

# ***THE CUMBRES CONNECTION***



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**“Logrando las Cumbres”**

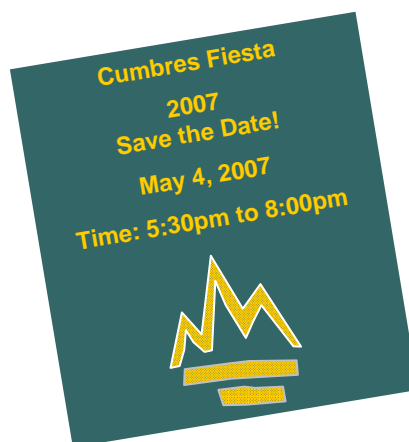
## **The Annual Cumbres Scholarship Fiesta**

Attention Cumbres students, teachers, mentors, donors, district employers, and friends!

There has been a change of dates for the annual Cumbres Scholarship Fiesta. The Cumbres Fiesta has been rescheduled for **May 4th, 2007 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at University Center Panorama room**. This year, the Cumbres staff and students have added a little twist to the annual celebration so don't miss out on seeing student leadership project presentations, live entertainment, an awards reception and guest speakers!

Tickets are \$200.00 for guests. Please RSVP to Pam Davis if you would like to attend the Annual Cumbres Scholarship Fiesta.

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## **Cumbres Celebrates 10th Anniversary (2007-2008)**

This fall marks the 10th anniversary of Cumbres, when a group of Hispanic Alumni presented the University Board of Trustees with a proposal to develop a program to recruit, retain and graduate students to become classroom teachers with endorsements in Bilingual Education or English as a Second Language.

In the fall of 1997, thanks to the Hispanic Alumni and Board of Trustees, the first cohort of Cumbres students was organized and began their preparation. Since that day, Cumbres has

worked to fulfill its mission and continues development into one of the top teacher preparation programs in the country.

This coming year, Cumbres and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will celebrate the Cumbres Tenth Anniversary with a host of activities throughout the year. Stay posted!

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**A special thanks to**

**Amy Kemp,  
Mayra Rosales,  
Ariel Gallaso,  
Marina Orozco,  
Laura Lara,  
And  
Jerry Martinez.**

**A special Thanks**

Each academic year Cumbres hires two new live-in mentors, and a resident assistant each academic year to work with Cumbres students at Sabin Hall. These positions are not the typical 8AM - 5PM work days, but instead 24 hour positions where each of these three individuals are constantly on call.

This past year, Amy Kemp, Mayra Rosales, and Ariel Gallaso, worked diligently to make the Sabin residence hall an environment to love and enjoy.

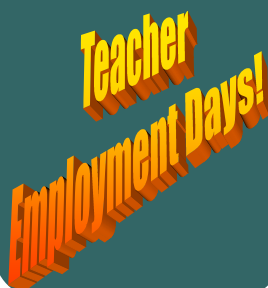
We could only fathom the amount of work each of you put into your positions. It has been a pleasure working with the three of you and we wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Cumbres would also like to thank the Cumbres advisor, Marina Orozco, and the two graduate assistants, Laura Lara and Jerry Martinez, for everything they have done for the Cumbres program.

We will miss all of you!

Thank you for all that you have done!

For years now, Cumbres students have had 100% placement into the teaching positions of their choice and the Cumbres program is proud to share that this trend continues...



22nd Annual Fair

**A Great Turnout At Teacher Employment Days**

This year, over 160 school districts from around Colorado and the rest of the nation were present at Teacher Employment days. Over 1,000 teacher candidates applying for teaching positions joined the 22nd Annual Teacher Employment Days Fair for Education Majors making this year a great turn out!

Whether you are interviewing teacher candidates, being

interviewed by possible employers, or just observing the fair and taking in the whole experience, Teacher Employment Days is a great way to network and learn more about the opportunities in the field of education.

On that note, we would like to congratulate all of our soon to be Cumbres graduates on getting placed into the school district of their choice.

For years now, Cumbres students have had 100% placement into the teaching positions of their choice and we are proud to share that this trend continues among Cumbres students at the University of Northern Colorado.

**Welcome To New Sabin Hall Staff**



**The  
New  
Staff**

For several years now, the Cumbres program has hired two new live-in mentors, a resident assistant, and an advisor each academic year.

