

## WALLACE NAMED CHAIR OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR NM STUDENTS

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*ESPAÑOLA, N.M* — Terry Wallace, Principal Associate Director for Science, Technology & Engineering at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), has been named the new chair of the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF), a scholarship program where every dollar, up to \$250,000, contributed by Los Alamos National Security (LANS) employees is matched by LANS.



The LAESF gives every Northern New Mexico student the important message that diligence and dedication to their work at school can be rewarded. It also is a testament to the community involvement and generosity of the 11,500 LANL employees and retirees for their ongoing commitment to the advancement and well-being of New Mexico's children.

"Please join me in congratulating Dr. Wallace for taking on this important leadership role," says Susan Herrera, CEO of The LANL Foundation. "In Dr. Wallace, we have a chair who is passionate about furthering all the LAESF missions, and a valued colleague LANL's employees whom we encourage to give to the scholarship fund this year."

"I've always been proud of the work the employees have done on the scholarship campaign," says Wallace. "I strongly believe in the program and know there's more that I can do, so I gladly accept the responsibilities of being chair of the campaign. I will work with Herrera's team at Los Alamos National Lab Foundation to encourage LANL's employees, retirees and contractors to help us meet our goal of raising \$500,000 for New Mexico students in 2010."

Wallace is responsible for all basic science programs at LANL, and coordinates the activities of the four science and engineering directorates. From 2005-2006 Wallace was the Associate Director of Strategic Research, which encompassed LANL's science program offices. He was responsible for LANL's non-National Nuclear Security Administration Department of Energy programs, including basic science, energy technology, and environmental technology. Before becoming the Associate Director for Strategic Research, Wallace was the Division leader of the Earth and Environmental Sciences Division.

Raised in Los Alamos, Wallace returned in 2003 after 20 years as a professor of geosciences and an associate in the applied mathematics program at the University of Arizona.

Wallace holds Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in geophysics (California Institute of Technology) and B.S. degrees in geophysics and mathematics (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology). He is the author or coauthor of more than 80 peer-reviewed publications on seismology and tectonics, including ground-based nuclear explosion monitoring and forensic seismology. He also wrote a

widely used textbook on seismology. Wallace is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), and in 1992 he received the AGU's Macelwane Medal. He has testified before Congress on the comprehensive test ban and participated in numerous National Academy panels, including ones on research in support of comprehensive test ban monitoring. For 2000-2006 Wallace as the Chair on the National Research Council's Committee on Seismology and Geodynamics.

The Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) has helped more than 450 Northern New Mexico students realize their college dreams. The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to underprivileged students pursuing higher degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The scholarship recipients are from Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Taos counties. In 2007, Los Alamos National Security, LLC, started matching employee donations dollar for dollar, up to \$250,000, during the campaign. To date, the Los Alamos Employees Scholarship Fund has raised \$1.75 million for New Mexico students.

While LAESF provides New Mexico students with the funds required to build fulfilling careers, it also inspires scholarship recipients to nurture the dreams of future generations.

**WHAT:** The Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) has helped more than 450 Northern New Mexico students realize their college dreams. LANL matches every dollar, up to \$250,000, contributed by Los Alamos National Security (LANS) employees, with the goal of raising \$500,000 in scholarships for New Mexico students.

**WHEN:** The campaign runs May 3 to June 4, 2010.

**WHO:** Students eligible for LAESF Scholarships are from Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Taos counties.

Donors are Los Alamos National Lab employees, retirees and contractors.

**HOW:** LANL employees, retirees and contractors will receive campaign materials from the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation. Retirees and contractors can donate by completing the forms at the Laboratory Foundation offices in Española or by visiting the foundation Web page at [www.lanlfoundation.org](http://www.lanlfoundation.org). LANS employee donations also can be made through the LANL payroll deduction system.

**CONTACT:** For more information about the scholarship fund or the campaign drive, contact Tony Fox, Scholarship Program Officer, (505) 753-8890, [tony@lanlfoundation.org](mailto:tony@lanlfoundation.org),

*The mission of LAESF is to propel Northern New Mexico students to the limits of their imagination and ensure a bright future for our community. LAESF was started by a group of LANL employees who recognized both the financial need and incontestable potential of local students. Awards are based on academic performance, leadership potential, critical thinking skills and career goals. Financial need, diversity and regional representation are integral components of the selections process. (Since its inception, LAESF has raised \$1.75 million and made possible 450 scholarships for students attending accredited institutions across the country.)*

[www.lanlfoundation.org](http://www.lanlfoundation.org)

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