# On behalf of the New Mexico State University Board of Regents, Chancellor, President, alumni, faculty and staff, we welcome you to the

128th Commencement



Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (MDT)



# **New Mexico State University**

New Mexico State University is the state's land-grant university and a NASA Space-Grant College, thriving in teaching, research and public service. The 900-acre campus, located between the Mesilla Valley and the majestic Organ Mountains, is home to more than 14,000 graduate and undergraduate students from across the United States and 89 foreign countries. Since its founding in 1888, NMSU has served a diverse population of talented students and has charmed visitors with endless campus beauty.

The Honors College at NMSU was the first one established in New Mexico and provides outstanding undergraduate students with a rigorous academic track guided by experienced and brilliant master professors.

NMSU prepares graduates by delivering hands-on experiences at the university's five campuses. In addition to educating students, NMSU strives to advance research and deliver information to all New Mexicans through efforts at cooperative extension offices in all 33 counties, and 12 agricultural science centers across the state.

Ranked as a top-tier university, U.S. News & World Report

Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics, The Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine

Listed in the **top 4 percent** of institutions of higher education worldwide, Center for World University Rankings 2018/2019

Best Graduate School Programs, U.S. News & World Report

Best Online Education Programs, U.S. News & World Report







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Congratulations to our graduates as well as to their families and friends!

New Mexico State University's commencement ceremony is always a joyous time. Our students have come from around the region and around the globe to pursue higher education. They have spent countless hours in classrooms and labs. They have stayed up way too late working on class projects, and woken up way too early for exams. Now, all of their hard work has paid off and they have earned their degrees.

Traditionally, we have viewed universities as a place where lofty ideas emanate, where these are debated, reshaped and used as a foundation for knowledge creation, inspiration, motivation and competitiveness. At NMSU, we challenge the status quo. We cultivate the art of the possible and we establish a culture of higher expectations. We also inspire and fuel a greater entrepreneurial spirit and mindset and celebrate it. From every corner of NMSU, we know we must be a catalyst for change!

At NMSU, we deeply care about student success and meeting our students, traditional and non-traditional, where they are. It is our critical responsibility to educate students for a rewarding and financially enabling career. We focus on excellence in research and scholarship to solve national and global grand challenges. We live diversity and inclusion every day among our students and faculty. And, we care about our vital role in economic development locally and beyond. These traits are what differentiate us!

The graduates we celebrate today are well on their way to achieving their true potential for themselves, their families and their communities. They will face an exciting and inspiring future as professionals, decision-makers and leaders of tomorrow. I ask all of you to be bold in meeting these challenges. Be fearless. And, let's shape the future together. Thank you!

Dan E. Arvizu, Ph.D.

Chancellor

BE BOLD. Shape the future.

Dan E Xmzi



Welcome to our Fall 2020 commencement exercise and to our virtual commencement!

I am pleased to give a big Aggie greeting to our graduates and their friends and family as we gather virtually from all around the world. We are pleased to celebrate our graduates' accomplishments. We also celebrate the perseverance and determination you have demonstrated in completing your degree during these unprecedented times.

Graduates, you have earned the right to pause for a moment and reflect on your achievements. Your NMSU education is part of the foundation for the next part of your life. Some parts of that foundation you had when you arrived at NMSU and are inherent in who you are: your values, passion, creativity and persistence. These traits have helped you earn a place in today's ceremony and will benefit you in the future.

Graduation is an important milestone, and the credentials you have earned at New Mexico State University indicate that you have mastered a level of knowledge in a discipline. Your knowledge will open up opportunities in your field of study. Even more importantly, it demonstrates that you can succeed at learning. We live in an age marked by a seemingly unbounded expansion of knowledge. The best way to prepare for such an environment is to learn, keep learning, and never stop learning.

The next steps may seem uncertain, but I encourage every one of you to harness your potential to realize your dreams. You have the ability to make profound contributions to our community and our world. You have the power to shape your future and the future of those around you. I offer you my sincere congratulations!

Be bold, be kind, and be safe. Go Aggies!

John D. Plavos

John D. Floros, Ph.D.

President

BE BOLD. Shape the future.

#### **Honors**

To be eligible for institutional honors, the student must have earned at least 60 semester credits for a four-year degree or at least 45 semester credits for a two-year degree in computable grades while in residence at this university. Honors courses graded "S" will be counted as a part of the minimum of 60 credits. Effective Fall 1975, the number of students at graduation, by college, receiving degrees with HONORS in any one year shall not exceed 15 percent; the number receiving HIGH HONORS shall not exceed 1.5 percent; and the number receiving HIGHEST HONORS shall not exceed one person, except in the case of a tie. The students receiving degrees with MERITORIOUS in any one year shall not exceed 15 percent.

