



GENERAL INFORMATION

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE >>

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West Conference has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MWC continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Now in its seventh year, the MWC has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West Conference is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West Conference boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders four MWC schools (Utah, BYU, Air Force and Colorado State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert city of Las Vegas (the fastest growing metropolitan area in the West) and the Pacific Ocean locale of San Diego State. The southwestern flavor of New Mexico complements the western heritage and culture of Fort Worth, Texas, home of the MWC's newest member TCU.

The Mountain West Conference was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, Brigham Young,

Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — decided to form a new NCAA Division IA intercollegiate athletic conference.

The split from the former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long standing athletic rivalries. Five of the MWC's eight members have been conference rivals since the 1960's (BYU, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longstanding members as well. UNLV entered the fold in 1996 and TCU begins its first year of competition in 2005-06, completing the membership in the MWC as it stands today.



Chronology of the Mountain West Conference

- June 2, 1998 - Reaffirmed the intention to form a new conference that would begin preliminary operation January 1, 1999 in preparation of the 1999-2000 seasons.
- July 1, 1998 - Established an executive committee to facilitate the transition. Named Dr. Al Yates, Colorado State University President, chair. Also named Dr. Merrill Bateman of BYU and Dr. Carol Harter of UNLV to the committee.
- October 15, 1998 - Named Craig Thompson Commissioner of the Mountain West Conference.
- October 26, 1998 - Named the new league the Mountain West Conference.
- December 4, 1998 - Selected Colorado Spring, Colo. as the headquarters for the Mountain West Conference office.
- January 4, 1999 - The Mountain West Conference opened with Craig Thompson, Commissioner and Betty Warren, Director of Operations.
- January 10, 1999 - The new Mountain West Conference logo was unveiled.
- February 1, 1999 - Reached a seven-year agreement with ESPN, Inc., giving ESPN exclusive national and regional television rights to football and men's basketball, and the women's basketball championship game.
- April 26-28, 1999 - Mountain West Conference administration and Joint Council members gathered for first conference meeting in San Diego, Calif.
- May 20, 1999 - The Mountain West Conference and AXA/ Equitable Liberty Bowl announced a three-year deal that will match the champions of the Mountain West Conference and Conference USA in the Memphis bowl game beginning in 1999.
- June 1, 1999 - The 12-member full-time staff began operations in Colorado Springs headquarters.
- June 7, 1999 - Named Dr. Philip Dubois, University of Wyoming President, Chair of the Board of Directors for 1999-2000 academic year. Announced three-year BB/FB agreement with the city of Las Vegas.
- July 1, 1999 - Conference begins official operation.
- January 30, 2004 - MWC announces that TCU will become the ninth member of the conference beginning with the 2005-06 season.



WHERE ARE THEY?

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Louis Caldera

University President

Louis Caldera has served as the University of New Mexico's 18th president since August 2003. During a period of rising demand for the university's education and healthcare services, he has outlined a vision for excellence at UNM that includes new initiatives in recruitment, undergraduate programs, sponsored research and high impact public service for New Mexico and the region.

Under President Caldera's leadership, UNM is meeting the challenges of growth through significant expansion of its education, research and healthcare capacities. \$150 million worth of capital projects on the main campus, including new facilities for the School of Architecture and Planning and the School of Engineering, have been funded and are scheduled to begin construction shortly.

New buildings are also underway at UNM's Health Sciences Center, including a six-story, 476,000 square foot hospital expansion, the Barbara and Bill Richardson Pavilion, which broke ground in October 2004 and is slated for completion by the end of 2007.

President Caldera brings to UNM a distinguished background in public service, beginning with his election to the California State Assembly in 1992. In 1997 he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the post of Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service. In 1998, President Clinton asked Caldera to serve as Secretary of the United States Army through the end of his administration in 2001, with statutory responsibility for manpower, personnel, weapons systems, equipment, communications, and the financial management of its \$70 billion budget.

