUDES

- Policy analysis, convening, and negotiation
- Lobbying decision makers
- Benchmarking and best practices
- Sector-by-sector business advocacy
- Events with leaders and experts
- Networking opportunities
- Facilitation and coalition-building
- DOJ Grant - crime-fighting initiatives
- Strategic public communication on behalf of businesses
- News and information distribution
- Promotion and support of our investors
- Leadership Albuquerque
- Albuquerque Reads education program
- Issuance of certificates of origin



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Mike Teske
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Our friends and colleagues are proud of your achievement, your commitment to the community, and your continued leadership at US Bank!



Congratulations to



Chris Ricci
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Congratulations! Your friends and colleagues are proud of you and your leadership at Central New Mexico Community College.



Congratulations to



Eric Fuller
and the

 Leadership Albuquerque
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Your dedication and leadership continues to guide and support those around you to further the mission of Albertsons Market. Thank you for your commitment to serve with both enthusiasm and integrity.



CLAUDIA SANCHEZ
Leadership Albuquerque
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**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
ACHIEVEMENT, CLAUDIA!**

We look forward to your continued leadership within our company and community.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



Congratulations to

Kyle Biederwolf

and the

Leadership Albuquerque
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Your leadership is an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your continued commitment to our community. We are proud to have you on our Comcast team!



WHERE THEY LEAD,
NEW MEXICO WILL FOLLOW.



Jason Peters



Laura Sanchez



Omni Warner

LEADERSHIP ALBUQUERQUE CLASS OF 2022

Congratulations Jason, Laura and Omni for excelling in the Leadership Albuquerque Class of 2022 and for your exceptional contributions to PNM. New Mexico's future is brighter with you leading the way.



Together for New Mexico.

Congratulations to

**Misty
Sanders**

and the

**Leadership Albuquerque
Class of 2022**



*Congratulations Misty on your extraordinary contributions to French
Funerals & Cremations and Leadership Albuquerque!*

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