

## ASE young scientists bring pride

By Sydney Koranyi

Twelve of the fourteen students from Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) bagged various awards during the recently concluded 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge with its award ceremonies held virtually last March 27, 2021 at 10 am; four state qualifiers out of the 12 winners were sent to the state competition and brought home the well-sought recognitions announced during the awards ceremonies held last April 17, 2021 at 9:00 pm.

The 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge - State-Qualifier winners are:



Brandon Luu



Jackson Tiesi



Elsea Ochoa

### 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge: State-Qualifier Winners

Haydee Ventura-Lopez, 2nd place in Senior Division Chemistry, with entry "Finding the Perfect Bar of Cold-Processed Soap";  
Brandon Luu, 2nd place in Junior Division

Chemistry, with entry "Colorful Egg";  
Jackson Tiesi, Honorable Mention in Junior Chemistry, with entry "Separating DNA";  
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Elena Schwarz

## ASE Student represents NM Charter School District in State Spelling Bee Competition 2021

By: Marwa Zameer

The Albuquerque Journal has featured Elena Schwarz along with other District Spelling Bee Competition winners during its March 19, 2021 issue.

Elena Schwarz represented the New Mexico (NM) Charter School District in the NM State Competition where she mastered 24

out of the 25 challenge words.

She is the youngest this year, being in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to win the NM Charter School District Spelling Bee Competition after representing Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) in the said competition.

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### Cont. of ASE young scientists ...

Elsa Ochoa, Honorable Mention, in Junior Chemistry, with entry "Can Baking Soda Replace Baking Powder in a Baking Recipe?"

Jackson Tiesi, was also nominated for the 2021 Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a program of the Society for Science which sent the invitation to the top 10% of middle school projects nationwide to apply for the national competition.

The 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge Top of Category Elementary Division winners are: **Chemistry** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Blake Volk; **Engineering** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Adam Briceno Gabauer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mikho Huynh; **Life Sciences** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Selma Anderoglu; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Nevaeh Moore; Honorable Mention, Lorelai Hopkins; **Physics** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Cameron Martindell.

The Junior Division winners are: **Chemistry** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jackson Tiesi; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Brandon Luu; Honorable Mention, Elsa Ochoa.

The Senior Division winner is: **Chemistry** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Haydee Ventura-Lopez.

The Scavenger Hunt winners are Nevaeh Moore, Haydee Ventura-Lopez, Blake Allen Volk, Adam Briceno Gabauer.

Special awards were also given to the following recipients: Regional Research Chal-

lenge Junior Encouragement Awards - Rubi Aguilar; American Association of University Women Young Scientist Award - Selma Anderoglu; Kiwanis Club of Coronado Award and NM Society of Hazardous Materials Managers Award - Lorelai Hopkins; American Chemical Society Award - New Mexico Section, Dr. John K. Prentice "Coolness" Award, Regional Research Challenge Junior Encouragement Awards, and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Award - Brandon Luu; American Association of University Women Young Scientist Award and the Green Leaf Award - Nevaeh Moore; American Chemical Society Award - New Mexico Section and the Regional Research Challenge Junior Encouragement Awards - Fisher Rego; IEEE Photonics Society Award and the Yale Science and Engineering Association, Inc. Award - Sherwin Thiyagarajan; American Chemical Society Award - New Mexico Section, Broadcom Masters with a Certificate of Recognition and an Invitation to submit the project to the Broadcom Masters National Competition, Regional Research Challenge Junior Encouragement Awards, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center - Jackson Tiesi; American Chemical Society Award



Ms. Suzanne Zamora

- New Mexico Section and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center - Haydee Ventura-Lopez; American Chemical Society Award - New Mexico Section - Blake Volk; mauro4micro Teacher Awards and the Regional Research Challenge Junior Encouragement Awards - Teacher Award - Suzanne Zamora.

Ms. Suzanne Zamora spearheaded the ASE-wide Science Fair and served as coach of the state-qualifiers for the state-wide competitions.

## 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge Winners



Blake Volk



Adam Briceno Gabauer



Lorelai Hopkins



Cameron Martindell



Fisher Rego

### Continuation of ASE Student ...

It is Elena's first time to participated in the Spelling Bee where she studied 4500 words in just 2~3 months.

She is fully trilingual in English, German, and Chinese; and is a fast learner of Spanish and Turkish, which are both taught at ASE.

Elena trained herself every single day by

studying set of words with various difficulty level.

She became more proficient on vocabulary and the ability to spell out a word by distinguishing the sound.

Elena is also able to broaden her vocabulary because of love for Science, and has been very much intrigued with chemistry.

Elena also won the 2020 National Piano Playing Auditions and received top talented rank with distinction in the UK Trinity College London Piano Certificates track.

Ms. Lorette Lambert and Elena's parents helped her in preparation for the Spelling Bee Competition.



# SUCCESS OVER ADVERSITY

## EDITORIAL

By Camree Volk

*"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."* – Albert Camus

Over the last year, Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) has suffered a great deal as other schools also did.

With The COVID-19 pandemic, the school was forced to shut down entirely for many months. Yet even in the face of adversity, ASE prevailed and has made many notable accomplishments within this school year.

During the Towering Above Competition hosted by the New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (NM MESA) in cooperation with the Sandia National Laboratories, and the Los Alamos Laboratory, ASE's very own Sophia Zang, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student participated in and won 1st place in the Middle School Division - Most Technical category.

