1. Monthly Meetings-
   a. UNM NALSA hosts monthly membership meetings, where at least 20 of our 38 members attended. We discuss upcoming events, events the membership would like to see, fundraising and academics. The board also conducts monthly meetings where it considers funding reimbursements, upcoming events, co-sponsored events and other orders of business.

2. Alumni Dinner-
   a. On April 8 NALSA hosted its annual alumni dinner in conjunction with Fed Bar. The dinner was at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and over 200 people attended. The Keynote Speaker was Regis Pecos of Cochiti Pueblo. A Raffle of a jar of NALSA Salsa at the Alumni Dinner, Nordhaus bought it for $200. The money went to Morning Star and their Easter party. NALSA also honored the Moot Court coaches and its moot court teams.

3. Morning Star Easter-
   a. NALSA members and NALSA donated $200 along with the $200 raised at the Alumni Dinner. NALSA members also helped put together over 30 Easter baskets, helped with the BBQ and Easter egg hunt for 30 children and their mothers.

4. End of the year BBQ/Planning-
   a. The new NALSA board hosted an end of the year BBQ. Over 20 members and their families attend the BBQ. We also brainstormed events for the upcoming school year. A master
calendar was created with important dates and members wrote in events and activities they wanted to see happen each month.

5. Cards for Grads -
   a. A NALSA member created a NALSA graduation card for the 12 NALSA graduates. A majority of the Membership signed the cards. The cards were given to the grads at graduation.

6. UNM/National NALSA PLSI BBQ -
   a. On July 4th, UNM NALSA hosted the PLSI BBQ where over 20 PLSI students, UNM NALSA and National NALSA members attended, as well as UNM faculty.

7. Indian Law Orientation BBQ -
   a. UNM’s Indian Law Program, NALSA, and the Law School sponsored the first Native American Student welcome and BBQ. The event took place the night before Orientation began for the 1L’s. It was an opportunity for incoming students to meet faculty, staff and students in an informal setting.

8. Welcome BBQ -
   a. UNM NALSA hosted a welcome BBQ two weeks after school started. This gave NALSA members an opportunity to meet each other in a non academic setting.

9. Convocation/Silent Auction -
   a. UNM School of Law, the Indian Law Program and NALSA co-sponsored the 14th Annual Academic Convocation and Gathering of Communities recognizing the law school's Native American community and Indian Law Students. Over 100 people attended the event. NALSA also used the opportunity to hold a fundraiser. There was a silent auction with over 50 items, raising $1700.
10. Deans Coffee Break-
   a. Each year, NALSA has a “Dean’s Coffee Break” that is sponsored by the Dean’s Fund. This year NALSA provided donuts, bagels and coffee to the students at UNMSOL so they may better get to know our organization. At this coffee break, we provide information about our organization. We also used this break to help sell tickets for our annual Harley Raffle Fundraiser.

11. Columbus day protest-
   a. This year NALSA held its 3rd Annual Columbus Day Protest at the University of New Mexico School of Law. With each year our protest has gotten bigger and better. We took over half the law school and displayed protest signs, books, photographs, t-shirts, PowerPoint’s, display boards, and a video on colonialism. NALSA’s protest was announced on local radio stations and at the UNM Main Campus.

12. Study Break –
   a. This December NALSA hosted its annual study break the week prior to semester finals. The break was held at a members’ home as a time for relaxation and fun. Entire families and students got together to enjoy the snacks, games and good conversation.

13. Moot Court-
a. Two students from UNM NALSA competed in this year’s National NALSA Moot Court Competition. The students worked diligently over the Christmas break to complete their briefs for submission. Additionally, the students participated in frequent coaching session held daily.

14. Difficult Dialogues-

a. NALSA co-hosted two Difficult Dialogue sessions open to the law school and to the community. The two topics discussed at the sessions were Indian Gaming and the building of Desert Rock Coal Mine. The purpose of the Difficult Dialogue sessions, which gather a number of people from around Albuquerque, is to create a forum for discussion about controversial topics. This year NALSA hosted its first ever Difficult Dialogue. Difficult Dialogue is a 1 credit class where students can hear, participate, and write a reflection paper on a controversial topic. One of the topics were Indian Gaming: Controversial Opportunities. We invited several members of the gaming community, including a former NM Gaming Commissioner and an Indian Gaming Commission representative. Our panel also included a former tribal governor opposed to Indian gaming and a current student formerly employed in gaming and from a gaming tribe.