Honors designations for Fall Candidates are based on work taken prior to Fall 2020.

- C.S. Crimson Scholar: has completed a minimum of seventy-five credits in the Crimson Scholar Program and has maintained a GPA of 3.5 or better.
- H.C.P. Honors Certificate Program: has completed at least two interdisciplinary honors seminars.
- U.H. University Honors: has completed 18 hours of Honors College work, including a thesis, and has maintained a GPA between 3.5-3.749.
- D.H. Distinction in University Honors: has completed 18 hours of Honors College work, including a thesis, and has maintained a GPA of 3.75 or better.

#### **Program Notations**

\* Students who will complete work for degrees in Summer 2020 will be identified with an asterisk.

The Commencement Ceremony is a symbolic event; the awarding of degrees will be based on the certification of degree requirements by the academic colleges.

While every effort is made to ensure that this Commencement Program is accurate and up to date, some information may have changed between the printing date and the actual ceremony. The appearance or absence of any name in the program does not constitute recognition or denial of completion of degree requirements nor the conferring of honors. The University applogizes for any errors or omissions.

The program as a ceremonial publication and is not an official record of graduates.

# **Candidates** for Degrees

#### GRADUATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Luis Cifuentes, Ph.D., Dean

#### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Bernard Baah-Kumi (Water Science and Management)

Policy Analytic Framework for Sustainable Water Management in Sub-

Saharan Africa

Faculty Advisor: Frank Ward

Yining Bai (Water Science and Management)

System Synamics Approach to Understand the Agricultural Water

Governance

Faculty Advisor: Alexander Fernald

Emily Creegan (Plant and Environmental Science)

Pecan and Dairy Industry Waste Stream Utilization: On-Farm Windrow

Comparisons and Selected Feasibility, Agricultural, Soil, Plant, Water, and

Environmental Assessments Faculty Advisor: Robert Flynn

Hanan Ibrahim Elassbli (Plant and Environmental Science)

Germplasm Evaluation, Genome-Wide Association Study and Segregation Analysis for Resistance to Bacterial Blight in US Upland Cotton

Faculty Advisor: Jinfa Zhang

Charles Daniel Havlik (Plant and Environmental Science)

Investigating Field Protocols for Mechanized Harvest and Season Extension

to Expand Chile (Capsicum annuum) Production in NM

Faculty Advisor: Stephanie Walker

Gaurav Jha (Plant and Environmental Science)

Long-Term Monitoring of Metal(loid) Contaminants in Agricultural Systems Across Animas Watershed After the 2015 Gold King Mine Spill

Faculty Advisor: April Ulery

Subhankar Mandal (Plant and Environmental Science)

Increasing Fusarium Basal Rot Resistance With Better Disease

Quantification and Profiling of Antifungal Saponin in Short-Day Onion

Cultivars and USDA Germplasm Accessions

Faculty Advisor: Christopher Cramer

Constance Maxwell (Water Science and Management)

Managing Connectivity to Mitigate Drought, Flooding, and Sediment

Transport Across Dryland Landscapes Faculty Advisor: Alexander Fernald

Stacia Z. McIntosh\* (Animal Science)

Chemokines as Governors of Inflammatory Homeostasis During Early

Ovine Pregnancy

Faculty Advisor: Ryan Ashley

Randall W. Montgomery (Plant and Environmental Science)

Abiotic Stress Tolerant Southwestern Maize for Forage Cultivar Breeding

Faculty Advisor: Richard Pratt

Anita G. Rodriguez\* (Interdisciplinary Program)

Effects of Dietary Restraint on Perceived Healthfulness and Purchase

Intention and the Moderating Effects of Product Label, Food Type,

Holiday, and Source Credibility

Faculty Advisor: Michelle Jasso and Omolulu Idowu

Shelby Lynn Rosasco (Animal Science)

Evaluation of Development Strategies on Productivity, Fertility, and the

Ovarian Reserve in Beef Heifers

Faculty Advisor: Adam Summers

Bert Joseph Louis Siville (Plant and Environmental Science)

ATS Technology: Function and Optimization in Small Scale Aquaculture

Faculty Advisor: Wiebke Boeing

Colin Tyrel Tobin (Range Science)

Potential for Precision Livestock Management Applications on Cattle

Faculty Advisor: Derek Bailey

#### MASTER OF AGRICULTURE

Alexandria Morgan Claycomb Marco D'Andrea\*

Ashley D'Ann Lama-Mendoza Sarah Grace Pitassi

Brittany Ann Wade

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

Ashlea Rayann Gideon Agricultural Extension Education Kalyn G. Hazen Agricultural Extension Education Amy Rose Hutchison Agricultural Extension Education Cheyenne Derae Law\*

