The 2010 Domenici Public Policy Conference opens on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 8:00am and all events will take place in Corbett Center. The conference is free to students and faculty are encouraged to offer extra credit to students who attend. Conference agenda items cover financial reform, border issues, national security, upcoming mid-term elections. Scheduled speakers: Thomas Hoenig - Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City President; Robert Davis - American Bankers Association Executive Vice President; Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison - U.S. Senator; Hon. Sam Nunn - Former U.S. Senator; Thomas O. Hunter - Sandia National Laboratories Retired Director; Hon. Pete V. Domenici - Former U.S. Senator; Garrey Carruthers - Domenici Institute Director; Hon. Susana Martinez - 3rd Judicial District Attorney; Hon. Diane Denish - New Mexico Lieutenant Governor; Sam Donaldson - ABC News Contributor; Karl Rove - Fox News Contributor; Joe Lockhart - Political Analyst and Commentator.

The Economic Development Administration awarded New Mexico State University’s Arrowhead Center a $1.5 million grant for infrastructure improvements to the Arrowhead Business and Research Park and to expand the newly created Arrowhead Drive.

Dr. Ken Martin, Finance Department, together with Drs. Jim Peach and Chris Erickson from the Economics Department, presented an Economic Forum for the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce on August 11. The Forum was taped and shown on KRWG-TV. The trio also presented their views of the economy and small business at the Business Owners and Entrepreneurs Symposium co-sponsored by the Arrowhead Center and others on August 13.

Dr. David M. Boje, College of Business Management Department professor, received the "Distinguished Educator of the Institute for Advanced Studies" award from Colorado Technical University for 2009-2010 symposia on the relation of storytelling, action research, and re-storying.

Dr. Collin Payne, assistant professor in the College of Business Marketing Department) was awarded a USDA grant for $8,000 for research covering topics related to increased consumption of fruits and vegetables through shopping cart redesign and through incentive systems in daycare services. Dr. Payne made an invited presentation to the United States Department of Agriculture-Human Nutrition Research Center-Grand Forks, ND. Media features on his research include the Las Cruces Sun-News, KOB TV-Albuquerque and KFOX TV-El Paso news. Dr. Payne's article "Which Consumers are Most Responsive to Media-Induced Food Scares?" received recognition as the 2nd place article of the year in Agricultural and Resource Economics Review.

College of Business Dean Garrey E. Carruthers and associate professor Dr. Bruce Huhmann, Marketing Department, spoke at the first semi-annual New Mexico State University/University of New Mexico Bill Daniels Teaching Business Ethics Workshop in Santa Fe, NM. In attendance were 76 faculty members from 10 New Mexico Community Colleges and UNM branch campuses as well as 13 universities in eight states and one attendee from Canada. The second semi-annual NMSU/UNM Bill Daniels Teaching Business Ethics Workshop is currently scheduled to be January 6-7, 2011, in Las Cruces, NM.