

The University of New Mexico-Gallup
2026 Statewide Diversity Summit
Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Deb Haaland



Presentation Details

9 a.m. Saturday
April 18, 2026
Calvin Hall Center
Auditorium (CHC 248)

Presentation Title

Delivering Solutions for Working Families

How Diverse Experiences Shape the Best Solutions

Speaker Biography

Deb Haaland is a fierce leader — repeatedly breaking down barriers for future generations. A 35th generation New Mexican who organized for President Obama and led the New Mexico State Democratic Party, she made an unprecedented run and win as one of the first Native women to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and then made history when she was appointed to serve as Secretary of the Interior.

In all of her roles, her prolific leadership led to accomplishments that make the lives of working families better. She brings her personal experience as a military kid, a single mom, and a Pueblo woman to stand up for working families, Native and underserved communities, and to address the climate crisis. Now, she's running to be the next governor of New Mexico.