

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

# NEW MEXICO

## FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$72.3 million** to the New Mexico economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

**1,309** citizen diplomats in New Mexico volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

**1,028** citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in New Mexico.

**166** New Mexicans and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

### Higher Learning

#### New Mexico universities with the most foreign students

1. New Mexico State University–Main Campus
2. University of New Mexico–Main Campus
3. Central New Mexico Community College
4. New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
5. New Mexico Highlands University

#### Leading places of origin for foreign students in New Mexico during 2011–12

1. China
2. India
3. Mexico
4. Saudi Arabia
5. South Korea

### Notable ECA Alumni

#### N. Scott Momaday

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1969; National Medal of Arts, 2007 (*Fulbright Scholar, 1974; 2000*)

#### Keith Gardner

Now chief of staff for Governor. New Mexico House of Representatives (District 66), 2005–11 (*American Council of Young Political Leaders, 2008*)

#### Timothy Z. Jennings

State Senator of New Mexico (District 32), 1978–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders, 1987*)

#### Denise Chavez

Artistic Director, Border Book Festival; Founder, Sin Fronteras-Writers Without Borders (*Fulbright Senior Specialist, 2002*)

#### Eric G. Griego

State Senator of New Mexico (District 14); Executive Director, New Mexico Voices for Children, 2007–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders, 2005*)

#### Thomas E. Chavez

Former Director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque (*Fulbright Scholar*)



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