15. Basketball Tournament-

a. In October, NALSA co-sponsored and participated in the BLSA basketball tournament. The purpose of the BLSA basketball tournament was to fundraise for the BLSA High School and College Essay Writing Contest. Through this and other fundraisers, BALSA was able to give out $750.00 in scholarships. They also donated 1/3 of the profits to the Dennis Chavez Community Center which serves the
Southeast/Downtown/ South Broadway community in Albuquerque. The NALSA Team got 5th place out of 6 teams...so not well, but everyone who participated was a winner!

16. Peaks Case: Guest Speakers-
   a. Zackree Kelin of DNA Peoples’ Legal Services and Laura Berglan of the Shanker Law Firm in Tempe, AZ presented the issue and perspectives of the San Francisco Peaks case, a suit challenging the Arizona Snowbowl’s plans to expand its ski area on the slopes of the San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff, AZ. The peaks are sacred to over 14 native nations. Over 30 members, community members, and faculty attended the discussion.

17. 2nd Harley raffle-
   a. The 2nd Annual Harley Raffle raised over $4500 for NALSA. Members sold tickets all over the state and country, mainly focusing on the legal community. The student selling the most tickets (25) won a dinner for two at a local restaurant. The money raised funds most of NALSA’s events and specifically the annual alumni dinner and moot court.

18. Native American High School Senior Day-
   a. NALSA President and Vice President set up a table at UNM’s Native American High School Senior Day in an effort to encourage more Native Americans to attend college after graduation. Our booth had information about the Indian Law program at the UNMSOL and other general information regarding a legal career. Our NALSA President addressed the hundreds of participating students from across New Mexico during the lunchtime event along with other Native American organization located on the UNM campus. The event provided a catered New Mexican meal for all attendees.

19. Thanksgiving Homeless Dinners-
   a. NALSA hosted a thanksgiving dinner for members who did not have a place to go for the holiday. This tradition started three years ago with a NALSA graduate and was continued. Plates
were made with the left over food and members handed out seven meals to homeless people on Central Avenue in Albuquerque.

20. Predatory Lending-
   a. At the end of November NALSA meet with women at Morning Star house and discussed the issues surrounding payday and car title loans in New Mexico. The presentation educated women about the concept of these lenders and how the fees work. There are over 172 lending stores in Albuquerque alone.

21. Morning Star Giving Tree-
   a. NALSA sponsored five families (22 peoples) from Morning Star for Christmas. A giving tree was placed at the law school and the Law School community adopted children and mothers and purchased gifts. NALSA wrapped gifts for 2 ½ hours and have three car loads of gifts. NALSA specifically sponsored one mother and the gift wrapping party.

22. John Ross-
   a. John Ross presented his most recent book "Zapatistas! Making Another World Possible." This book is Ross's fourth volume on this unique indigenous rebellion and it the sequel to The War Against Oblivion-Zapatista Chronicles 1994-2000. Ross, who has been called a "new John Red covering a new Mexican rebellion" by the national Mexican daily La Jornada, well shed light on the most under-reported and misunderstood period in the rebel continuum and fix the Zapatistas in the recent history of global resistance. "Making Another World Possible" examines the twists and turns of the Zapatistas rebellion. Co-Sponsored by: NALSA, MALSA, SOLAS, Amnesty International, Political Sciences Graduate Student Association, Nuestra Voz, La Semilla Libreria, GPSA, Latin American and Iberian Institute. Over 60 students, staff, faculty and community members attended the event.

23. Minority Mixer-
   a. The 3rd Annual Minority Mixer was hosted at the UNMSOL and over 100 high school and college students attended the event. This event was jointly sponsored by Mexican American Law Students Association (MALSA) and Black Law Students Association (BLSA). The event is promoted as a way to encourage high school students to attend college and meet
other minorities who will become attorneys. Many minorities don’t know a minority attorney and this is a change for them to see we exist. The event also helps those college students seeking admission to law school with information about applications, funding, and law school survival tips. There was a mock trial the High School students participated in and the college students were able to ask many questions about law school during the Law Student Panel. NALSA had a table with information about the Indian Law program in addition we were available to answer any questions the participants may have had. The evening culminated with a catered New Mexican buffet and raffle. BLSA gave out several scholarships to students who had written an essay related to the law. Participants included many local minority attorneys and judges.