Prior to assuming his duties at UNM, Caldera was Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and President of the Foundation of The California State University System, with headquarters in Long Beach and 23 campuses across the state.

His portfolio there included system-wide fundraising and development programs, legislative affairs, community relations, alumni affairs, public affairs and communications.

President Caldera is a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations, and the governing boards of numerous educational organizations and corporations. His service on national commissions includes the National Task Force on Public Education, the National Commission on the Senior Year in High School, and the Panama Canal Commission. His recent honors include the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Award, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award, and numerous citations as one of the nation's most influential Hispanic leaders by Hispanic Business and Latino Leaders magazines.

Caldera holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point, an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. He is married to Eva Orlebeke Caldera and has three daughters, Allegra, Sophia and Camille.

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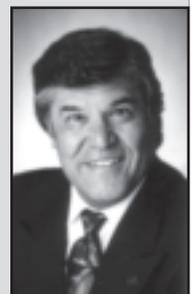
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Rudy Davalos

Director of Athletics

Rudy Davalos is in his 13th year as director of athletics at the University of New Mexico. Only Roy Johnson (1920-49) and Pete McDavid (1956-74) have served the office longer. Davalos is the 11th person to hold the position after being named to the post on November 16, 1992.

Davalos currently serves on the NCAA Div. I Women's Basketball Committee and the Executive Committee of NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics). Davalos was recognized by *Sports Illustrated* in 2002 as one of the 101 Most Influential Minorities in Sports. Davalos' many accomplishments while at UNM:

Academics

- UNM's highest combined student-athlete semester GPA prior to 1992 was a 2.73 on two occasions...the student-athletes representing the Lobos' 21 sports compiled a school-record 3.05 GPA during the 2004 fall semester and a 3.02 in the spring of 2005, the sixth straight semester the Lobos have surpassed a 3.0...16 student-athletes were named to academic All-America teams in 2004-05, and 93 have gained national academic recognition since 1993

Athletics Competition in 2004-05

- UNM finished 48th nationally in the Sports Academy Director's Cup, which is the second-best ranking in school history
- A school-record 14 teams represented UNM at NCAA postseason competition
- UNM was one of just 11 NCAA Div. I institutions to have its football team play in a bowl game and also have both its men's and women's basketball teams qualify for the NCAA Tournament

Athletics Competition (1993-2004)

- The UNM ski team won the 2004 NCAA championship, the first Lobo program to claim a national title
- In the 10 years before Davalos came to UNM, only five sports combined to win or share 10 conference titles...since his arrival, eight teams have won or shared 35 regular-season or postseason conference championships...UNM has been represented at NCAA postseason competition 112 times, while 147 student-athletes have earned All-America recognition
- From 1983-92, football was 29-88 overall and 15-61 in conference play...since 1993, the overall mark is 70-73, 45-45 in league...the past four years, the record stands at 28-22, including 19-9 in MWC action with three straight bowl appearances for the first time in program history
- Men's basketball has made 10 trips to postseason since 1993, including seven NCAA Tournaments...from 1983-92, the Lobos advanced to the NCAAs only one time
- All of the women's basketball postseason showings have occurred in the past eight years with five NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Sweet 16 in 2003, and three NITs

Attendance

- Lobo football averaged 37,282 fans in 2004, a record for the third time in the past four...in 2003, records for single-game (44,075 vs. New Mexico State) and total attendance (245,891) were set
- Average attendance for football since 1993 is 28,474 compared to just 17,502 from 1983-92...the average is 33,547 the past four years
- Lobo men's and women's basketball have both ranked in the top-15 in national average attendance each of the past seven years...the women were fourth in 2004-05 at 10,674 a game, the men 14th at 14,308

