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From: J. Phillip King, P.E., Ph.D., M.B.A., Director

Subject: Invitation to the 2020 New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (New Mexico AMP) Virtual Student Research Conference

It is my pleasure to invite you and your students to the New Mexico AMP Virtual Student Research Conference on Friday, October 9, 2020. The conference will bring together students and faculty from the state's public community colleges and universities as well as high school students and teachers from the New Mexico Math, Engineering, Science Achievement, Inc. (NM MESA) program, the TRIO Upward Bound Program GISD/LCPS, and the NSF ReNUWIt Young Scholars program. University students from some of our NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) programs as well as other statewide programs and industry partners are also invited.

As an annual event, our conference focuses on providing the motivation and tools for students to set and achieve personal, academic, and professional goals. During the day, we will showcase student research activities through poster presentations of research projects. We will also offer engaging workshops that will promote professional development and progression to graduate school. The conference will start at 8:00 a.m., at which time the students need to attend to hear a welcome from the NM AMP Director, Dr. J. Phillip King and the NMSU President, Dr. John Floros. After that, the students will enjoy listening to State Representative Derrick Lente, our Keynote Speaker.

As discussed in person and by e-mail, NM MESA and TRIO Upward Bound GISD/LCPS will meet virtually from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on October 9, the day of the NM AMP Conference. Anita Gonzales will lead the meeting of the students/staff from the two programs and go over the navigation of the conference by reviewing the Conference Program that will be located on the NM AMP website, the NM MESA/Upward Bound log booklet that the students will be provided to complete as they move through the conference, and where to send the log booklets, once they are completed at the end of the day. Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister will also have time to talk to the students about the conference and inform the Upward Bound students about where to send their log booklets, once they are completed by end of the day.

The students will be on their own to attend two workshops from the three workshops that are offered in the morning of the conference and to visit the poster presentations that look most interesting to them. The Conference Program will be located on the NM AMP website for the students to use to review the workshops and the abstracts of the presentations. Once the program is up on the website toward the end of September, you can both review it to prepare and become familiar with the conference. You will both be sent by email a copy of the NM MESA/Upward Bound Booklet, Anita and Rosa, so that you can make it available to your

own students online. Closer to the conference, we will send you a Zoom link to share with your students for the NM MESA and Upward Bound meeting at 9:15 a.m. so your groups can meet together at that time.

A Tentative Conference Agenda is attached. Closer to the time of the conference, we will send out the Final Agenda to the Conference that will include the Zoom links for all the events and activities of the day.

The conference offers students the opportunity to network with other students, and, perhaps more importantly, to meet and learn from successful role models. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive conference, and we are excited that your groups are participating.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Phillip King", is written over a horizontal line.

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