

Biography of Dean's Council Members

Marci Beyer is currently a Third Judicial District Court Judge. Previous to taking the bench, she practiced law for 31 years, working for governmental and non profit agencies, and also as a member and partner of law firms and several times as a sole proprietor. She has been involved in many volunteer activities related to services for the disadvantaged, voter protection rights, culture and the arts and women's issues. Currently, she is working on projects to improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. She and her husband have lived in Las Cruces for 15 years. Her son is a student at NMSU and her daughter and son-in-law live in San Diego.

Wanda Bowman has been an owner/operator in the retail business in Las Cruces for over four decades. She and her husband Bob began selling pianos, organs, appliances and TV's as La Fiesta TV and Music in 1971. That business has evolved over the years to become the Ashley Furniture HomeStore. Wanda is also a member of President Carruther's Town and Gown Committee, Chairperson of the Youth Conservation Corps for Governor Susana Martinez, a Trustee of United University Methodist Church, and a charter member of the Women's Information Network, a member of the NMSU Men's Basketball 6th Man Club and an active grandmother of 12. Wanda has always believed in giving back to the community and takes great pride in doing all she can for those in need through her "All I Want for Christmas" program. She also contributes to numerous local athletic teams, human support groups and animal welfare groups.

Sheila Brack A third-generation New Mexican, Sheila and her sisters are partners in a business started by their father thirty years ago, with the goal of providing low-income housing to an underserved population in eastern New Mexico. Sheila had a successful career in residential real estate before moving to Las Cruces. Sheila's life is built around service and her faith. She serves on the board of Border Servant Corp, supports the La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter, and encourages women's education as chairman of the P.E.O. International Projects Committee for New Mexico. She has been active in women's Bible studies for over thirty years. Married for forty years to her husband, Bob, she is the mother of three amazing daughters, and is the Best Freakin' Mimi Ever to four grandchildren and has the t-shirt to prove it! A graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, she is a long-time proponent of higher education in New Mexico. As a member of the community and a proud Aggie Mom, she looks forward to being more involved with and supportive of this vibrant university.

Jag Cheema Jag Cheema came to the United States from India in the 1960's to attend college at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. He didn't speak the English language but he could

read and write and obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He played tennis for the university as well. While attending college, Jag met his beautiful wife Linda. They've been married for 48 years and have two boys.

Jag's employer then gave him the option to move west, and they settled in sunny Las Cruces. When they arrived in town, Linda and he immediately became involved with New Mexico State University athletics. They took particular interest in women's sports at a time when it wasn't as popular as it is today. Jag serves as an NMSU Foundation Board member and is involved with the Stroke Awareness Annual Golf Tournament, as well as the Burger Time Golf Tournaments. Jag and Linda have also set up endowment scholarships both at NMSU and Texas A&M athletics.

Jag is currently a Wells Fargo Financial Advisor and has been with the company for over 11 years. He enjoys the game of golf, as well as tennis. He and Linda enjoy world travel and have been fortunate enough to get to see a lot of it!

Janet Clute has been active in the local community working on numerous boards. She and her husband, Mickey have been members of the New Mexico State University President's Association from the beginning where she served as the first woman chairman in 1986-1987. She also sat on the NMSU Foundation Board as an executive board member, and won the NMSU Branding Award for Excellence in 1989. She and her family also support the Rio Grande Theatre as part of the Dona Ana Arts Council. Her grandfather, C.T. Seale built the building in the 1920's as the first two story adobe theatre in the United States. The building was handed down to her and her sister who then gifted the structure to DAAC. Jan has always been interested in the arts and would like to bring more to the Las Cruces area. Retired as a co-owner of an up-scale ladies boutique, she then became a sales representative and model for several clothing manufactures around the country selling them at the Apparel Market in Dallas, Texas.

Glenn and Sally Cutter Glenn and Sally Cutter have been in the Jewelry, Art and Antique Business in Las Cruces for the past 40 years. They originated Arts hop for the Doña Ana Arts Council and were founding co-chairman for the Las Cruces Arts Fair. The couple are also friends of the Taylor Monument Board, they have received the Papen Family Award and the Glowacki Lifetime Achievement Award from the Doña Ana Arts Council. They have both served on Art Selection Committees for the 1% for Art.

Glenn has served as President of the New Mexico State University Foundation, President's Associates and First Chairman of the Capitol Art Foundation for the New Mexico Capital in Santa Fe. He is currently an Art Commissioner in New Mexico and served as President of the Las Cruces Rotary Club.

Sally has served on many NMSU Advisory Committees – Agriculture and Nursing, President's Associates, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council and Hospice. She was also a member of the Leadership Committee for the Center for the Arts at NMSU.

Glenn, a native of Yuma, and Sally from Glendale, and are alumni of the University of Arizona. After college Glenn worked for the Gordon Jewelry Corporation for 15 years. Sally taught Home Economics for eight years in Tucson, El Paso, and at Mayfield High School. Together they have one daughter, Courtney, who lives in San Diego with her husband Marc, and their two grandchildren Eli 7, and Simon 12.

