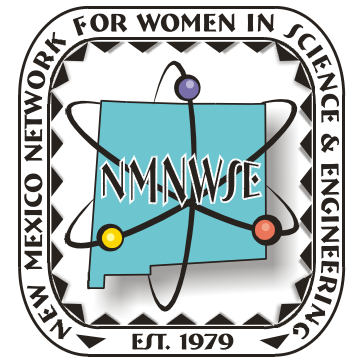


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Diane Albert Honored for Promoting Women in Science and Technology

Albuquerque NM (October 29, 2012) - The New Mexico Network for Women in Science in Engineering (NMNWSE), in partnership with the NM Commissions on the Status of Women, is proud to honor **Dr. Diane Elizabeth Albert of Albuquerque** with the *Sixth Annual IMPACT! Award*.

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

Dr. Albert holds a Ph.D in Material Sciences and Engineering as well as a J.D. with a specialization in intellectual law. Diane has been actively involved in promoting scholarships for Hispanic women pursuing education and career goals in science through her participation with the non-profit organization MANA del Norte. The president of MANA del Norte, Dolores Roybal describes Diane's efforts as playing "an important role in the success of our organization. Through her active participation in fundraising efforts, her leadership and her tireless outreach efforts to increase participation of minority women in nontraditional fields. She is not only a role model; she is a champion for the cause."

Diane's mentoring has also extended to introducing young women to STEM fields by leading fun and interactive technical workshops through the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) program. Meghan McClelland attended one of Diane's workshops when she was a young woman and was so impressed with the workshop that she later asked Diane if she could work with her. Diane

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hired her and “she has been mentoring my career ever since, long after I stopped working directly with her. Diane encouraged me to explore science and connect with others, and helped me make decisions about college and my field of study” describes Meghan. Inspired by Diane’s mentoring, Meghan now volunteers at her local EYH and continues mentoring other young women.

“Diane helped to make me a successful scientist, and, just as importantly, inspired me to help the next generation of women in science and engineering.” wrote Dr. Susan Schieflbein a former mentee and co-worker.

“Diane took me under her wing and mentored me throughout my education; she not only was my mentor but my inspiration. She taught me that you don’t have to be a genius to fulfill your dreams, just don’t ever give up on those dreams.” describes Savannah Romero, mentee.

Dr. Albert “is an exceptionally strong leader and mentor” and serves as a “life-changing role model to many young women including myself” states Dr. Elizabeth Kallman, award nominator,

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.

For further information on NMNWSE or the IMPACT! Award, please visit www.nmnwse.org.

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