Facilities

- With the tremendous aid of the governors, New Mexico state Legislature, local businesses and private contributors, virtually every UNM athletics facility has received a facelift...thanks to current governor Bill Richardson, the most recent improvements include a \$4.2 million men's and women's basketball practice facility, plus improvements at Lobo Field for softball and at the UNM track
- At the northeast corner of University Stadium, new restrooms, ticket booths, concessions and novelty stands, and a new entrance were completed before the 2004 season...overall capacity was increased to more than 37,000 prior to the 2001 season with the addition of seats in the north end zone...a new scoreboard and LoboVision videoboard were also installed
- The Tow Diehm Athletics Facility - which houses the weight room, sports medicine and the Lobo football team rates as one of the premier training centers in intercollegiate athletics
- Additional improvements include lights for the football practice fields, renovations and exterior landscaping at The Pit, new locker rooms for men's and women's basketball and the Olympic sports programs, two tennis bubbles, new infield grass and lights for the soccer and track teams and significant improvements to the softball field

Financial

- Not once has UNM finished a fiscal year over budget since Davalos took over
- When Davalos started in 1992, the department's budget was \$9.4 million...the Lobos will operate the 2005-06 fiscal year with a budget of more than \$22 million

Fund-Raising

- UNM's nationally-respected marketing and promotions program and fund-raising organization (Lobo Club) produces more than \$6 million annually...12 years ago it was less than one-third of that and corporate sponsorships did not exist
- Davalos has been the leader behind several projects that benefit UNM student-athletes like the implementation of skysuites at University Stadium and the Lobo Level seating at The Pit, which adds nearly \$500,000 a year to the scholarship fund

Hired to be the athletics director at Houston in January of 1987, Davalos was credited with the procurement of gift-in-kind donation to the Cougar athletics department in excess of \$32 million. He spearheaded projects at UH that led to a state-of-the-art athletics facility, a baseball stadium, tennis courts and renovation of departmental offices.

With Davalos at the controls of the UH athletics department, the Cougar program enjoyed enormous success. The Houston football program pro-

duced a Heisman Trophy winner (Andre Ware in 1989) during the Davalos tenure.

While at Houston, Davalos served on the NCAA Men's Basketball Committee from the Midwest Region. He was relieved of those duties when he took the New Mexico job, but returned to the committee on September 1, 1994, an appointment that ended in 1999. He has also served on the NCAA Championship Competition Cabinet and the NCAA Div. I Baseball Committee.

Davalos' administrative career on the collegiate level began in 1975 as the athletics director at the University of Texas-San Antonio. He spent nine years (1975-84) as the leader of the Roadrunner athletics department before being hired at Houston.

Davalos returned to San Antonio to serve as the director of community relations for the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association. Davalos also worked as a television and radio commentator for the Spurs. He spent one season with the NBA team until his return to Houston as the athletics director in 1987.

Before Davalos entered the ranks of athletics administration he was a long time basketball coach. His coaching career began in 1961 as an assistant coach at Georgetown (Ky.) College. He also had assistant coaching stints at Kentucky (1962) and Auburn (1963-70) before being named head men's basketball coach at the University of the South in Seawane, Tennessee, in 1970. He was the head coach at South for three seasons (1970-73).

Davalos led the Tigers to the College Athletic Conference championship and produced the best single-season record in the school's history with a 23-4 mark in 1972-73.

Davalos moved to the San Antonio Spurs of the NBA in 1973. He was an assistant coach and Director of Player Personnel for three years, until his move to the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Davalos' leadership in college athletics began as early as 1960, when he was the captain of the Southwest Texas State basketball team. An All-American point guard for the Bobcats, Davalos led SWTS to an NAIA national title. He was inducted into the NAIA Basketball Hall of Fame in 1977, the Southwest Texas State Hall of Fame in 1983, the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999 and the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also named a Southwest Texas State Distinguished Alumnus in 2001.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Davalos graduated from Southwest Texas State in 1960 with a degree in Education. He received his master's degree in Education from Georgetown (Ky.) College in 1962.

