

# El Grito de Las Mercedes

Newsletter of the  
New Mexico Land Grant-Merced  
Movement

¡Que viva las mercedes!

Land grants commemorate 175 years of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

The New Mexico Land Grant-Merced Consejo, the UNM Land Grant Studies Program and the New Mexico Land Grant Council hosted the commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 2023 at the Roundhouse. Elected officials, past and current land grant board members, and others were invited to join and were graciously hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Monica Rodríguez, Secretary of La Merced San Joaquín del Río de Chama. Speaker Javier Martínez later hosted a reception for land grant and acequia leaders at the Palace for the Governors.



*The Treaty Day event took place in the Rotunda at the Roundhouse.*



*Speaker Javier Martínez invited land grant and acequia leaders to a reception following Treaty Day activities.*



*Classical guitarist, Estevan Pacheco, performs for Treaty Day attendees.*



*Attorney General, Raúl Torrez, gives remarks at Treaty Day event.*

# Consejo honors land grant leaders with lifetime achievement awards

During Treaty Day celebrations, the Consejo recognized leaders for their lifetime of service to New Mexico’s land grants. In addition to the event, honorees were also recognized on the House Floor. Those acknowledged include, Macario Griego (Cañon de Carnué), Rita Padilla Gutierrez (Town of Tomé), Juan Sánchez (Merced del Pueblo de Chililí), Rebecca Correa-Skartwed (San Antonio de las Huertas), and Leonard Martínez (San Joaquín del Río de Chama), all of whom have served on the New Mexico Land Grant Council.



*Rita Padilla Gutierrez, Andrea Padilla*



*Leonard Martínez, Monica Rodríguez*



*Rebecca Correa-Skartwed*



*Juan Sánchez*



*Macario Griego, Arturo Archuleta*

# Land grant youth celebrate Treaty Day with art and essay contests

## Essay Contest (ages 13-21)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Santiago Tenorio (Tajique and Chililí Land Grants)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Antonia Herrera (Bartolome Sanchez Land Grant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Guadalupe María Savannah Gallegos (San Miguel del Bado Land Grant)

## Art Contest (ages 11-18)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Raquel Maestas (Tomé Land Grant)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Olivia Maestas (Tomé Land Grant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Nikko Arredondo (Tomé Land Grant)
- Participant: Kaisho Arredondo (Tomé Land Grant)

## Art Contest (ages 6-10)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Marcelino Cordova (Tomé Land Grant)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Elena Padilla (Tomé Land Grant)

## Coloring Page (ages 2-5)

- Ruby Jo Cimino (Tomé Land Grant)
- Sage Chavez (Tajique and Chililí Land Grants)



## New Mexico Congressional delegation addresses state legislature

Members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation, including Senator Martin Heinrich, Congressman Gabe Vásquez and Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández, addressed a joint session of the New Mexico Legislature on February 13. A former acequia commissioner, Congresswoman Leger Fernández urged the State Legislature to continue to support traditional communities, including land grants and acequias. Council staff member Jacobo Baca was a guest of Congresswoman Leger Fernández on the floor of the House of Representatives.



*Congresswoman Leger Fernández discusses the Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act with Council staff member Jacobo Baca*



*Congressman Gabe Vásquez gives remarks during the joint session on Feb. 13.*

### *Important Reminders*

- The next Land Grant Council meeting will be held on **March 24, 2023** in Española. Visit [lgc.unm.edu](http://lgc.unm.edu) for location information and how to participate virtually or in person.
- The next New Mexico Land Grant-Merced Consejo meeting will take place on **March 25, 2023**, virtually. Email the Consejo at [nmlgconsejo@gmail.com](mailto:nmlgconsejo@gmail.com)
- The New Mexico Legislative Session will close on **March 18, 2023**.
- Quarterly reports for the quarter ending **March 31<sup>st</sup>** are due **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please reach out to Greta Archuleta ([garchuleta2@unm.edu](mailto:garchuleta2@unm.edu)) with the Council if you need assistance.