Agricultural Extension Education

Alicyn Elizabeth Monita

Agricultural Extension Education

Skyler Ann Paul Agricultural Extension Education Anna J. Wagoner Agricultural Extension Education Trevor L. Wax

Agricultural Extension Education

Dana Michelle Wiebe

Agricultural Extension Education

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Prashasti Agarwal Agricultural Biology Tanzila Ahmed\*

Water Science and Management

Cody T. Bear Sutton

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Pratima Bhandari

Agricultural Economics

Ellen M. Bosman

Family and Consumer Sciences

Josiah Malachi Brooks Animal Science

Coury Ivan Dorn

Water Science and Management

Jason Robert Fechner

Plant and Environmental Science

Kylee Kristine Forrest

Animal Science

Talesha Karish\*

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology Sita Khanal\*

Agricultural Economics

Alex Kunkel\*

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Fiona Elizabeth McKibben

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Michael Elliot Meyers

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Rebecca Andrea Mijares\*

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Kaavya Polisetti

Plant and Environmental Science

Charles Hunter Prude\*

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Bryanna L. Quijada

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

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Family and Consumer Sciences

Allison J. Salas

Wildlife Science

Lauren A. Samaniego

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Brittany Schweiger

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology

Elisa Marie Trigo\*

Animal Science

Angela Lee Yemma

Range Science

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Farzin Abadizaman (Physics)

Optical Characterization of Ni Using Spectroscopic Ellipsometry at

Temperatures From 80 to 780 K Faculty Advisor: Stefan Zollner

Rabah Kareem Faris Almaaitah (Mathematics)

The Cartan Formula for the Gerstenhaber Product

Faculty Advisor: Gerald Lodder

Raymond Berry III (Biology)

Hormetic Abiotic Interactions of Stress in Insects

Faculty Advisor: Giancarlo Lopez

Sherri Lynn Buerdsell (Biology)

Coexistence of Eragrostis lehmanniana in Bouteloua Communities Mediated

by Plant Available Water, Plant-Soil Feedback, and Competition

Faculty Advisor: Brook Milligan and Erik Lehnhoff

Umesh Chiluwal (Chemistry)

Reactive Tandem Ion Mobility Spectrometry for Selective Detection of

Explosives in the Mixtures

Faculty Advisor: Gary Eiceman

Stephen Drew Chojnowski\* (Astronomy)

H-Band Spectroscopy of Exotic, Massive Stars

Faculty Advisor: Jon Holtzman

Kevin Ryan Dover (Rhetoric and Professional Communication)

Is English Rhetoric Antiblack?: Toward Black Ways of Looking

Faculty Advisor: Barry Thatcher

Ramanujam Geeyarpuram Nadathur (Molecular Biology)

Regulation of Swainsonine Production and Gene Expression in

Alternaria oxytropis

Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Creamer

Yifan Hao (Computer Science)

Deep Learning Approaches to Extract Features From and Classify

Multivariate Time Series Data Faculty Advisor: Huiping Cao

Omali Rachel Jayah (Chemistry)

Design, Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications of Novel Fluorescent

Lipid Analogs: An Olefin Cross Metathesis Based Approach

Faculty Advisor: Jeffrey Arterburn

Elnaz Karimpour Nahari (Chemistry)

Kinetic Studies of Peroxide Reactions Confined Within Reverse Micelles

Faculty Advisor: Michael Johnson

Ahmed Saeed Khalaf\* (Computer Science)

Developing and Evaluating Wearable Input Device Interfaces to Direct a

Team of Agents

Faculty Advisor: Zachary Toups

William Mabry (Biology)

Cannibalistic Tadpoles, Kin Recognition and Advances in Communication

Theory

Faculty Advisor: William Boecklen

Anthony J. Machado (Mathematics)

Idempotent Generated Algebras and the Baer Hull of a Gelfand Ring

Faculty Advisor: Patrick Morandi

Hunter Alexandra Myuz\* (Psychology)

Religious Personality Test: A Method for Categorizing Religiosity

Faculty Advisor: David Trafimow

John Gregory Penn (Biology)

Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Species Distributions

Faculty Advisor: Brook Milligan

Tuan Anh Phan (Mathematics)

Stochastic Modeling for Some Biological and Medical Problems Faculty Advisor: Jianjun Tian

Travis Andrew Saxon (Chemistry)