Always a leader in the community, Davalos was twice (1984, 1986) chairman of the San Antonio Summer Youth Games. He previously served on the board of directors of the San Antonio Boys Club of America and the San Antonio YMCA. Davalos currently serves on the Albuquerque Sports Council board of directors.

Davalos has been recognized repeatedly throughout his career for his efforts on behalf of young people. In 1976 he received the Catholic Youth Organization's "Man in Youth" award. He is also a former president of the San Antonio Quarterback Club.

Davalos, 66, is married to the former Gail Marlin. They have three children, Dave, Doug and Deana.



Conrad Colbert
Deputy Athletics Director

Conrad Colbert came out of retirement on July 1, 2002, to reassume the duties of senior associate athletics director. He was named deputy director of athletics in 2003. Colbert was UNM's senior associate for six years before retiring on June 30, 1999, however, he remained on staff in the capacity of legislative liaison. Colbert has played a large part in helping UNM secure more than \$10 million

from the state legislature for the expansion and renovation of athletics facilities. He oversees all daily operations of the department.

Overall, Colbert is in his 38th year of intercollegiate athletics. A 1960 graduate of the University of Iowa, Colbert worked in athletics administration at his alma mater for 10 years, serving as an administrative assistant and assistant business manager. He went into private business before becoming the assistant athletics director at Kansas State for nine years (1977-85). Colbert was director of athletics at UT-Pan American in 1986, then joined current UNM athletics director Rudy Davalos at the University of Houston in 1987. Colbert came to the University of New Mexico in February of 1993.

Colbert and his wife JoAnn have four grown children: sons, Craig, Chris and Cary, and a daughter, Catherine, and five grandchildren: Austin, Cash, Gabrielle, Brigitah and Chance.



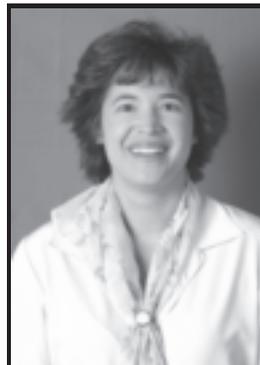
Breda Bova
Faculty Representative

Breda Murphy Bova, a professor of Education and Associate Dean in the College of Education, begins her eighth year as the faculty representative for the University of New Mexico to the Mountain West Conference and the NCAA. Bova's duties include supervising UNM's compliance with the conference, and NCAA rules.

Bova is in her 23rd year at UNM. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) College where she received a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1967. Bova earned her master's degree in Educational Research from Dayton in '69 and her Ph.D. in Adult Education from UNM in '79.

During her tenure at UNM, Bova has received numerous awards, been published on several occasions and has served on various committees. She is very active locally, serving on the board of the Golden Apple Foundation, New Mexico Parent and Child Resources, Albuquerque Public Schools Foundation and the Samaritan Counseling Center.

A New Jersey native, Bova and her husband, Art, have a daughter, Kate.



Janice Ruggiero
Associate Athletics Director

Janice Ruggiero is in her sixth year as UNM's Senior Woman Administrator. She serves as the school's director of Administration and Compliance while overseeing athletics academic advisement. Ruggiero was a member of the NCAA Div. I Women's Basketball Committee from 2003-04.

Ruggiero was promoted to associate athletics director on July 1, 2000. She is the lead administrator for men's golf, skiing, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis and volleyball. Prior to her recent appointment, Ruggiero spent four years in charge of compliance.

Ruggiero was a member of the UNM women's basketball team as both a player and a coach. She played for the Lobos from 1984-87 until the program was discontinued, then transferred to the University of Hawaii for her senior season. Ruggiero was an assistant coach at UNM after the program's reinstatement from 1991-93.

Ruggiero graduated from UNM in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and General Management. She completed her master's degree in Sports Administration during the summer of 1997. Ruggiero and her husband, Lenny, have two sons; Leonard Jordan (LJ) and Alex.

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