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### **Eleanor Walther Honored for Promoting Women in Science**

Albuquerque, NM (November 3, 2010) – The New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering (NMNWSE), in cooperation with the NM Commission on the Status of Women, honors Eleanor Walther with the **Fourth Annual IMPACT! Award**.

Ms. Walther has been a member of NMNWSE for almost 30 years and served in a variety of positions, including statewide president. Since 1991, she has been on the organizing committee for the Albuquerque Expanding Your Horizons conference for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls to encourage them to pursue non-traditional careers. Additionally Ms. Walther has been involved in the Supercomputing Challenge, a year long program for mid and high school students to promote math and science.

Her promotion of involving students in math and science has also taken her to Las Cruces. In June 2010, Ms. Walther worked with area teachers to become a GUTS (Growing Up Thinking Scientifically) Club leaders and/or Supercomputing Challenge partners. With 21 female teachers with limited computer modeling and programming skills, Ms. Walther's depth of knowledge and friendly, comfortable personality made the training a success.

“Eleanor is an exemplary model in her extraordinary efforts in furthering the goals of the New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering,” states Celia Einhorn, program manager of the Supercomputing Challenge. “Her outstanding participation in both Project GUTS and the Supercomputing Challenge has been an exemplar for women for over a decade.”

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The award, given to a New Mexico woman for her extraordinary efforts in encouraging and helping women enter and succeed in science, technology, engineering and math as well as promoting networking and communication among women in these careers.

The NMNWSE began in 1975 with a core group of faculty and staff from UNM wanting to reach out to women in science as a group. Since then, the Network has worked to encourage and help women enter and succeed in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers and promote networking and communication among members by providing regularly scheduled meetings, talks and other local activities.

The NM Commission on the Status of Women was created by state statute to increase the knowledge of the rights, responsibilities and interests of women and girls in New Mexico and to preserve women's history and contributions to our state.

For further information on NMNWSE or the IMPACT! Award, please visit [www.nmnwse.org](http://www.nmnwse.org)

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