1. To better understand underrepresented populations in STEM.
2. To increase awareness of issues that lead to the educational gaps in achievement.
3. To move beyond a conversation by developing processes, programs, and mindsets that address gap reduction.

**PROGRAM**

8:30 - 9:00 am » Registration and Breakfast

9:00 am » Welcome
Tim Schroeder, Ed.D. Director, STEM Collaborative Center/Operations Director, UNM Grand Challenges Initiative.

9:10 am » Opening - “Inclusion Today and the Promise of Innovation Tomorrow”
Assata Zerai, Ph.D. VP of Equity and Inclusion.

9:40 am » Panel Discussion: Undergraduate STEM Student Perspective.
Anoton Perez - Film & Digital Media Arts, Arely Ortega - Nursing, Ivan Nunez - Computer Engineering, Michael Salazar - Biology.

10:25 am » “UNM’s STEM Student Murky Middle”
Yadéeh Sawyer, Ph.D. Program Specialist, STEM Collaborative Center & Engineering Student Success Center.

11:0 am » Break

11:25 am » Key Note Address - “Walking in Beauty on an Ever-Changing Path - a Native Woman Engineer’s Perspective”
Sandra Begay, MSCE. UNM Board of Regents Secretary.

12:10 pm » Lunch and Panel Discussion: UNM Programs and Support Services
Caitlin Henke - Women’s Resource Center, Daniel Begay - American Indian Student Services, Dayra Fallad-Mendoza - Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS), Doug Williams - Engineering Student Success Center, Moises Ibarra - Arts and Sciences Advisement, Patricial Lott - African American Student Services, Yesenia Ruiz - El Centro de la Raza.

1:25 pm » Breakout Session and Group Discussion

2:40 pm » Closing - “Raise Your Hand: A Call to Action”
Valerie Romero-Leggott, M.D. Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer/Executive Director, UNM SOM Combined BA/MD Degree Program.

3:10 pm » Thank You and Evaluations
Tim Schroeder, Ed.D. Director, STEM Collaborative Center/Operations Director, UNM Grand Challenges Initiative.

Master of Ceremonies: Jose Villar, MBA.