Elena Schwarz, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader represented the New Mexico (NM) Charter School District in the NM State Competition where she mastered 24 out of the 25 challenge words. She is the youngest this year to win the NM Charter School District Spelling Bee Competition after representing Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) in the said competition.

ASE students from various grade levels participated in this year's in-school Science Fair and Community members from the Sandia Laboratories, Explora, and Air Force Research Laboratory served as judges for the competition. Twelve of the fourteen students from ASE who represented the school after winning in the in-school Science Fair competitions bagged various awards during the recently concluded 2021 Central NM STEM Research Challenge; four from among the 12 qualified for the state competitions and brought home the well-sought recognitions

announced during the awards ceremonies held last April 17, 2021 at 9:00 pm.

One from among the four state -qualifier winners, Jackson Tiesi, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student was also nominated for the 2021 Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a program of the Society for Science which sent the invitation to the top 10% of middle school projects nationwide to apply for the national competition.

Multiple Staffers from ASE's school paper, *The Phoenix Times* were also recognized in a national journalism competition. This competition was the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) At-Large High School Communications Contest. Twenty-seven entries were submitted for the contest, eleven of those entries won awards. Considering that the staffers are all middle school students competing against high school students all over the United States and given that this is their first time to join this esteemed competition, ASE considered it a great achievement.

Despite all the struggles the COVID-19 pandemic has brought, ASE continued to thrive for success and excellence. The students' drive and motivation to succeed against all odds are admirable and notable. No matter the trials they faced, they all prevailed in the end. It is important to remember that through hard work and dedication, anything is possible.

They may have seen all the roadblocks and felt hopeless, but with great attitude and perseverance, they discovered that they could overcome challenges, rise above and shine with their great potentials.

And as Edmond Mbiaka once said, **"The struggles, challenges, and obstacles that it takes to succeed in life are what makes success more**

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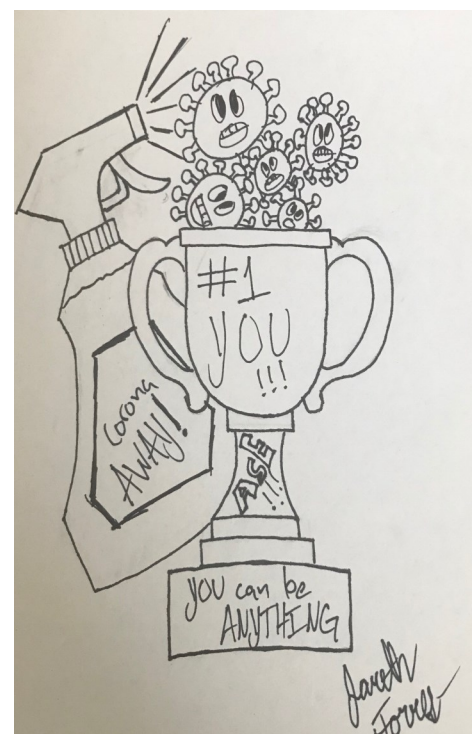
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## Discrimination Reflected in Music by Sydney Koranyi

**"Music is the window to our soul." – Bill Walton**

The large lack of representation in the country music industry shows the United States' racial discrimination problem. People recently have been outraged by the huge racial discrimination against African Americans in the country music industry. When people think about country music, most think about middle-aged white men and the sad truth is most country musicians who make it are exactly that. Of the 136 inductees in the Country Music Hall of Fame, there is a minuscule three African Americans, two of which have passed away.

Management agencies often target middle-aged white men to make a name in the country music industry. Using their marketing strategies, they can make these people

succeed.

Management teams need to start looking for the new and emerging voices from people of color from all around the world. But there are still other factors that come into play when we talk of musical representation.

Looking at radio stations, we may also see some racial discrimination in the form of exposure. If radio stations could lift people of color who are just getting into the music industry, we could see an immediate and much-needed change.

Music awards also may have some racial bias playing into them. Award ceremonies such as the Grammys have shown large amounts of favoritism and racism in previous years.

In the 2021 awards in country music, there was not a single person of color who

received an award. Since 1957, that being 64 years, there have only been ten African American people to receive an Album of the Year Grammys award.

To sum up there is a large amount of racial discrimination and cases of racism in the country music industry. People of color have been affected by this for years when trying to emerge in the industry.

In the year 2021, a change must happen, there is no need to look at how the color of one's skin can determine the success in life. From the music managements - to the radios - to the awards, there is a need to step back and listen to their voices.

**Music can lead the way towards a discrimination free human society of the world.**

## Indigenous Peoples Issues Remain Ignored; Voices Remain Unheard By: Abigail White

**"For centuries, they have been left behind."**

Indigenous voices have been ignored throughout history and the pattern continues to have detrimental effects. Many Native people deal with historical trauma which results in an increased risk of mental illness and substance abuse. Along with being at an increased risk of mental illness, Native Americans especially, are also at an increased risk of health issues such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, and so much more.

They have dealt with so many injustices throughout history. These injustices include, but are not limited to, mass genocide, exploitation, discrimination, and social inequality. Of course, there is also the continuing problem of the abuse and injustice towards Indigenous Women.

There were only a few platforms available for Indigenous People to speak up, express their voices, and seek for change in the past, but now, with social media being as popular as it is, many Natives feel empowered to share their stories and struggles.

While this is not a fix, it is a step towards change, and change is what is needed.

