

NEW MEXICO CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS



GOVERNING BOARD TRAININGS

The Charter Schools Division is offering the following dates this month for annual mandatory board training:

- **Fiscal #1.** Tuesday, March 8, Noon-1 p.m.
- **Ethics & Responsibilities.** Thursday, March 10, 4-5 p.m.
- **Fiscal #2.** Wednesday, March 16, 4-5 p.m.
- **Academic Understanding.** Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.-Noon.
- **Open Governance, Legal & Organizational Performance Requirements.** Tuesday, March 22, Noon-1 p.m.
- **Fiscal #3.** Thursday, March 24, 4-5 p.m.
- **Fiscal #1.** Wednesday, March 30, 4-5 p.m.

To register, email:

Charter.Schools@state.nm.us

The full list of trainings for the year can be found on the [Governing Board Training Schedule](#) on the CSD website.

If times are not working for you, reach out to [Missy Brown](#) or [Dylan Wilson](#). We are happy to consider additional times.

Getting to know The New America School-Las Cruces

by Mari Rincon

New America School-Las Cruces, located in downtown Las Cruces, and home to the 2022 NM Teacher of the Year, Lorynn Guerrero, opened in 2012. In December 2021, the PEC granted NAS-LC its second five-year renewal with no conditions. NAS-LC serves approximately 175 students through two programs. The daytime program serves students ages 14-17 and the evening program serves students ages 18-21, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

On August 30, 2021, NAS-LC became the only state chartered high school to open a daycare to serve their young parents to help them earn their high school diploma. This program is supported by the Public Education Department GRADS program and Early Childhood Education and Care Department. Currently there are six babies in the New Beginnings Daycare Center. In February 2021 NAS-LC was selected as the Champion for Children in the education category by a local non-profit organization, Jardin de Niños.

NAS-LC includes activities, clubs, and intermural sports, such as Student Council and students can participate in school-wide activities like prom. Each year during the Christmas hygiene drive, students and staff gather hygiene products to donate to the local homeless pantry. This year, NAS donated over 500 pounds of hygiene products. Another wonderful way NAS-LC serves the community is on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day when NAS-LC students are out in the community completing projects. Among their many service-learning projects are helping in the homeless shelter, cleaning public spaces, and serving in the soup kitchen to name a few. NAS-LC is also home to the 2022 NM Teacher of the Year, Lorynn Guerrero. New America School-Las Cruces is located in downtown Las Cruces.



Charter Schools Annual Conference

Dates: June 9-10, 2022

Theme: Building Community

Stay tuned for more information

Tactical Teacher Recruitment

*By: Rebecca Belletto
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In spring of 2021, Teach For America New Mexico partnered with the LANL Foundation and others to facilitate a high-level conversation about teacher recruitment.

As a follow-up to that conversation, we are excited to share local examples of tactical teacher recruitment featuring a collaboration between TNTP and three school leaders in Albuquerque: Jade Rivera, Isaac Rivas-Savell and Rachael Swards. In the deck, you'll find video interviews with Jade and Isaac that describe their key-takeaways about what recruitment really takes, recent national research on teacher recruitment, and additional resources from Teach For America.

Thank you to Jade, Isaac and Andrew for letting us share their work!

Email Rebecca at Rebecca.Belletto@teachforamerica.org with questions, comments, or ideas for how you will use this resource in your own context.

Have a Safe & Happy Spring Break!