



VIRTUAL HOMECOMING 2020

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Jerean Camúñez Hutchinson, '80

A Las Cruces native, Jerean holds a BBA in Business Systems Analysis from NMSU and an MS from George Washington University. Giving back to her home community has always been an important aspect of her belief system and her passion for service that centers around education initiatives and supporting at-risk populations.

Jerean served on the NMSU Board of Regents from 2015-2019 and has been awarded various accolades from NMSU including the James F. Cole Memorial Award for Service, Spirit Service Award, and is inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame. During her tenure as a regent, she chaired the inaugural Student Success Committee established as an imperative for achieving student success outcomes, driving institution revenues, and building a high performing student-centric university.

Along with her vast list of community involvement and governor recognition, Jerean continues to serve on the NMSU Business Advisory Committee, has served on Presidential and Dean Search Committees and is an annual guest lecturer in various classes and at the Arrowhead Entrepreneur Encounters. She is a proud member of the 6th Man Club and Leadership New Mexico Class of 2001, and she was the 2005 recipient of the YWCA Reach Award for Business Women Who Make a Difference.

For the past 25 years, she and her husband Tom have owned and operated the historic and famed La Posta de Mesilla, as well as the more recently opened Hacienda de Mesilla Grille, Inn and Cantina. La Posta has received numerous awards including 2001 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of the Year; 2013 New Mexico Restaurateurs of the Year; 2013 Hispano Chamber Business of the Year; 2005 ACI Viva Award; 2013 New Mexico Culinary Treasure by NM Tourism; 2014 Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary Club of Las Cruces; and the 2014 Governor's NM Distinguished Public Service Award.

Jerean and Tom established the Camunez-Hutchinson Endowed Scholarship and along with her siblings established the Bella & G. Rudy Camúñez Endowed Scholarship for students pursuing careers in education, business and hospitality. Over the years, she has donated to numerous NMSU organizations including Foundation fundraising events, sports teams, cultural organizations, the Aggie Cupboard and various campus events, among many others.

She is grateful to God for many blessings including the most positive and loving influences in her life: Her late father Rudy Camúñez and mother Bella Camúñez; her best friend and husband of over 40 years, Tom; their three adult children Christopher, Brett and Elena; and their daughter-in-law Andrea and granddaughter Olivia. Her father, daughter and all 5 siblings are also proud Aggie Alum!



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~ Jerean Camúñez Hutchinson