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New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela to Address Health Science Academy Students and Leaders on the Importance of Collaboration between Health Industry, Educational Institutes and the Business Community

Santa Teresa - Friday, New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela will deliver a speech at the Health Sciences Academy forum addressing the importance of enhancing the collaboration between rigorous high school education, health career internships and partnerships between schools, industry and the health care professions if students are to be college and career ready for 21st century jobs.

Raphael Nevins, President of the Health Sciences Academy, said, " Our charter school in New Mexico will be the first public or charter school to embrace the FACES program, outside of California. Working with Dr. Magana, and the FACES team, we shall build healthcare partnerships with area clinics, hospitals and other healthcare providers in our borderplex region. The Health Sciences Academy is preparing our students for challenging careers and college readiness for 21st century jobs. The Health Sciences Academy mission is to graduate 100 percent of all our students with a full academic diploma, STEM and medical robotic experiences and health care internship in four years."

Dr. Tomas Magana founder of the FACES for the Future program will also be a keynote speaker at the forum. Dr. Magana will explain to students, teachers and community leaders- why providing psycho-social supports, tutoring and proven ways to overcome obstacles to academic persistence, and high school graduation has shown that 100 percent of the FACES student participants, over the past ten years graduate high school.

Dr. Mark Kittleson, of New Mexico State University (NMSU), will provide a road map for students interested in applying to NMSU- College of Health and Social Sciences, and enrolling in their online nursing program and public health programs.

WHEN: Friday, January 16, 2015
4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Health Sciences Academy
5340 McNutt Rd. Santa Teresa NM 88008

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