24. Barristers Ball- 
   a. UNMSOL and 14 student organizations hosted inaugural Barristers’ Ball, an event that many law schools across the nation conduct. The event drew hundreds of law students and guest for an elegant evening at Albuquerque’s new Embassy Suites Hotel. The event was formal and had a live DJ. The appetizer bar was exquisitely decorated and food items as Alaskan Salmon, Coconut Shrimp, Teriyaki Chicken, Fruits, Crackers, Cheese, and an Ice Cream Bar were some of items available to snack on. There was also a cash bar which was very popular amongst the attendees. We even had an attendee from the University of North Dakota School of Law. Many of the participants checked into a suite and one floor had back to back-to-back rooms filled with law students.

25. Public Interest Scholarships- 
   a. The Association of Public Interest Law (APIL) at UNMSOL is dedicated to the promotion and study of Public Interest Law. The APIL chapter at UNM focused raising and
allocating funds in order to provide grant recipients with an opportunity to gain practical experience in public interest law. NALSA helped collect donations for the silent and live auction and donated $100 to the fellowship program.

26. Bylaws-
   a. UNM NALSA has created a Bylaws Committee to help rewrite its constitution and bylaws. This has been an area for need for many years, but was finally completed this Spring. In addition, NALSA has also created an Oath for all incoming officers to dedicate their time and energy to the organization.

27. Indigenous Woman’s Day Conference-
   a. Five female NALSA women sat on a panel for the Indigenous Day Women’s Conference held in Albuquerque. Their session was entitled “How To Stay An Activist In Law School”. The panelist included Suzanne Martinez, Carrie Martel, Kristen Casper, Carolina Ramos, and Julianna Koob. The key note speaker for the conference was Cecilia Firethunder.

28. Feasts-
   a. Many of our members ask us to take part in their feasts. As such, we are invited to attend many of their events or ceremonies open to other Natives throughout the year. These have always served as a great time to get to know each other’s families and homes, bringing us closer together.

29. Bar Scholarships-
   a. The New Mexico Indian Bar Section created the 1st annual scholarship for students who have dedicated their time and energy to Indian Law. Many applications were taken for these scholarships, and we are happy to say that two NALSA students from UNM were selected for these scholarships. This scholarship is to help prepare them for the New Mexico Bar Exam.

30. Navajo Pipeline Project Presentation-
   a. A member of the UNM NALSA has been working diligently for promoting the awareness of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply System. In doing so, NALSA has been an inspiration and a venue to help provide contacts for this project. On April 19th, the member has been placed on the agenda at the
Nahoodishgish Chapterhouse to present information about the project.

31. Working in the Summer-
   a. Many of our NALSA members will be working throughout Indian country during the summer. This year, members will be working in a variety of tribal courts, including the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. Other members will be working in tribal Legal Aid, such as DNA Legal Services. The importance of tribal law and Indian law is strongly encouraged in our chapter. Additionally, our Chapter Advisor, Gloria Valencia-Weber, also sends out various tribal positions and clerkships available to the students.

32. Indian Law Certificate Committee-
   a. As is custom, three NALSA members were appointed to the Indian Law Certificate Committee to help restructure UNM's highly regarded certificate. This committee is also responsible for creating and maintaining relationships with the surrounding tribes. As a result of this responsibility, several presentations were made by the committee throughout the year at local high schools and colleges in order to recruit more local Native students.

33. Indian Bar Section Student Position-
   a. This year, UNM NALSA has been contacted by the professionals from the New Mexico Indian Law Bar Section and has asked that a student from our NALSA be part of their committee. They are currently accepting letters of interest for this position. This student position will offer great input and guidance into how the NM Indian Bar Section functions. Additionally, we hope to strengthen our ties to this committee so as to gain their support for a number of our events.

34. Tribal Law Journal-
   a. NALSA also has an outstanding number of ten people who are on the UNM Tribal Law Journal. The goal of the Tribal Law Journal is to provide a reliable forum for the discussion of internal indigenous law, and to promote indigenous self-determination by facilitating discussion of the internal law of the world’s indigenous nations. The internal law of indigenous nations encompasses traditional law, western law adopted by indigenous nations, and a blend of western and indigenous law. Underscoring this purpose is the recognition that traditional law is a source of law.

35. Indian Law Certificate-
   a. Currently 22 people from NALSA are working towards the Indian Law Certificate offered at UNMSOL. This Certificate requires a number of Indian Law classes and a semester
working as a Student Attorney in the Southwest Indian Law Clinic.

36. Natural Resources Journal-
   a. Similarly, NALSA has five students who are working on the Natural Resources Journal. This reflects the importance of Natural Resources, not only within Indian Country, but throughout the world.