Because of all that has happened to Indigenous People throughout history, Natives have been subjected to a phenomenon known as historical trauma. Historical trauma is defined as, "[A] multigenerational trauma experienced by a specific cultural, racial or ethnic group."

Historical trauma can have severe effects on people and can lead to things such as substance abuse, depression, survivors' guilt, anxiety, suicide, and more. Because there are so few resources for Indigenous People to learn about and seek help for this, they continue to suffer silently.

There is an unfair disadvantage when it comes to health care, education, technology, and infrastructures provided to Indigenous communities. Inequity on federal support, poverty, and poor access to health care and other human services are huge reasons that the disadvantages exist.

Just imagine that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century America, there are households without internet access, but the worst are the households

who have no access to running water. Who would believe that in a rich and powerful country, such a problem can exist?

Another issue that plagues Indigenous People is the amount of violence that is inflicted upon them, especially the women. Because of this never-ending problem and the fear that these women feel, the Indigenous People started the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) movement to bring light to the disappearances and murders of Indigenous Women, that otherwise would continue to be ignored.

According to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), "Native Women also face murder rates more than 10 times the national average in some counties." Due to a lack of sufficient communication between tribal police and the FBI, many of the crimes, "slip through the cracks."

Overall, Indigenous People face many problems, but the main reason that these issues affect Natives at a greater rate is because Indigenous Voices been ignored throughout history, and the pattern continues today.



# The Epitome of Character: The Driving Force for Success

by Camree Volk



*"Almost everyone makes a good first impression, but only a few will make a good lasting impression."* - Sonya Parker

The humility, dignity, integrity, and greatness sparked as he started to talk; these are a few of the words that can best describe him.

Dr. Osman Anderoglu is the president of the Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) Governing Council. He has been serving the school as president of the Governing Council for ten years now.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Bogazici University, a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Anderoglu is a Professor in Nuclear Engineering at the University of New Mexico (UNM) for six years now. He worked at LANL for six years prior to joining UNM. His research focuses on the development and testing of materials for extreme environments including concentrated solar power, advanced reactors, and space.

As GC president, his overall vision for ASE is to be one of the top 100 Charter Schools in the United States. Much of his time has been spent working for the school. "It has been a privilege and honor to serve on the Governing Council since ASE started in 2010," Dr. Anderoglu said. "It has been an incredible journey; and proud of the staff, students, and parents at ASE," he added.

With the present Covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Anderoglu expressed, "2020 has been a difficult year. You all have been doing incredible sacrifices. I believe it will be a year to remember for a long time, share stories about, and shed tears of joy or sorrow." He added, "We don't have control over it, but we are committed to continuing to work with our families and students to provide the best educational experience possible."

Dr. Anderoglu has three daughters, two of whom are attending ASE, one in 2nd

grade and another in 5th grade. His eldest daughter is in 8th grade and attends a boarding school.

His family enjoys biking, "Albuquerque is one of the best places to bike and biking is one of the best ways to avoid the traffic. I typically bike to get to work, with about 20 miles distance round trip," he said.

Dr. Anderoglu has aims that ASE produce students who will pursue college and be successful in the future. Likewise, he also strives for ASE to produce graduates with great and admirable character.

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile" a quote from Albert Einstein is Dr. Anderoglu's favorite.

Dr. Anderoglu's hard work and dedication to his profession and his role as GC president is a great reflection of Einstein's quote.

As Mary Wooley once said, ***"Character is the main objective of education,"*** and that is how to sum up Dr. Anderoglu's vision and goal for ASE, for character determines one's destiny.





## Personification of Adventure by Jolene Cole-Holpp



*"I am curled by the wind, painted by the sun."* - Julia de Burgos

Meet Ms. Mairim Isabel Argueta. She is the newest addition to the Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) teaching staff and teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. She has taught all subjects from pre-K all the way to 8<sup>th</sup> grade prior to coming to ASE.

Ms. Argueta graduated from Southwestern Adventist University and earned her bachelor's degree with her major in English

Literature and a minor in Spanish Literature.

Other than teaching, Ms. Argueta loves adventure and travel. She enjoys learning the different cultures, and traditions of the places she goes to. She also likes trying new things as well as the food in every place she visits. She also enjoys swimming and exploring new places wherever she is.

Ms. Argueta comes from a family of educators. Her mother is a Puerto Rican elementary teacher, and her father is a Salvadorean landscape architect. She has two sisters; one is a nurse and the other is a Spanish teacher.

She was born in Chicago and lived in a duplex that was surrounded by many farmlands until the age of 7. She then moved to Puerto Rico and spent most of her time swimming in the ocean and exploring new campsites on the mountains.

She then moved to Texas after finishing her university education. Soon after, she moved to Maryland where she has lots of her family and friends. Now she has settled in Albuquerque.

Ms. Argueta is enjoying her new ASE family. "I really enjoy working with kind people that are inclusive and understanding. It is fun to be able to work with people who are different but share the common goal of seeing our students succeed not only in academic but in life as well," she said.

This free-spirited young teacher is a great addition to the ASE family.





## A Man of Conviction for Students' Holistic Growth by Sarah Adi



*"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." - Dalai Lama*

Meet Mr. Guvanch Atamyradov, the newest member of the Governing Council of Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE). He is the Director of Student Culture at Harmony Public Schools.