Synthesis and Optimization of Novel Oxabicyclic Scaffolds for Selective

Modulation of Estrogen Receptor Targets Faculty Advisor: Jeffrey Arterburn

Hormat Shadgou Rhein (Molecular Biology)

Pecan Flower Clocks: RNA-Seq Profiling of Floral Initiation and Development in Protogynous and Protandrous Pecan Trees

Faculty Advisor: Jennifer Randall

Hossein Shokri\* (Chemistry)

Fragmentation of Gas Ions at Ambient Pressure in Tandem Ion Mobility Spectrometry With Strong Electric Fields, and the Use of Such Ions for

Molecular Identification
Faculty Advisor: Gary Eiceman

Grace Smith Vidaurre (Biology)

Teaching Rhetoric to Multilingual Students in an ESL Context: L2 Patterns

of Genetic and Acoustic Variation in a Biological Invader

Faculty Advisor: Timothy Wright

Emmanuel Utreras Mercado (Computer Science)

Tangible Music Programming Tool for Novice Children With Visual

Impairments and Low Vision
Faculty Advisor: Enrico Pontelli

Yifan Yin (Chemistry)

Synthesis of Polycyclic Skeletons Catalyzed by Indium Salt and Nitric Acid

Faculty Advisor: James Herndon

#### MASTER OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY

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Geology

Maria Florencia Visconti\*

Biology

Daniela Cristina Vitarelli

Geology

Ramin Zahedi Darshoori\*

Computer Science

#### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Yanni Liang\* (Business Administration)

Too Little or Too Much? An Examination of the Integrated Relationship between Corporate Social and Financial Performance

Faculty Advisor: William Smith

Siddeeg Muneer Shabazz (Business Administration)

A Moral Approach to Third-Party Justice and Implications for Pro-Customer Rule Breaking

Faculty Advisor: Gabriel Gazzoli

Ruoqing Zhang\* (Business Administration)

An Investigation of Key Antecedents of Customer Loyalty in App-Based Mobile Shopping

Faculty Advisor: Minjoon Jun

#### **MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY**

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Joslynn Kathleen Garcia\*

Shanta Padhi
Applied Statistics

Maryam Sharifi

Applied Statistics

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Theophile Owona Awana (Curriculum and Instruction)

Language Learning, Technology and International Undergraduate Students at Junior and Senior Levels: A Proverbial Double Jeopardy for Academic Success in Southwestern Borderlands of the United States

Faculty Advisor: Blanca Araujo

Kayla Sue Bolland-Hillesheim\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

Self-Concept Among Trans Individuals Engaged in Sex Work

Faculty Advisor: Tracie Hitter

Rebecca Brown\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

Mental Health and Help-Seeking Attitudes Among Former Foster Youth
Faculty Advisor: Na-Yeun Choi

Jeremy Justin Bruggemann (Interdisciplinary Program)

Non-Intrusive Visualization of Optically Inaccessible Flow Fields Utilizing Positron Emission Tomography

Faculty Advisor: Andrea Gross and Stephen Pate

Claudia Yolanda Casillas\* (Curriculum and Instruction)

Autohistoria-Teoría: Reclaiming the Self Through Testimonio

Faculty Advisor: Judith Flores Carmona

Alejandro Cervantes\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

Group Therapy & Testimonios: A Mixed-Methods Study With Latino Male
Adolescents

Faculty Advisor: Ivelisse Torres Fernandez

Erich Tyrai Elwin (Curriculum and Instruction)

Blueprints for Nepantla: Autoethnography of Black Male Faculty Negotiating PWI Spaces

Faculty Advisor: Luis Huerta

Cassie Yvonne Pierson Froemming (Curriculum and Instruction)

 $Elements\ of\ Professional\ Development\ for\ SAMR\ Technology\ Integration\ in$ 

the Early Grades

Faculty Advisor: Lauren Cifuentes

Gail Hudgens Gale (Educational Administration)

A Mother's Journey to Find the Best Educational Environment for Her Twice-Exceptional Child: An Autoethnography Viewed Through the Lens of Neurodiversity

Faculty Advisor: Kristin Kew

Jian Liu (Curriculum and Instruction)

Perceptions of Speaking Proficiency by English Graduates and Human Resource Officers in the Chinese Market Economy: The Invisible Hand to Career Development

Faculty Advisor: David Rutledge

Rosa Isabel Lopez (Educational Administration)

Cultural Competency of Dietetic Educational Leaders and Its Incorporation

Within the Required Curriculum Faculty Advisor: Henrietta Pichon

Mehmet Ali Ozer (Curriculum and Instruction)

