



F. Chris Garcia, Ph.D.

is a business leader and an advocate for many causes in the community. Garcia's career at the University of New Mexico was highlighted in 2002, when he was named UNM's 17th President by the university's Board of Regents. Garcia said he accepted the job reluctantly, and remained the school's president for one year. That capped a long career at UNM that has included positions as a Professor of Political Science, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President of Academic Affairs and as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

He also has served on numerous boards, committees and task forces both on and off the UNM campus. Garcia has served on educational and civic groups such as the Albuquerque Goals committee, a City Charter Revision Task Force, the Good Government Group and many others.

Garcia has numerous awards and honors including the Zia Award for Outstanding UNM Alumni in 1997, the American Political Science Association Goodnow Award for Distinguished Service in 2001 and the Chief Manuelito Navajo Nation Award for Meritorious Contributions to Navajo Education. He was honored by UNM Mesa Chicana and the Association for Chicano Students for his educational contributions to the Hispanic Community.

Garcia also has provided commentary and analysis on politics, campaigns and elections for local and national media outlets. Born and raised in Albuquerque – a proud graduate of Valley High School – Garcia said he has been proud to serve not only UNM, but the community and state of New Mexico.