This extraordinary man worked towards earning a degree in

Master of Education in Administration from The University of Texas at Tyler, Texas from January 2012 to May 2018. Prior to that, he earned a degree in Master of Public Administration - Management of Information Systems from The Park University, Parkville, Missouri from August 2004 to May 2006. Before coming to the United States, he

attained his degree in Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from ITTU Ashgabat Turkmenistan from September 1999 to May 2003.

Mr. Atamyradov said that he will continue supporting ASE's initiatives which are already taking place. "I also would like to leverage my school culture experience to bring the School of Character and Social-Emotional Learning programs to the community. In short, character education is the intentional effort to develop in young people's core ethical and performance values that are widely affirmed across all cultures," he added.

He envisions ASE to be a Character School, thus he said, "To be effective, character education must include all stakeholders in a school community and must permeate school climate, culture, teaching, and learning."

Mr. Atamyradov enjoys spending time with his wife and three children. They love going to state and national parks, as well as spending time at the soccer field.

"I am delighted to be part of the ASE family. Looking forward to serving the entire community with my GC colleagues," he said in parting.

## Man So New, But Most Knew by Sedona Johnson

Meet one among the newest member of Albuquerque of Excellence (ASE) Governing Council, but not new to ASE.

Mr. Sean Fry was ASE's former Business Manager. "I had the privilege of working with the school for many years and I am extremely excited to be back in the ASE community," he said.

He is presently a school business official along with his current position at ASE.

This admirable man earned his master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) in 2019 from Eastern New Mexico University and his bachelor's degree in Business Administration (BBA) in 2009 from the University of New Mexico.

He says that ASE is already an amazing school, and he wants to continue to grow ASE so that more families can join the ranks of the Phoenixes. "ASE is already a top school in the State of New Mexico and can, and should, be recognized nationally for our family support and student preparedness and success at the collegiate academic level," he said. "I will strive daily to make sure that the students, families, and staff of the school have every resource they need for academic success, socio-emotional support, ensuring everybody's safety on campus, and to have fun," he added.

Mr. Fry is a lifelong New Mexican. He attended school in the Albuquerque Public Schools and in Farmington, New Mexico. He currently

lives near where he grew up, which is minutes away from ASE.


He loves spending time with his wife and their six-year-old son. In his free time, he can be found biking around Tramway or in the foothills, playing Disc Golf with

friends, enjoying time with his family at the parks, or enjoying and coaching youth baseball.

*"...always, always do the right thing for the right reason at the right time with the right people, and you will have no regrets for the rest of your life,"* by Allan J. McDonald is Mr. Fry's most favored quote which he lives by.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH


Izzac Sisneros

## Izzac Sisneros - Kindergarten

Izzac is an amazing student. He is kind to all of his classmates. He has a positive attitude. He shows up ready to learn. He is a perfect example of a star student. He is an outstanding role model. He attends every zoom meeting and participates and completes all work. He goes over and beyond. **By Mrs. Hall**

## Julian Romans - 1st Grade

Julian has overcome many trials over the last few months. Through it all he has kept up with his attendance, his homework and does a phenomenal job in class. He exhibits kindness, compassion, and a love of math. **By Ms. Wallin**

Julian RomansRadwan Khalil

## Radwan Khalil - 2nd Grade

Radwan is an excellent student. He is very motivated to do his best and is always willing to help others. **By Ms. Mallard**

## Haven Cook - 3rd Grade

Haven always participates in lessons and also she is a very respectful student. **By Nursel Doka**

Haven CookRylan Chapman

## Rylan Chapman - 4th Grade

Rylan is a helpful and hard-working student. He completes his assignments on time. He is friendly to others and likes to help his classmates. He follows the classroom rules and keeps a positive attitude. **By Kendyl Stromberg**

## Laila Khalil - 5th Grade

Laila is a great role model for her classmates, she actively participates in class, turns in her work on time, and gets along with her classmates. She always has a smile on her face and is ready for class. I have seen her help other students with class work and is also very helpful towards her teacher. **By Ms. Martinez**

Laila Khalil



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

**Elsa Ochoa****Elsa Ochoa - 6th Grade**

Elsa is self-motivated and unafraid to take the lead in math class. She often moves the class in the right direction with her participation and feedback during math lessons. She sets an example of diligence and hard work for her peers to see by asking questions and working out the solution to higher level problems on the white board. **By Mr. Norcross**

Top student academically and has a personal sense of what is right and does it. Trustworthy. **By Ms. Tolmich**

**Valeria Hernandez - 7th Grade**

Valeria is a very diligent student. She participates well in class and does her work promptly. She fosters great behavior and values. **By Mrs. Ma. Gloria M. King**

**Valeria Hernandez****Jackson Tiesi****Jackson Tiesi - 8th Grade**

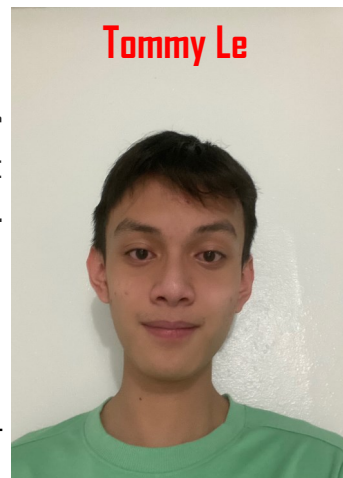
Jackson always has a friendly word for his teachers and classmates. He is a conscientious student and a talented and creative writer. **By Ms. Fien**

Jackson is a very responsible and diligent student. He actively participates in class and is very prompt in turning in work. He is a dependable and responsible editorial staff for The Phoenix Times. He is very scholarly and carries himself with dignity. He is well-mannered and fosters great values. **By Mrs. Ma. Gloria M. King**

**Tommy Le - 9th Grade**

I had Tommy in my class as a 6th grader, but he is currently in my French Club after school. He has always been an enthusiastic learner; straight A's (of course) and perfect attendance, but just a delight to have in class.

