

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society here at the University of New Mexico.

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature.

One of the largest members of the Association of College Honor Societies, Sigma Tau Delta has over 600 active chapters, more than 900 faculty sponsors, and inducts approximately 7,000 members annually. Our members have the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich their education, help them make career choices, and advance their careers

The Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter at the University of New Mexico is growing rapidly, and continuing to help students excel in their mastery of the English language.



Dr. Vicente Ximenes

May 1st, 2005

Inaugural Ceremony of the Ximenes
Scholarship in Language and Literacy
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Faculty Advisor: Steve Brandon
Co-President: Sierra Netz
Co-President: Victor Chacon
Vice-President: Isaac Cardona
Secretary: Amy Kunkel
Treasurer: Elaine Almquist
PR Chair: Richard Obenauf
Historian: Carina Perea

For more information on how to apply:
<http://www.unm.edu/%7Esigmatau/>

THE VICENTE XIMENES SCHOLARSHIP IN LANGUAGE AND LITERACY



(Vicente Ximenes with President Johnson)

Dr. Vicente Ximenes has been a civil rights activist, politician, and a dedicated public servant for well over 50 years. The Vicente Ximenes Scholarship was established at the University of New Mexico with a research award donated by Dr. Michelle Hall Kells' English 320 class. This award was received at the first annual UNM Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium. The scholarship now has grown to honor the size of the man after whom it was named.

VICENTE XIMENES

Vicente Ximenes grew up in a melting pot of a community in Floresville, Texas. In a time of racism and prejudice Dr. Ximenes managed to overcome adversity and odds to excel in his education. From the 100 students that began school with him at the segregated “Mexicano” school only 5 would ever graduate from high school.

Dr. Ximenes went on to college, and he obtained a BA in Education and an MA in Economics (1947-1951) from the University of New Mexico. Later he was awarded an honorary PhD in Humane Letters from Highlands University of New Mexico (1984).

Dr. Ximenes went on to become the first Hispanic appointed US Commissioner of Equal Employment, and he worked with President Johnson on Mexican-American affairs.

Through this collaboration, he was appointed Chairman of the President’s Cabinet Committee on Mexican American Affairs by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967.

Since that time Dr. Ximenes has continued to advocate for equal rights across the country, and he is an active public servant in New Mexico.

INAUGURAL RECIPIENT

Bernadine Hernandez is a Sigma Tau Member from the UNM majoring in English (Pre-Law), and Spanish.



Her career objectives include: serving as an advocate for minority groups, graduating from law school; becoming a Professor of English. Bernadine’s work with minority issues and her excellence in language and literacy distinguish her as the first recipient of the Ximenes Scholarship in Language and Literacy at the University of New Mexico.

HOW TO APPLY

The recipients of the annual scholarship award(s) shall be selected by a committee of faculty appointed by the Chair of English Language and Literature Department that will include a member of the Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society.

However, recipients of this scholarship must also:

1 . Be accepted as a graduate student at the UNM Department of English.

2 . Be a member of Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society.

3 . Be nominated by a UNM faculty member acquainted with the candidate’s academic performance and goals.

The scholarship(s) shall be awarded annually, and paid on a semester basis (at the beginning of the recipient’s first semester of graduate study). The scholarship may be awarded to the same student in successive semesters until the completion of M.A. or Ph.D. provided the recipient is making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree and is maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

HOW TO DONATE

The Dr. Ximenes Scholarship in Language and Literacy is an approved tax-deductible chartered scholarship fund managed by the UNM Foundation. Our goal is to establish a permanent endowed scholarship. Your donations will help to realize this vision.

Donations for the Ximenes Scholarship in Language and Literacy can be sent to:

Dr. Ximenes Scholarship
c/o Dr. Michelle Hall Kells
Assistant Professor
Department of English
Humanities Bldg. 325
MSC 03-2170
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001
mkells@unm.edu