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QWEST DONATES \$10,000 TO WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Sept. 13, 2007 –The Qwest Foundation today announced a \$10,000 grant to Western New Mexico University (WNMU) to sponsor computer literacy classes for local high-school students.

Students currently enrolled at Cobre High School may take advantage of these classes. The courses begin during the fall 2007 semester and continue through the spring 2009 semester. The program will accept 20 students each semester with 80 students being served during the two-year program. The students will receive college credit.

“Qwest believes in the need for this community, and for communities throughout New Mexico, to have a technologically proficient workforce,” said Loretta Armenta, Qwest president for New Mexico. “This program will introduce high-school students to the university environment while teaching them a valuable skill to further their education and employability. I’m glad that the Qwest Foundation can be a part of that.”

“The Qwest Foundation’s generous grant of \$10,000 to Western New Mexico University is greatly appreciated, and we know that this support will provide a beneficial experience to both the university and Cobre High School’s students,” said Marcia Bourdette, WNMU Assistant to the Provost. “One of our goals at Western is to make the transition from high school to college a seamless and enjoyable process that will encourage more of our local students to continue their educations. The Qwest Foundation’s funding of this grant will assist us in achieving this goal.”

Western New Mexico University is one of four state universities in New Mexico. It serves about 2,500 students from its main campus in Silver City and branches in Deming, Truth or Consequences and Gallup.

About Qwest Foundation

The Qwest Foundation's core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

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