**By Ms. Madsen**

**Tommy Le****Christian Paulson****Christian Paulson - 11th Grade**

Christian is in my AP US History class--he is a straight-A student with impeccable attendance, but more than that, he is fully engaged in his learning. He always has his camera on and participates in some difficult discussions about certain eras in US history, always making connections to current issues. **By Ms. Madsen**

# TEACHER OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### Ms. Lorette Lambert

by Beau Weaver

Teaching is seldom one's dream, but oftentimes, it is a calling. That is how Ms. Lorette Lambert considers her present profession.

Ms. Lambert earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Missouri Kansas City, and her bachelor's degree in History from the University of New Mexico.

She has been teaching for over ten years now. She teaches 4th grade English Language Arts, and had taught middle school His-

tory and English in the past.

Ms. Lambert loves teaching and appreciates how unique and individual each child is. "My mom was a preschool teacher, and I didn't think it was for me until later in life," she said. "After a career of raising 2 sons and having a Specialty Cake business, I came to realize teaching is my calling," she added.

In her free time, Ms. Lambert loves to hike and snowshoe, play piano, and cook. "During the year we spent teaching from home, I attempted to make all 200 recipes from one of my cookbooks," she shared. "I'm almost finished!" she added.

Ms. Lambert is working on getting her Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) endorsement over the next few months.

She says that ASE is a great place to work, "My co-workers and administrators are so supportive, and the students really want to be here," she said. "It has been a joy to be back in the classroom with the students, and the new elementary building is remarkable and beautiful," she added.

Ms. Lambert believes in the saying, *"We can do hard things."* She said, "The pandemic has forced all of us to do things; or not do things that we like to complain about; so, this quote has been helpful and encouraging."



## HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

### Ms. Shawn Graybeal-Sellers

by Sarah Adi

A woman with multiple passions, but devoted, sincere, and dedicated to teaching.

Mrs. Shawn Graybeal-Sellers has 18 years of teaching experience. She been teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade - New Mexico History, 11<sup>th</sup> grade - US History, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade - Government and Economics at Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) for six years now.

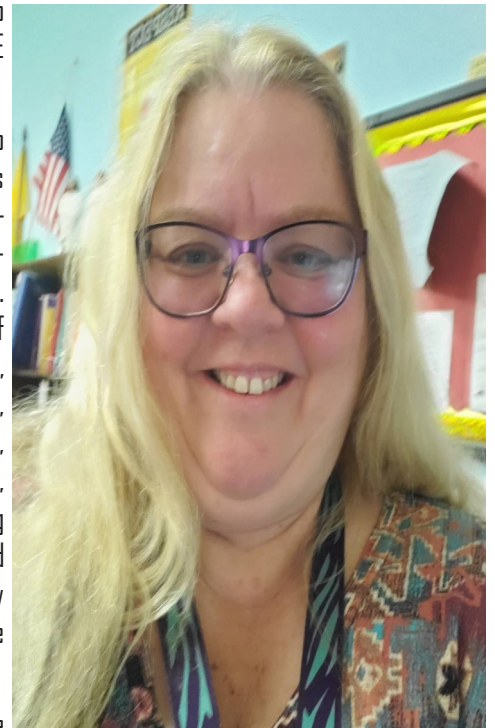
She earned her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from College of Santa Fe in 2006 and her bachelor's degree History from University of New Mexico 2002.

Ms. Graybeal-Sellers is a proud new wife. "I am a relatively newly, happily married," she said. She is a mother of three, with seven grandkids. Three of her grandkids are students at ASE and three more are hoping to be students at ASE next year.

She has two cats and two dogs - a German Shepherd and an ancient Dachshund. She is a woman of multiple passions, "I love history, reading, writing, baking, hiking, quilting, listening to music, and probably a few more as well!" she said.

In 2017, she published her first novel, "Shadows" and is presently working on the second one. She also had a short story published in an anthology, "I have way more hobbies than time," she said.

Ms. Graybeal-Sellers enjoys working at ASE. "This school and the people in it feel like family to me. I was so happy to come back in person because I missed the people and my classroom!" she said in parting.





# Maria Martinez: New Mexico's Pride

By: Celeste Bivens

Maria Montoya Martinez was an extraordinary woman and a very creative person. She was a potter and created many fine clay pots.

She was born in 1887, 20 miles northwest of Santa Fe. She lived in a pueblo for her whole life and always welcomed visitors. She had always been fascinated by pottery and the making of it. This made her have an interest in making pots out of clay.

Maria was a woman of many accomplishments and reintroduced art to her pueblo. She is a very famous artist and have been recognized nationally.

Growing up, Maria was surrounded by art. When she was younger, she would watch her aunt create pots and was amazed by it. As her pueblo advanced in technology and replaced traditional creations; they soon did not



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need the women to make clay pots anymore. The art of pottery in her pueblo slowly faded away; but Maria was determined to preserve these traditions of making pottery and to carry on the traditions to future generations.

