

UNM SNAGUS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SOCIETY OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

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SENAI CIRCLE

Dr. Shawn Secatero, (Canoncito Navajo), UNM Associate Professor, SENAI Founder and SNAGUS Faculty Advisor

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Mildred "Millie" Chiquito, (Dine') EMS NMAA Rep.

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Donovan Shushlachee, Game Officials Coordinator

April Yazza, Pageant & Cultural Coordinator

Bernard Chimoni, Leadership Workshop Coordinator

Floor Coordinators: Amber Apachito and Priscilla Chapo

College & Career Fair Coordinator: Kyle Harvey

Marsha Hubbell-Espinosa, School Administrator Rep.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Team Acceptance Notifications: November 1, 2023

Team Brackets online: November 15, 2023

SENAI Volunteer Application Deadline: November 15, 2023.

Coaches Meeting: November 17, 2023; 4:30 p.m.

SENAI Logo Contest Deadline: December 1, 2023

Team Rosters due: December 1, 2023.

SENAI Circle Meeting: December 13, 2023

SENAI Essay Contest Due: December 15, 2023

SENAI Volunteer Set-Up: Dec. 27, 2023; 4 pm UNM Johnson Center

SENAI HEALTH/CAREER/COLLEGE FAIR:

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2023: UNM Johnson Center

10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reserve your table to advertise your institution, health program, or arts & crafts. Please contact us ASAP.

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 40,000 patrons, 500 teams, 650 volunteers, and 140 workshops in its 11 year history.



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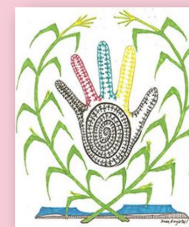
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**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
JOHNSON CENTER**
DECEMBER 28-30, 2023



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JOIN US and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12TH ANNUAL SENAI EVENT

**THEME: POLLEN: PROMOTING OUR
LEADERSHIP, LEARNING AND
EMPOWERING OUR NATIONS**

SENAI VISION & 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 2023-24 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 (Secatero, 2023) 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.

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. **NO LARGE PURSES OR BAGS ALLOWED INTO JOHNSON CENTER.** See through bags are an exception.

SENAI HONORARY TEAMS

***EAGLE BRACKET—Boys Large Schools**

Dexter, Santa Fe Indian School, Monument Valley UT, Mescalero, Dulce, East Mountain, Zuni

***HAWK BRACKET—Girls Large Schools**

Santa Fe Indian School, Cuba, Monument Valley UT., Mescalero, Ramah, Bosque, Cleveland JV, NACA

***BEAR BRACKET—Boys Small Schools**

Tohajiilee, Alamo Navajo, Tse Yi Gai, Pine Hill, Ramah, Jemez Valley, Shiprock Northwest,

***ROADRUNNER BRACKET— Girls Small Schools**

Tohajiilee, Alamo Navajo, Tse Yi Gai, Pine Hill, Shiprock Northwest, Hozho Academy, Jemez Valley, Cimarron.

***LOBO BRACKET (Boys Middle School)**

Tohajiilee, Cochiti, Kewa, Bernalillo, Cuba, Shiprock Northwest,

***DEER BRACKET (Girls Middle School)** Tohajiilee, Kewa, Cochiti, Bernalillo, Cuba, Shiprock Northwest, Hozho Academy,

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. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SENAI CIRCLE, UNM SOCIETY OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (SNAGUS).

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.

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FREE PARKING IN "A" LOT : SOUTHEAST OF JOHNSON CENTER.



Educational Workshops

DECEMBER 28-30, 2023

Theme: POLLEN (Promoting our Leadership, Learning, and Empowering our Nations)

Regular Registration Closes: Dec. 7, 2023

We are currently seeking interactive workshops for secondary students that include self esteem, learning styles, STEM, Native Language, technology, arts, music, healthy lifestyles, suicide prevention, drug prevention, project based learning, and UNM Recruitment to become a LOBO.

Call for Invited Presenters: Oct. 1, 2023

Early Bird Registration Begins: Oct. 15, 2023

Deadline for Invited Proposals: Nov. 15 2023

Early Bird Registration Closes: Nov. 15, 2023

VENDORS

We will be accepting college, university, educational program vendors at no cost. We strongly encourage educational vendors to present an educational workshop to highlight their programs and schools. Arts and Crafts booths are available on a first come first serve \$50.00 donation to SENAI. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE VENDORS.

Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: GAME BOOK, CLOCK, CROWD CONTROL, CLEANUP, CONCESSION, REGISTRATION, AND WORKSHOPS. Please contact us if you are interested. Tournament pass, t-shirt, and snacks provided.

Volunteer Application Deadline: November 15, 2023. Please contact Dr. Secatero at 505-277-6018 for an application or ssecatero@unm.edu.