

# Meet a Mentor & What is the University Center? – UNM Gallup

## New Mexico Rainforest University Center Spring Seminar Series

STC.UNM and the Innovation Academy are hosting their spring 2019 University Center Seminar series. The New Mexico Rainforest University Center provides entrepreneurial training and technical assistance at the University of New Mexico main- and branch-campus center sites. The seminars are free and open to the UNM community and the public via in-person or web access, but registration is required. A certificate program in entrepreneurial capabilities is available to UNM students and community members thru UNM's Innovation Academy. If interested in the certificate program as part of the seminar series, please contact Cecilia Pacheco at [cpacheco@stc.unm.edu](mailto:cpacheco@stc.unm.edu).

**Date:** January 18, 2019, 4pm-5pm

**Location:** UNM Gallup (705 Gurley Ave Gallup, NM 87301), Student Services Tech Center, Room 200

**Event Website:** <http://MeetTheMentorUNMG.eventbrite.com/>

## January Seminar Topic:

### Introduction to the New Mexico Rainforest University Center Program and Meet the Mentor – Sandra Begay

Would you like to start or grow your business? The New Mexico Rainforest University Center can help you do that. Funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, STC.UNM and the UNM Innovation Academy are kicking off the spring program with an introduction to the programs and resources that are available under this program. Join us to learn more and meet the mentor for UNM-Gallup, Sandra Begay. If you have an idea for a new business or would like to expand your business, Sandra is available for discussions and mentoring on how to move forward.

### About the New Mexico Rainforest University Center

The University Center is a government-funded program providing entrepreneurial training and technical assistance to individuals or small businesses who are looking to start or grow their idea. The platform for the training will be e-commerce, designed to assist any business with its digital presence. The program provides two primary training programs at UNM main and branch campuses: (1) access to taking the "Create. Sell. Bank." course (for UNM students for credit or community members for certificate) and (2) a series of 12 seminars offered from January thru December.



MEET YOUR MENTOR: SANDRA BEGAY, PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF, INDIAN ENERGY PROGRAM, SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES



A former regent of the University of New Mexico, Ms. Begay joined Sandia National Laboratories in 1992 and is now a Principal Member of its Technical Staff. She heads Sandia's technical efforts in the Renewable Energy Program to assist Native American tribes with renewable energy development. Prior to this she also worked at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories and at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Ms. Begay is a former Executive Director of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), former chair of the AISES Board of Directors, and the recipient of the AISES Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sandra is the site mentor for UNM-Gallup. She is available as an interface for any questions and to serve as a connection point for resources related to your entrepreneurial endeavors or training.

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