Maria continued preserving the sacred way of making a traditional clay pot. As she progressed in making these, many people took notice of what she was doing and her intricate creations.

Maria and her husband Julian showed their creations in many expeditions including the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, the 1914 Panama-California Exposition in San Diego, and the 1934 Chicago World's Fair.

For many years after that, Maria and her husband continued creating pottery in the pueblo.



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In 1980, Maria died in San Ildefonso, New Mexico. Her family kept most of her

fine pottery creations away from the public and made it very difficult to find her well-sought pottery after her death.

Although she has passed away, her legacy of making pottery and being an extraordinary artist still lives on to this day.

Maria is a true pride of the Native American community and the entire state of New Mexico. Her dedication to her craft is an admirable quality that young generation of today can truly emulate. (Source: <https://www.medicinemangallery.com/maria-martinez-biography/>)

# Nikola Tesla-The man who invented the 20th century

By: Jackson Tiesi



Nikola Tesla was a Serbian American inventor who is best known for his work with engineering and electricity in the early 20th century.

Nikola Tesla was born at the stroke of midnight on July 10th, 1856. His mother was the one who had called him: "The child of light". Throughout his life, Nikola had always been interested in electricity and engineering. He attended many schools including The Graz University of Technology and The University of Graz.

When he was in his early 20's, around the time of 1884, he moved to the United States and worked at Edison Incorporated. The company was run by Thomas Edison who would become his rival later on in his life. After working for years at Edison Incorporated, he was finally able to get funding for his own research and experiments himself. There are some revolutionary inventions that he created during his time that made him famous and almost made him the world's first billionaire.

One of his most famous inventions was the alternating current motor. One day on his walk, a lightbulb went off in his head as he started randomly started drawing the blueprints and working parts of his alternating current (AC) motor in a sand patch next to him. Next, he started building his alternating current motor. His motor works by alternating current on stator windings to create a rotating magnetic field. Since this field creates an electric current by itself, it does not need any charge

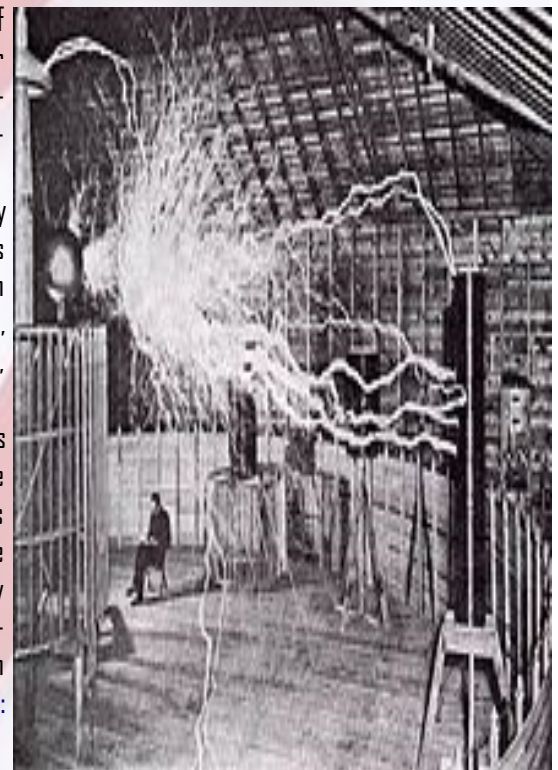
added to it. This was then used as an electric terminal box that applies power to different parts of a house, neighborhood, or even a city. This is why it was so revolutionary.

Although his tech was revolutionary on its own, he still had competitors that would strive to make his creation their own. Thomas Edison for example, who had recently become his rival, was being outsold by Tesla with his motor vs. Thomas motor. To send a message to the people, he hired boys to steal animals from the neighboring houses of his company, and he would kill the animals to show that Tesla's motor was dangerous. Although he tried doing this, it did not work out so well. As many families filed missing animal reports which would threaten his company.

Nikola Tesla also invented the Tesla Coil. The Tesla Coil works by rapidly switching on and off to create sound. This can cause the molecules to vibrate and heat up, creating a magnetic field. Once this collapses, the energy is taken in by the second coil on the inside of the first coil and is then discharged to create electricity. His Tesla coil was extremely revolutionary to his time and our time because it creates the basic idea for transmitting electricity wirelessly. For example, with a smaller version of the tesla coil, it can discharge the electricity to say turn on a lightbulb, charge our phones, or even power a TV. But it has to be in a close range. With a big and more sophisticated Tesla Coil, it could be used to transmit electricity wirelessly across big areas.

Another invention that Tesla created was his own version of The Radio. This may not sound interesting and important, but it was very time-changing. When the radio was invented in 1890 by Guglielmo Marconi, Tesla thought that he did not see the potential in Marconi's work. With his Tesla Coil invention, he was able to transmit long-distance, powerful radio waves as long as they were on the same frequency. When tuned like this, the Tesla Coil literally magnifies the signal that is being sent and received.

