JOIN US AND CELEBRATE OUR 10TH SENAI ANNIVERSARY

2011–2021 Theme:
*Celebrating A Decade of Leadership, Well-Being and Success*

UNM JOHNSON CENTER
DECEMBER 28-30, 2021

STRIKING EAGLE NATIVE AMERICAN INVITATIONAL & EDUCATION FAIR

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**SENAI CIRCLE**

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Mildred “Mille” Chiquito, (Dine’) Coordinator of Support Services and EMS Services
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Cynthia Higgins, (Dine’) Education Fair Coordinator
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UNM SOCIETY OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS (SNAGS) OFFICERS:
President: Andrea Abeita, (Isleta)
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**Purpose of SENAI**

Our story began in 2011 when a group of elders from the Tohajiilee Navajo Community envisioned an event that would bring together our Native communities to compete in basketball and education. The vision was passed onto Dr. Shawn Secatero and a small group of volunteers to make this event a reality. We partnered with the New Mexico Activities Association and sponsored our first event with 24 teams from New Mexico at the Santa Ana Star Center and Bernalillo HS. Due to high demand from out of state teams, the SENAI event moved to UNM Johnson Center in 2016 to promote higher education and featured 64 teams from NM, Utah, and Arizona. We added more events including an essay and logo contest in 2017 and continued to solidify our efforts to include elementary and middle school teams. In 2019, we added 7 computer scholarships for outstanding essays and also ventured out to the Lakota Nations Invitational in Rapid City, S.D. Our event mirrors this event up north as we embark on a new decade of success as the UNM Society of Native American Graduate Students will sustain this event as primary sponsors. Our SENAI event has attracted over 30,000 patrons, 400 teams, 500 volunteers, and 110 workshops in its 10 year history.

**Registration**

Teams chosen to participate in the SENAI basketball tournament and education can submit a letter of intent to Jack Martin at: jack_martin@brown.edu

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
Team Acceptance Notifications: November 1, 2021
Team Brackets online: November 15, 2021
SENAI Circle Meeting: November 15, 2021; 4:30 pm
Coaches Meeting: November 17, 2021; 4:30 p.m.
SENAI Logo Contest Deadline: December 1, 2021
Team Rosters due: December 1, 2021.
SENAI Circle Meeting: December 13, 2021
SENAI Essay Contest Due: December 15, 2021
SENAI Volunteer Set-Up: Dec. 27, 2021; 4 pm UNM Johnson Center
SENAI HEALTH/CAREER/COLLEGE FAIR:
Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021: UNM Johnson Center
10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
**SENAI STRATEGIC VISION AND GOALS**

1) Foster a positive educational and athletic experience by being part of university campus activities and to recruit students to become part future UNM LOBOS.

2) Develop the attributes of spiritual, mental, social, and physical well-being attributes to foster sportsmanship and positive character among participants, coaches, and communities.

3) Enhance college preparatory opportunities through workshops, informational sessions, speakers, and appropriate role models.

4) Educate participants about health awareness issues and to promote healthy lifestyles through diet, exercise, and positive choices.

5) Develop a working relationship between Four Corners tribes, schools, associations, programs, and institutions that participate in the SENAI.

6) All SENAI participants must be academically eligible according to NMAA or their respective state rules and regulations to participate in SENAI. All games will count toward each teams 2021-22 basketball official schedule.

7) All SENAI players, families, schools, and community members must demonstrate positive sportsmanship and character as part of SENAI and rules set forth by NMAA. Participating schools outside the State of New Mexico will abide by their respective state athletic association rules and regulations.

8) As part of the educational component of our SENAI event, all SENAI players and coaching staff must attend at least one educational workshop per day as part of their participation. This commitment pays for each teams registration fee.

9) To balance athletics with academics, students participating in the SENAI Leadership workshops will learn about the holistic Corn Pollen Model and integrate well-being concepts into their own lives and focus on project based learning.

10) Develop a working relationship with the UNM College of Education and Human Sciences programs for student internship opportunities, courses, and service learning activities.

**SENAI HONORARY TEAMS**

**EAGLE BRACKET—Boys Large Schools**
NACA, Ramah, Whitehorse, Utah, Newcomb, Cuba, Dulce, Alamo Navajo, TBA

**HAWK BRACKET—Girls Large Schools**
Pine Hill, Ramah, Whitehorse, Utah, Navajo Prep, Dulce, Tohajiilee, TBA

**BEAR BRACKET—Boys Small School**
Tse Yi Gai, Tohajiilee, Monument Valley, Utah, Cuba JV, Laguna-Acoma JV, Mescalero.

**ROADRUNNER BRACKET—Girls Small School**
Tse Yi Gai, Mescalero, NACA, Alamo Navajo, Monument Valley, UT, Cuba JV, Laguna-Acoma JV, Zuni JV.

**LOBO BRACKET (Boys Middle School)**
Cochiti, Tohajiilee, Kewa, Cuba, Bernalillo, Dulce, NACA, Tres Volcanoes

**DEER BRACKET (Girls Middle School)**
Tohajiilee, Cochiti, Kewa, Cuba, Bernalillo, Dulce, NACA, Tres Volcanoes

**COUGAR BRACKET (Boys Elementary School)**
Cochiti, Kewa, Isleta, TBA

**BUTTERFLY BRACKET (Girls Elementary School)**
Cochiti, Kewa, Isleta, TBA

**TICKET PRICES:**

ADMISSION PRICES: $10 ADULTS; $5 STUDENTS & ELDERS (OVER 60). CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE WITH PAYING ADULT RE-ENTRY FEE: $5 ADULTS/$3 STUDENTS/ELDERS.

NO IN AND OUT PRIVILEGES, NO OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS PERMITTED. ADMISSION INCLUDES WORKSHOP SESSIONS AT OUR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNM SNAGS, SENAI CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FUTURE SENAI EVENTS.

**SENAI EDUCATION FAIR:**

**STRIKING EAGLE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

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Call for Invited Presenters: Oct. 1, 2021
Early Bird Registration Begins: Oct. 15, 2021
Deadline for Invited Proposals: Nov. 15, 2021
Early Bird Registration Closes: Nov. 15, 2021
Regular Registration Closes: Dec. 7, 2021

**WORKSHOPS:**
- CORN POLLEN MODEL WORKSHOPS
- ART EXHIBITION & CRAFTS ROOM
- NATIVE CULTURAL SESSIONS
- STEM ROCKET BUILDING
- SELF ESTEEM WORKSHOPS
- SUICIDE, ALCOHOL, & DRUG PREVENTION
- CAREER, HEALTH & COLLEGE FAIR
- COVID INFORMATION SESSION
- BECOME A UNM LOBO SESSION
- FINANCIAL AID AND LITERACY

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FREE PARKING IN “A” LOT SOUTHEAST OF JOHNSON CENTER.

**NM MASK MANDATE:** The University of New Mexico presently REQUIRES masks to be worn indoors by all individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated, at all locations on the UNM Albuquerque Campus. Violation of this policy will be grounds for removal of an individual or a team for repeated non-compliance.