



GALLUP-McKINLEY
COUNTY SCHOOLS



Empowering our Future

A Word from Brittainy Garro, Principal of McKinley Academy



McKinley Academy is proud to initiate our first student ambassador program this year. The intent for the student ambassadors is to foster leaders within the program, students homeschool, and community. We aim to have the student ambassadors be the face and voice of the McKinley Academy program while providing opportunities for the ambassadors to gain valuable leadership skills and ramp up their resumes for colleges. The application process was competitive and yielded many strong applicants. After interviewing each applicant, 23 final student ambassadors were selected, representing most of the homeschools the program services. In addition, to serving as student ambassadors, 19 ambassadors also volunteered to be a mentor to a new McKinley Academy student who joined the program in the second semester. As mentors they meet with their mentee weekly to check in on the student and be a friendly face the student knows they can go to with questions or any issues they may encounter. To top it off, most of the ambassadors are also highly involved in clubs at UNM-G's campus, such as Multi-Media Club, Asian Club, and UNM Student Senate. Additionally, many of the ambassadors participate in clubs at their homeschool including NHS, Key Club, MESA, and several sports.

So far, the ambassadors have helped with events occurring at McKinley Academy including campus tours, new student orientations, parent nights, and presentations at other GMCS schools. A few ambassadors have worked on initiatives they believe will benefit students in the program, including a UNM-G Nursing Bridge program, Reading Buddy program, student-led yearbook specific to the Academy, proposals for a music program, and organizing special events for students to attend. We are very proud of our student ambassadors and are eager to see what else they come up with, as we not only want them to gain leadership experience but moreover, we want them to serve those around them!



GMCS Student Athletes Represent at District and State Championships

We want to recognize some of our student athletes for their outstanding successes in our state and district competitions. For the record, we have seven teams competing in our state basketball championship, starting this weekend. Congratulations to Gallup High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams for both bringing home the District 1-4A Championships! We want to recognize the Basketball teams; Crownpoint High School's Boys and Girls, Tohatchi High School's Boys and Girls, and Thoreau High School for making it to the state finals!

We want to congratulate the Miyamura High School Girls Wrestling for their State Runner-up finish! We want to also give an enormous shout out to Wrestlers Hannah Mariano, Lorianna Piestewa and Taniel Espinosa for their OUTSTANDING State Championship victories!!

Thank you to all our student athletes, parents, and coaches all your hard work and dedication to our athletic programs. We encourage everyone to go out and support all our athletes! See you this weekend at the State Basketball Championship Playoffs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Women's History Month
- National Reading Month
- National Irish American Heritage Month
- Spring Break - March 13th-17th
- National Pi (3.14) Day - March 14th
- St. Patrick's Day - March 17th
- GMCS School Board Meeting - March 20th
- Thoreau Career Fair - March 22nd
- APTT - March 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 31st