Nikola Tesla was an important and influential man during the 20th century. He has created many inventions that are still in use today. He may have been a quack in some ways, but he was a very revolutionary scientist who cared about the benefits of others and not himself. That's why he is different from his rival Edison, he cared about the peoples' needs and how his inventions would help them. This is why he never put any patents on his inventions because he felt that everyone should benefit from his inventions, and be able to create and make them better if they could. Nikola Tesla was an amazing inventor and a revolutionary engineer, with the love for humanity. **Source:** Kent J. David. *Tesla: The Wizard of Electricity* Toronto Canada, Fall River Press. 2013





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## Holy Thursdy and Good Friday – April 1 and 2, 2021

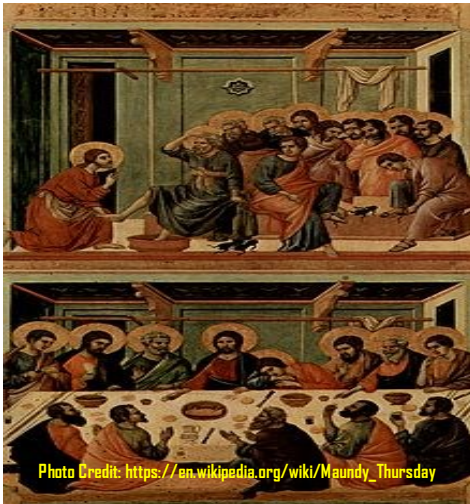


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### A Lenten Reflection...



Give up complaining; focus on gratitude  
 Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts  
 Give up worry; trust divine Providence  
 Give up discouragement; be full of hope  
 Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness  
 Give up hatred; return good for evil  
 Give up negativism; be positive  
 Give up pettiness; become mature  
 Give up jealousy; pray for trust

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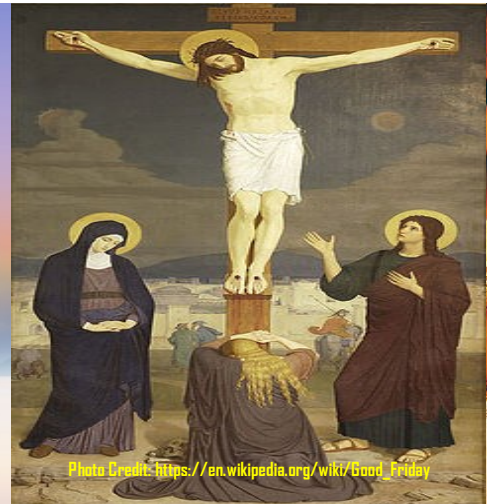


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## Continuation and End of Passover – April 1 -4, 2021



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## Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021



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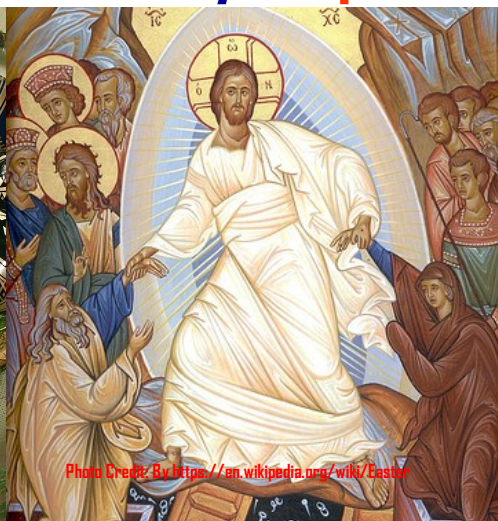


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## Three individual portraits are displayed side-by-side. The first portrait on the left shows a man with a dark beard and mustache, wearing dark sunglasses and a blue t-shirt, standing outdoors with a blurred background of greenery and a red stop sign. The middle portrait shows a woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a grey zip-up jacket, standing outdoors in front of a wooden trellis structure with green leaves. The third portrait on the right shows a man with dark hair, wearing a red and black plaid shirt, standing in front of a school building. The building has a sign that reads 'SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE' and 'BUQUERQUE'. Three flags are flying on poles in the background: the United States flag, a white flag with a red cross, and a yellow flag with a red cross.

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## Start of Ramadan – April 12, 2021



## Earth Day – April 22, 2021



# THE SUN WILL RISE

*Written by Ericka Defazio*

## Chapter 8: The Envelope

Michael stared at the communicuff. The words were still spewing out of it.

"Hello, hello! Hello, Michael! Hello!"

He tried covering the screen with the palm of his hand. He felt the screen vibrating beneath it.

It was wrong to be covering Raymie's screen face. He removed his hand.

Raymie was still smiling, but she had stopped saying hello. She waved her hand.

"Hi, Michael. You're probably wondering why I'm speaking out of my own communicuff."

Her voice sounded far away, but she was not shouting.

"I think you should go back to your office in New York, Michael. Do not forget about the S.U.N. Live life with your busy schedules, and your harried secretary and all that nonsense. Just do not forget. Goodbye!"

The goodbye's echoed around the room, and the screen Raymie was gone.

Michael walked out of the room, down the hall, and to the enormous front doors. Nobody tried to stop him.

He walked until he was there, standing in front of his old office. He could see people walking around through the glass windows. In one of those floors, Margalo was probably calling new clients, copying important documents, and haphazardly fixing her bright red lipstick in the mirror.

How unimportant work seemed now. But he had to do it. There was no way out of work. Besides, if he took a week-long break, what would be his excuse?

*My sister died trying to save New York from the sun and spoke to me out of her communicuff and I am still in shock. I need a week-long break, boss.*

He could hear his boss's booming voice even now.

Michael walked inside the building and took the elevator up to his floor.

Margalo was sitting at her desk taking a phone call. She looked up as he entered and mouthed, "Where have you been, sir?"