It is with great enthusiasm that we share with the students, mentors, faculty, and friends our new 2007/2008 staff.

Please welcome Arturo Carrillo, Michael Marrujo, Ariana Macias, and Maggie Kelly.



## How Cumbres Has Impacted My Life **By: Katie Sheridan**

Cumbres has been a fundamental part of my development and success in college at UNC. Through Cumbres, I immediately had a group of friends, since many of us lived in the dorm together freshman year. A neat part of this experience was getting to use both Spanish and English any time and fostering respect amidst diversity. By experiencing other people's cultures first-hand, I was able to gain valuable understanding of the culture of many of my future students.

Cumbres has also been essential in my growth as a future bilingual educator. I now have contact with school districts and opportunities to gain experience for my future teaching endeavors. Additionally, the Cumbres program has allowed me to develop and practice my leadership skills and to be mentored by an experienced member of the education community. Cumbres has been vital in my cultural and linguistic development and has equipped me in many ways to be a more effective teacher.



## Congratulations to Cumbres 2006/2007 Graduates

Briana Johnson  
Bobbi Baeza  
Jill Clark  
Sara Eiden (Crow)  
Kathryn Fletcher  
Lori Kier  
Nicole Tauber

Sarah Balagat  
Joseph Chavez  
Michael Cordova  
Brianna Decker  
Jennifer Dillingham  
Ashley Duplin  
Sarah Fitzgibbons  
Gerardo Flores  
Elizabeth Grounds  
Andrea Long

Veronica Lopez  
Jose Martinez III  
Crystal Perez  
Kenneth Samela  
Holly Smith  
Angela Trunkenbolz  
Kacy Wilson  
Jennifer Wos

*As of Spring 2007,  
the Cumbres will  
have graduated  
over 140 students  
with either ESL or  
Bilingual  
Bicultural teaching  
endorsements.*

## Mentor Appreciation Day

This year marked the first annual Cumbres Mentor Appreciation Day, and the event turned out amazing. As a way of thanking all of the mentors, Cumbres freshmen took the initiative to organize such a great event, which included a poem, juggling extravaganza, a slideshow of pictures of students, and even a Cumbres song originally written and performed by Cumbres freshmen

Thank you for all your support and encouragement and we'll see you next year!

-Laura Lara



Showing appreciation for Cumbres mentors

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*Cumbres has a mission to prepare potential teachers, primarily Hispanic students, through a challenging curriculum and supportive environment to become role models and leaders in the educational community.*

*CUMBRES has the specific goal of improving teacher preparation for the instruction of language minority students, children of poverty and Hispanic school children.*

### Goodbye and Good luck

Cumbres would like to say goodbye and good luck to our two graduate assistants, Laura Lara, and Jerry Martinez.

In the coming year, Laura Lara will be doing her internship with the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in New Jersey with plans to graduate with her Ph.D. in Fall 2007.

Jerry Martinez has accepted a psychologist position as his internship in Arizona. He will graduate in May 2008 with his Ed.S. in School Psychology.

Good luck to the both of you in your future endeavors.

**We are on the web!!**

[www.unco.edu/cumbres](http://www.unco.edu/cumbres)

### Interested In Learning More About The Cumbres Program?

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Cumbres program, please visit the Cumbres website at:

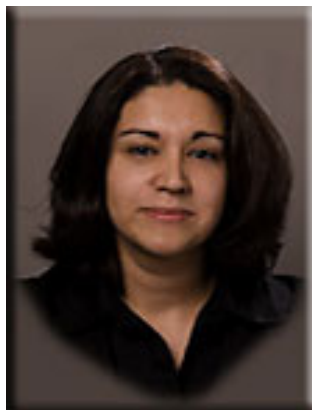
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Cumbres is recruiting students from all over the state who are interested in seeking teaching licensure with English as a Second Language or Bilingual Bicultural endorsements.

Be sure to check if your career counselor has Cumbres scheduled for an annual visit to your high school so you can learn more about the Cumbres program and what it has to offer.

For further information, please contact:

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*Please stay posted for our next issue of the "Cumbres Connection" brought to you by the Cumbres staff!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jerry Martinez, Editor, and GA for Leadership*

*Linda Carbajal, Director*

*Karla Carmona, Assistant to Director*

*Laura Lara, GA for Mentorship*