37. Community Outreach through Pow-Wows-
   a. Last summer a delegation of NALSA students traveled around fundraising and promoting the UNM Law School at various powwows around the state of New Mexico. Booths were set up at these gatherings where interested people were encouraged to fill out cards and get more information on how to become law students at UNM. The purpose was to inform Native students about our program and let them know that funding/advising is available for them.

38. Kiva Club Pow-wow & Fundraising-
   a. Last May, UNM NALSA co-sponsored the undergraduate Native student organization’s, Kiva Club Pow-Wow. We also used this pow-wow as a fundraiser by selling NALSA t-shirts and apparel. During the gathering many Native students approached us from the main campus and asked questions about the Indian law program at UNM. This event was a great way to serve our mission statement by bringing attention to interested Native applicants about our organization.

39. 1L Mentorship Program-
   a. This was the first year NALSA started a mentorship for incoming 1L Native students. All of the 1L students, who were interested, were assigned a mentor from the 2L and 3L classes. This has helped promote unity among our groups and the classes. Our mentors have helped their mentees with their homework, exam preparation and getting to know the law school. This year UNM NALSA began a mentoring program between the upper class law students and 1L’s. Ten members participated in the mentoring program.

40. DC Job Fair—
   a. This year one of our members was able to attend the National NALSA DC Job Fair. Our NALSA helped fund this member to attend the event and he was able to report back to NALSA about his experiences there. He has encouraged our members to attend next year’s job fair as well.

41. Changing Woman Conference-
   a. Every year NALSA helps put on this one of a kind conference for Navajo women working in Coal mines who have been
subjected to discrimination. In addition to our monetary contribution members traveled and presented legal options when victimized with sexual harassment. This presentation was a great success and followed by many questions from the women.

42. NALSA Salsa-
   a. One of our best fundraisers has been NALSA Salsa. A former member from our NALSA Chapter owns a Salsa company and has donated many cases of her Salsa for NALSA fundraising. We have taken this salsa and created our own label (artwork done by a NALSA member) to advertise our organization. NALSA Salsa is sold at many events and is a fun way to get our name out there. Last year, a bottle of NALSA Salsa was auctioned off for $200 at the Annual Alumni Dinner.

43. Prof. Pommersheim-
   a. UNM NALSA tries to bring in various speakers from Indian Country to speak to our group as an inspiration. Recently, NALSA’s informational speaker was Professor Pommersheim. Pommersheim’s work in Indian Law has been monumental and has encouraged our students to become more involved in the Indian community.

44. Indigenous Day Legislation-
   a. Several NALSA members took it upon themselves to change New Mexico’s outdated Columbus Day Holiday. Two pieces of legislation were created as a result of the student’s hard work. House Bill 1200 and House Memorial 27 were introduced during this year’s legislative session. Although HB 1200 died in its second committee, HM 27, offering the reasons for the holiday’s change, survived committee hearings, a House Floor debate, and was amazingly signed into law. Throughout the lobbying process, NALSA members got to work with State Legislators, National Indian organizations, and every single tribe in New Mexico including the All Indian Pueblo Council, which represents the 19 pueblos of our state. The student’s efforts also garnered national and local media attention.
placing UNM NALSA in the spotlight of a much needed public policy debate.

45. First Nations Mentorship-
   a. A number of our members have participated in the First Nations Membership program. This program is a local program offered to adult Natives to serve as mentors to young Native kids. We have successfully offered informational sessions to our NALSA chapter to help encourage participation as a mentor.

46. Updated website-
   a. This year NALSA has updated its website on the UNM webpage. Our website now includes NALSA’s Bylaws, Mission Statement, Contact Information and more.

47. Funding Forms-
   a. This year NALSA has reshaped its reimbursement process by creating funding forms that are available on our website. These funding forms include travel reimbursement, event reimbursement and other events that NALSA students may want to seek funding for.

48. Attorney Law Recruitment Program-
   a. NALSA is currently working towards providing a Résumé Book for the Attorney Law Recruitment Program. This book will provide information about individual NALSA members to the local community and to the national participants of this recruitment program.

49. Fed Bar Table
   a. NALSA sponsored a table at Fed Bar in order to disseminate information about NALSA and UNM. This was the first year NALSA sold NALSA Salsa, it was a great hit, we sold 3 cases! We also raffled a print donated by Native American Artist Ikoshy Montoya, as well as photographs by our own member Nellis Kennedy.

