



CREDIT EDUCATION MONTH

**Credit Professionals International
Las Madrugadoras
March 26, 2014**

We were not able to speak to any of the students from the Albuquerque Public Schools because in March, the teachers are preparing the students to take the SAT test and the teachers are not able to make our meetings.

On March 26th, our speaker was Anna Sanchez from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) as part of Credit Education Month. CNM is the largest educational institution in the state serving nearly 30,000 students each year. Over the past thirty years, CNM students have earned more than 4 million college credits.

Most students attend part-time; have other family or life obligations. 80% of the students have documented financial needs. Each year CNM graduates add \$85 million to the New Mexico tax base. In the last year alone, CNM is responsible for a total regional economic impact of \$549 million dollars. By 2020, 61% of jobs will require at least an associate degree.

Credit Professionals International Las Madrugadoras, since 1998, has provided more than \$6,500 to help CNM students enrolled in a business field program with a 3.0 GPA or higher. The 2012-2013 scholarship was presented to Penny Edwards, Business Administration Major 3.57GPA. The 2013-2014 scholarship award was Genell Burns, Accounting Major with 3.77 GPA. Genell is now a substitute teacher and still taking classes. Our donation has assisted Genell to continue taking courses in the Accounting department, which has been difficult due to rising cost of textbooks.

Higher education nurtures family, community, and business and our economy.

Anna was presented with a certificate of appreciation for taking the time from her busy schedule and getting up early to speak to us.

She was unable to bring the students as they were having exams in the morning.

**Submitted,
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Scholarship Chairman**