Marci Dickerson received her MBA from New Mexico State University. She operates Dickerson's Group, a company that oversees an expanding footprint in Las Cruces. The company encompasses Dickerson's Catering, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, and Sports Skills Institute, an indoor baseball/softball facility. Actively involved in charitable work throughout the year, The Dickerson Group supports many local organizations.

Nick Franklin, J.D., a recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006, is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of the NMSU Foundation. He received his B.A. from NMSU and his Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of New Mexico Mutual Casualty Company and has more than 40 years experience in state, national and international business, law and government. In 2008, he came out of retirement to serve as President of the Foundation Board during NMSU's successful "Doing What Counts Campaign."

Rynni Henderson is the current regional publisher for the Las Cruces Sun-News, the Deming Headlight, and the Silver City Sun-News and has almost 22 years of newspaper, magazine and digital media experience working in advertising, marketing and publishing, including positions as publisher of the Current-Argus in Carlsbad; The Daily Journal of Commerce in Portland, Oregon; The Times of Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana; and Florida Keys magazine in Key West, Florida. She is a native of New Orleans who lived in Florida for 11 years, Oregon for 11 years, and moved to New Mexico in 2014. She has been married for 23 years to Larry Henderson, who is founder and owner of Henderson CPAs. They have one daughter, Jenna, and a granddaughter, Emma, who live in Florida. When not working, Henderson enjoys hiking with her two Springer spaniels as well as traveling and doing yoga. She is also passionate about cooking and briefly sold wine for two years which led to her becoming a bit of a "wine geek."

Connie Hines, began her art career in Las Cruces by earning a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the Art Department in the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University. Her business of commercial art developed quickly in the 1980s. She painted murals and graphics on a commercial level throughout the Southwest, including many projects at NMSU. Connie is the Principal and Owner of Connie Hines Interior Designs. She is considered a major leader in the local industry. Besides being an award-winning licensed interior designer, Connie is an accomplished residential and commercial contractor, branching out into custom home plan design and construction. Connie is also active in the community, serving on various design and

building organizations, as well as the Doña Ana Arts Council and Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Connie is a native of Roswell. She grew up in a military family in which her father was a pilot in the Air Force and stationed in England and Germany during her childhood. Connie and Jerry have five children together and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Maryce Jacobs Born in El Paso, Maryce grew up in Las Cruces, and earned her B.S. in Chemistry at NMSU and Ph.D. in Biochemistry at UCLA. The first half of her career path was in academia rising through the ranks from post-doctorate (Univ Colorado), Assistant Professor and Department Head (Univ Texas/ MD Anderson), then Associate Professor and Associate Director (Eppley Cancer Center/Univ Nebraska). The second half of her career path focused on management. Living in Washington, DC for 22 years she served as Vice President of AICR, CEO of NASSMC then Founder/CEO of Health Science Institute. While never a government employee, she consulted in Toxicology for EPA, FDA, USDA, US Army, Dept Interior, and DOE plus a law firm and several think tanks in DC. While working in DC, she earned an MBA at Strayer University. Over her career I published 50 scientific articles and 22 books. In 2005, Maryce retired to Las Cruces where she has been active on several Boards, volunteers at the Farm & Ranch Museum, and is a member of P.E.O. and enjoy bridge, Bible Study, and 2 book clubs. Her father, Carl Jacob/ Jacobs Hall at NMSU, started the Music Department, and her mother, Mercedes Jacobs was active in many community organizations and received the Community Woman of Achievement Award. My brother is Dr. Kent Jacobs, dermatologist.

Dr. Michael Johnson, was born and raised in Roswell, New Mexico, and is a third generation New Mexican. He attended New Mexico State University, first majoring in physics and then geology, and graduated with a B.S. in 1972. While at NMSU, he met and married his wife, Judy Gray, who was also an NMSU student. He then moved to Houston, Texas to attend graduate school at Rice University, graduating with an M.A. in geochemistry and completing course work for a Ph.D. He joined Conoco Inc. as a petroleum geologist in 1975.

In 1997, he returned to Houston and was named the Chairman and CEO of Conoco Gas and Power, Conoco's midstream business, and a Senior Vice President with Conoco Inc. He retired in 2003, and has been serving on various corporate and charitable boards since then. He has served as the Chair of the Dean's Science Council and Chair of the NMSU Foundation at New Mexico State University, and is currently Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee for the Foundation.

Dr. Patty Lopez, a leader in promoting women and Hispanics in computer science careers, is a senior platform applications engineer at Intel Corporation. Before joining Intel, she had a distinguished career with Hewlett Packard where she released fifty imaging products and holds seven imaging patents. Lopez is a co-founder and co-chair of Latinas in Computing and serves on a number of boards, including the Computing Research Association of Women and the NMSU Foundation. Through a program called MentorNet, she actively mentors young professionals in STEM careers. Lopez earned her bachelor's, masters and doctorate in computer science at New Mexico State University and is a distinguished alumna.