50. Fall Carnival
   a. Every year student organizations host a safe trick-or-treat at the law school. This year five student organizations participated, including NALSA. Over 250 children from the community attended. Kids were able to play games, trick or treat, and visit a fortuneteller.

51. LRRW help
a. 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} year law students helped first year students with their LRRW memos. Students were available to read memos and give 1L’s feedback on the analytical and grammatical substance of the papers.

52. Exam Prep

a. NALSA, MALSA, and BLSA co-sponsored an exam prep workshop, to help 1L’s with the exams that they were yet to take. Professor Bay outlined criminal law, and how to issue spot criminal law issues in an exam.

53. Advocacy

a. In early April 1L’s write an appellate brief and have to present an oral argument on the topic. Eight upper class law students judged practice sessions where 1L’s had to argue and field questions from the upper class judges. The experience proves to be invaluable to the 1L’s.

54. V-Day Monologues

a. The production was held at the University of New Mexico School of Law on March 7 and 8, 2007. It was sponsored by the Native American Law Student Association (NALSA), the Jewish Law Student Association (JLSA), the Women’s Law Caucus (WLC), and the Mexican American Law Student Association (MALSA). Over 20 students and professors were involved in acting, advertising, and building a set of the production. Over 200 people came to watch the performances. We were able to raise a total of $1413 which was donated to the Hopi Domestic Violence Prevention Program, to combat violence against women and girls. The money will provide financial assistance to women who are in the process of leaving violent domestic relationships. This way, women can provide for themselves and their families by purchasing food, as well as paying utility bills during the difficult transition.

55. T-Shirts

a. This year NALSA had T-Shirts made. This activity was a long time coming, and will allow for students to look more unified at events we sponsor and attend. NALSA made a small profit off the sales.
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Rep. Harrison Proposes "Indigenous Day" to Replace Columbus Day

Santa Fe, NM — Two bills that would replace Columbus Day with "Indigenous Day" were passed in the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee today. HB 1200—Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Day passed with a 4 to 3 vote. House Memorial 27—Change Columbus Day to Indigenous Day passed with a vote of 4 to 3. The bills were introduced by Rep. Irving Harrison (D-Gallup) at the urging of Native law students from the University of New Mexico.

Rep. Harrison said, "New Mexico is home to almost 200,000 indigenous people and over twenty tribes. I think that substituting "Indigenous Day" for Columbus Day would be the perfect way to honor their contributions, accomplishments, history and culture."

Indigenous students from UNM Law School are urging that Columbus Day be dropped as a state holiday because Christopher Columbus did not "discover" America and because it celebrates the conquest and genocide of the indigenous population of North and South America. The state of South Dakota changed the celebration of Columbus Day to "Native American Day" 18 years ago. About 20 states and territories do not recognize or celebrate Columbus Day.

Supporters point out that public celebrations reflect the values of the community and provide an opportunity for different segments of society to learn more about one another. Celebrating Indigenous Day would allow school children and the general public to be exposed to a more complete, balanced picture of the impact of the European conquest of America and would help correct misunderstandings of history.

Susanne Martinez, a third year law student at UNM said, "It's New Mexico's duty as a state to honor their indigenous peoples and to educate our citizens as to the history as indigenous people see it." She added, "Celebrating Columbus legitimizes his actions. We should not allow the perpetuation of this historical fiction."
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1st NALSA Meeting

August 30th

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12pm -1pm

Room 2406
Changing Woman Conference Program

AGENDA
7:45 – 8:15 A.M.  Registration
8:15 – 8:30 A.M.  Convocation, Introduction
8:45 – 10:00 A.M. Workshop Sessions 1
10:15 – 11:30 A.M. Workshop Sessions 2
11:45 – 12:45 P.M. Lunch Provided
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.  Keynote Address
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.  Panel Discussion
4:45 – 5:00 P.M.  Conclusion

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Native American Law Students Association

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• NALSA is a community within the law school promoting the study and development of Indian Law.
• We are committed to the recruitment, retention, and success of Indian students.
• NALSA also serves as a support group where life-long friendships are established.
• Opportunities afforded to our members are national competitions and events, including:
  o Moot Court Competitions
  o Writing Competitions
  o National Job Fair (held in D.C)
• For more information, please contact Mitzi Vigil at Vigil@law.unm.edu or (505) 277-0405

Informational Handout for the Navajo Fair
Letter Received recognizing NALSA’s efforts at American Indian High School Senior Day