An Investigation of Project-Based Curriculum: Effects of STEM Education on Student Achievement Levels in State Standardized Algebra Test

Faculty Advisor: David Rutledge

Karina Ivette Padilla (Educational Administration)

Supporting Hispanic Males With ADD/ADHD During Their First Year of Community College in the Southwest Borderlands: A Portraiture

Faculty Advisor: Kristin Kew

Joao Luis Rocha Paixao Cortes (Curriculum and Instruction)

Reaching an Intersection Between Multicultural Education and Parâmetros Curriculares Nacionais (National Curricular Guidelines)/Temas Transversais (Cross-Curricular Themes) in a Foreign Language Teacher's

Education Program

Faculty Advisor: Luis Huerta

Rebecca Lauren Pruitt\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

The Role of Male Gender Role Conflict and Strain in Convicted Male Sex

Offenders Engagement in Mandated Psychotherapy Faculty Advisor: Eve Adams

Sarah Luz Ramos\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

Navegando la Torre de Marfil: Testimonios of Latina Doctoral Student

Experiences of Belonging

Faculty Advisor: Ivelisse Torres Fernandez

Toby Dean Soderberg (Curriculum and Instruction)

Public School Climate: A Phenomenological Study on The Lived Experiences

of LGBTO Students

Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Cahill and Alfie Lucero

Wiley William Stem IV\* (Counseling and Educational Psychology)

A Phenomenological Study of the Effects of Social Media Use on Minority

Stress and Self-Concept in LGB College Students

Faculty Advisor: Eve Adams

Bianca Abigail Tarango (Educational Administration)

A Phenomenological Study: The Lived Experiences of the Latina Madre and

Her Journey of Baccalaureate Degree Attainment

Faculty Advisor: Henrietta Pichon

#### **DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

Marcus Alan Smith (Educational Administration)

Serving Our Survivors on Campus Through Research: A Phenomenological Study on Doctoral Graduates Conducting Sexual Assault Research at Post-

Secondary Institutions of Higher Education in the United States

Faculty Advisor: Rene Guillaume

#### SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Yvonne Dominguez School Psychology

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

Erika J. Acosta

F.ducation

Nicholas Anthony Aragon **Educational Administration** 

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Annie L. Banks

**Education** 

Carol Tiffany Meziere Baugh\*

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Olivia Ann Bernal

Education

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**Education** 

Kayleigh Michelle Bolin

Special Education

Micavla Latrece Buckner

Education

Camilla Justina Carrera

Education

Peggy A. Chavez\*

Education

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**Education** 

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Aidee Marie Covarrubias

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Education

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Special Education

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Counseling and Guidance

Sara Edminsten

Education

Ashley Ellison\*

Counseling and Guidance

Alyssa Renee Fleming

F.ducation.

Maria Socorro Gamon

**Education** 

Aryn Danielle Gandara\* Counseling and Guidance

Anna Marie Garcia

Special Education

Jesus Garcia

Educational Administration

Keziah Garcia

Educational Administration

Lorena Christina Garcia\* Counseling and Guidance

Laura Suzanne Gill

Education

Linda Lorraine Gonzalez\*

Communication Disorders

Manuela C. Hanway

Special Education

Myra Cuevas Hatcher Education

Brian Patrick Haves

Special Education

Kathryn Lynn Herrera\*

Education

Jaimie Dawn Jones\*

Counseling and Guidance

Heather Catherine Kangas\* Education

Christy Ann Lauterbach

Educational Administration

Amber Lynn Lopez

Education

Jalilah Marie Lopez-Crider

Education Jesse Lee Lovato

**Educational Administration** 

Carla Francisca Love

**Educational Administration** 

Edelynn Jo Manriquez

Education

Kina Jo Marlatt

Educational Administration

Marianna Tellez Martos

Education

Alei Marie Maxson

Education

Edith Melendez\*

Counseling and Guidance

Jennifer Leah Meyer

**Education** 

Alyssa Tanksi Eagle Montoya

Special Education

Whitney Nicole Nieves

Education

Desiree Nicole Nunez

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Nathan Paul Ortega\*

Education

Ianine Nicole Pacheco

Educational Administration

Mikkiko Perez-Martini

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Frequency Independent Hysteretic Dampers for Mitigating Wind-Induced

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Nonlinear Modeling and Lifetime Performance of Fish-Like Robots Energy

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Ambulance Cross-Border Operation Framework to Minimize Critical

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Telemental Health Training in a Rural Southwest New Mexico FQHC: A Quality Improvement Project Faculty Advisor: Stephanie Lynch

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Hepatitis C Treatment at a Rural Navajo Health Clinic Using Project ECHO

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