

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

WHAT WE DO FOR STUDENTS

#### WHO WE ARE

The UNM Community Engagement Center (CEC) was formed in 1997 by faculty, staff, students, and community members to utilize UNM and community assets to address community identified needs and increase civic engagement. Since then the CEC has facilitated University-Community partnerships with more than 40 community-based organizations who address community identified needs in innovative ways.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to "nurture antiracist leadership to build a just and kind world." And for over 20 years we have realized this mission by facilitating experiences at the intersections of: community engagement; anti-racist leadership development; and professional development.



### **HOW WE IMPACT STUDENTS**

To date the CEC has had a direct impact on over 1,000 multi-racial university students from local neighborhoods. We provide leadership opportunities and paid internships for undergraduates and graduate students utilizing "high



impact activities." These experiences have resulted in increased: career exploration; sense of belonging; a purpose for education; anti-racist critical thinking skills; financial assistance; graduation at UNM; careers after college; presence of student ambassadors for UNM; and leadership opportunities. Because of the fact that CEC is trans-disciplinary and is housed both on north and main campus we have been able to impact students across every college and program of student at UNM.

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