New Mexico State University is honored to embark on a historical project that will honor Senator Pete V. Domenici, Nancy Domenici and their legacy in the State of New Mexico. The public is welcome and encouraged to participate in Domenici Legacy activities. Planning and development are underway for the components of the Senator Pete V. Domenici Legacy Project:

- The Domenici Legacy on Public Policy Conference. Scheduled for August 20, 21 and 22, 2008, at NMSU, the conference is meant to be a recurring event at the beginning of each fall semester and will feature noted academic and political speakers. Senator Domenici is inviting the following as possible 2008 conference speakers: President George H.W. Bush, Senator Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-MA), James Baker III, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Leon Panetta among others.

- The Domenici Archival Collections. An initial shipment of 30 tons of memorabilia, print and digital material is now housed in NMSU’s Branson Library. After processing by library personnel, the Domenici Archives Library and memorabilia will be housed in the Domenici Institute building and made accessible to the public and scholars.

- The Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Institute at NMSU. The Domenici Institute’s founding date is scheduled for January 6, 2012, to mark New Mexico’s centennial anniversary as a state. The Domenici Institute will be the first of its type in New Mexico. Employing an anticipatory and proactive approach, the Institute will provide a vehicle for input and recommendations to government on issues of importance to the State of New Mexico, and the nation.

- The Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Institute will be housed in a facility at NMSU honoring Senator Domenici’s contributions to the state and country. The Senator’s legacy in energy, nuclear non-proliferation, mental health, natural resources and other policy issues will be preserved and expanded upon as the facility will provide students, academic scholars, policy makers and the public the opportunity to study his papers and engage in discussion about Senator and Mrs. Domenici’s ideals.

- The university also plans to commission a book chronicling Domenici’s time in the Senate.
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Doctor of Economic Development (DED). Offered jointly by the Department of Economics (College of Business) and Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business (College of Agriculture and Home Economics), this new program will begin instruction in the Fall 2008 semester. Admission is competitive and the faculty expects to admit approximately 15-17 students per year. Ten students have been admitted for the Fall 2008 semester and a second round of admission decisions will be made in March. Students will include both domestic and international students in-residence at NMSU and others who are professionals working away from campus. Courses will be delivered in a face-to-face, flexible delivery format (not pure distance education); however, all courses will have a significant face-to-face component where professors and students directly interact. The DED is considered to be a practitioner's degree, primarily intended to provide advanced applied training for economic development professionals (a Ph.D. is considered to be a research degree).

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Dr. Grace Ann Rosile, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, and Dr. Maggie George, Director of New Mexico State University’s American Indian Programs, will coordinate guest speakers on tribal issues relating to social and economic development, and human behavior in organizations and entrepreneurship. Some presentations will be taped for use with the Digital Pathways program using ITV (Interactive Television) to assist tribal students in completing their 4-year degree in Tribal Management without leaving their home communities. Some presentations will be open to the public, and will be advertised locally.