Heather Pollard is an emeritus board member of the Dona Ana Arts Council and former long-time director. She was the Executive Director of the Main Street revitalization efforts for 10 years, helping to guide re-opening Main Street. She has been active with La Casa, Mesilla Valley Preservation and St. Paul's United Methodist Church and was a volunteer at La Tienda de Jardin de Los Niño's. She currently co-chairs the Legacy Circle at Mesilla Valley Hospice, and along with three close friends has opened the Hospice Antique and Vintage Emporium with all proceeds benefiting Hospice. She is currently president of the Amador Hotel Foundation which seeks to restore the iconic Amador Hotel downtown.

Heather Salopek, entrepreneur and owner of Legacy Pecans, is deeply rooted in the Mesilla Valley, as she is a fourth-generation New Mexican. She lived in Texas for the past 6 years where she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Agriculture degrees from Texas A&M University. In conjunction with the Norman Borlaug Institute of International Agriculture, Heather helped build sustainable gardens in several communities throughout the Guatemalan highlands. After representing the US Pecan industry in Dubai, Paris and China, Heather decided to return to her roots where she started her own gourmet pecan and corporate gifting business. As a member of the Junior League of Las Cruces, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Council and Las Cruces Young Professionals, she strives to serve and give back to the community that she calls family.

Lou Sisbarro In 1981 Lou Sisbarro and his wife, Pat, escaped the cold of Michigan to open the doors of Sisbarro Buick/Pontiac/GMC in Las Cruces and first guaranteed southern New Mexico car buyers, "Nobody Beats a Sisbarro Deal." Since their first days in Las Cruces, Lou and Pat Sisbarro have chaired or participated in countless boards and committees for countless causes and campaigns. The depth and breadth of Sisbarro's largess include support of the Deming Duck Race, the Dona Ana Arts Council, Mesilla Valley Hospice, Make A Wish Foundation, Burger Time Golf Tournament, Tresco, American Southwest Theatre Company, Las Cruces Symphony, NMSU Engineering, NMSU Arts & Sciences and NMSU Athletics. Most notably, in 2014 the Sisbarro's announced the donation of two separate, substantial gifts to New Mexico State designated to support various university projects and future initiatives. Perhaps closest to Lou's heart, is support of the NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink breast cancer awareness and fundraising campaign which was co-created and co-chaired by Pat Sisbarro (herself a two time cancer survivor). In addition to financial support and the purchase of the signature TETWP pink fire truck Sisbarro donates endless hours of logistical and administrative support to the cause. At the Dealerships, Lou works with his son, Dan, and daughter, Nicole. Another son, Chip, works in Arizona as a school teacher. At home Lou enjoys seven grandchildren, golf, tending his grapevines and time spent traveling with Pat.

Pat Sisbarro Las Cruces would be a very different place had Pat Sisbarro and her husband, Lou, not arrived here in 1981. Beyond her work with the Sisbarro Dealerships, Pat is also known and widely respected as one of Las Cruces' leading citizens and an active and integral

force in countless charity, social and fundraising causes and campaigns. A two-time cancer survivor, Pat is one of four founding co-chairs of the NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink breast cancer awareness and fundraising initiative. Entering its 10th year in 2016, Pat has been a driving force in the all-volunteer effort that has raised more than \$4,000,000 in cash and in-kind contributions dedicated to cancer research in New Mexico. Some of Pat's other honors and awards include the 2015 CASE award presented by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education; a professional association serving educational institutions. She was named the 2014 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and a 2014 NMSU College of Arts & Sciences "Starry Night" Honoree. Pat received the 2011 Las Cruces Mayor's Distinguished Service Award and was named 2011 Las Cruces Citizen of the Year Recognition by Las Cruces Realtors Association. She is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and a former member of the American Southwest Theater Company (past vice president & board member), NM State President's Associates (past vice president & board member), NM State Aggie Booster Club (past fund drive chair) and Tresco Incorporated (past board member). At home, Pat reads, cooks and plays golf and travels with Lou. The couple has been married for 50 years and have three children (Dan, Chip & Nicole) and seven grandchildren.

J. Paul Taylor, former state representative with 20 years in state office, is a renowned arts advocate. He and his wife Mary donated the family's 150-year-old home as a state monument, which includes an extensive collection of Spanish colonial, Mexican and New Mexican artwork, as well as religious and folk art. He has been instrumental to the success of several key pieces of legislation, including financial support to begin conservation of the retablo and ex-voto collection of the NMSU Art Gallery -- considered the largest public collection of such religious images in the United States.

Sharon Trujillo-Kolosseus is a graduate of NMSU and is current Director of Bands at Holy Cross Catholic School as well as St. Mary's High School. Trujillo-Kolosseus serves on the St. Mary's High School Advisory Council, belongs to several Professional Music Organizations and continues to perform with the Mesilla Valley Concert Band. She is married to Dr. Robert Kolosseus with whom she has three beautiful children who attend Holy Cross and St. Mary's HS and who plan on being future AGGIES.