He shook his head.

Margalo sighed and pointed at something on his desk.

"For you."

Michael gave her a questioning look and she shrugged.

He walked to his office, ripped open the envelope and sat in his desk chair. The letter read:

*Dear Michael,*

*Obviously, I can't tell you everything about Raymie, but I will clear some things up.*

*The S.U.N. is the Society of Unnamed Nations. We have monitored the movements of planets for hundreds of thousands of years. Very conveniently, another Sun was on set course to collide with yours. It did not. Instead, they joined together, the combined heat enough to burn the entire planet. But instead, New York was targeted directly. We have no idea why.*

*Another thing, we do not live here on your planet, Earth. I cannot tell you where we live, your kind is a very unpredictable one, and very curious. We cannot have you storming us by force.*

*Anyway, Raymie was your sister, by birth. You were simply sent to Earth, as males are not appreciated here. I hope you noticed the entire commanding space is female-led.*

*No, we are not mutants, and no, we are not aliens. We are just people living somewhere other than Earth.*

*Please know that Raymie was not your only sister. Expect a certain person to be arriving soon. Take very good care of her, please. She may save your world yet again.*

*With all due respect,*

*Lieutenant Madison*

Margalo peeked around the office door.

"Um, excuse me, sir, but there is a little girl outside who says she would like to see you."

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE...



# The Aftermath



By: Abigail White

My breath quivers,  
Still stunned that I caught it,  
My mind still thinks my breath is gone,  
So it continues to run at a dizzying pace.  
Always a calm before a storm?

Not in this case,  
It all came at once,  
Like a flash flood,  
But deadlier.

Once my breath is caught,  
And my mind starts to slow,  
My body is alerted,  
The storm has passed,  
The threat is gone,  
What was it anyway?  
The threat?  
I can't remember.

All the excitement is gone,  
That doesn't mean the damage is too,  
It's time to repair,  
To regain control,  
To find everything that was swept away by the flood,  
And place it all back,  
To figure out why it all happened.

My mind needs time to recover,  
It's exhausted,  
It can't muster up the strength to piece anything together yet,  
My body needs time to recover,  
It's exhausted,  
It can't muster up the strength to move,  
I'm exhausted,  
I need a break.

*Spanish Poem*

## NIEVE EN PRIMAVERA

por Ericka DeFazio

Qué manera tan al revés  
de hacer las cosas  
La nieve no es para la hermosa primavera

El invierno corrompe  
y decide su reinado  
Mientras la primavera espera  
Otro día

Lluvias de nieve  
No traigas flores de mayo  
Flores esperando en el frío  
Durante horas

¿Cómo se atreve a sofocar la nieve? sus gritos  
Y le dicen a la gente nada más que mentiras  
Que la primavera espera otro día  
Y no pueden salir a jugar

Que cosa más ridícula la  
nieve en primavera

*English Translation:*

## SNOW IN SPRING

by Ericka DeFazio

What a backwards way  
Of doing things  
Snow is not for lovely spring

Winter corrupts  
And decides his reign  
While spring is waiting  
For another day

Snow showers  
Do not bring May flowers  
Flowers waiting in cold  
For hours

How dare the snow smother their cries  
And tell the people naught but lies  
That spring is waiting for another day  
And they can not go out to play

What a ridiculous thing  
snow in spring

# Be part of ASE's PTO and make a difference!

## HELP WANTED!

**PRESIDENT** *Leader of the Pack*

We want YOU to be our next parent group president! Our fearless leader's term expires at the end of the school year. We're looking for a creative problem-solver who is comfortable delegating and who can help us focus on the



agenda instead of talking about our kids or the latest episode of *This Is Us*. A sense of humor is a big plus—and if you know how to say “no” without provoking a tantrum, even better. If you're ready to play a substantial role in supporting our school, we want to hear from you!

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## HELP WANTED!

**VICE PRESIDENT** *Partner in Crime*

So you'd like to get more involved in the school parent group, but you're not sure you're ready to take the lead role? Our vice president position has your name written all over it! You'll learn behind-the-scenes intel and be



part of decisionmaking on important issues throughout the year. You'll help the president get things done—kind of like a superhero's sidekick, but without the silly costume.

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**VP for  
Elementary  
and  
VP for  
MS/HS  
needed**

## HELP WANTED!

**SECRETARY** *Fact Finder*

Be honest—you're the one in your friend group who filled out every page in your child's baby book...at the right time, no less. If you're the kind of person who documents everything, from your toddler's first steps to how far you jogged yesterday, we have the perfect role for you. You'll get to put your stellar



recordkeeping skills and attention to detail to good use as our parent group secretary. You must have good listening and computer skills—and extra credit if you can follow what's on TV and play Candy Crush at the same time.

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## HELP WANTED!

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** *Social Networker*

Are you a people person who isn't afraid to strike up a conversation with a stranger? We're looking for a volunteer coordinator to recruit helpers for parent group programs and events and to help parents find the best way to plug in to our school community. If you are enthusiastic (without being high-pressure) and understanding of parents' many time constraints, raise your hand and help us do even more great things for our school!



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## HELP WANTED!

**TREASURER** *Number Cruncher*

We have big plans to raise money and fund important projects for our school, and we need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded pie charts, you have what it takes to be our parent group treasurer. Bonus points if your spouse teases you about how often you log in to the personal finance app on your smartphone.



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