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## **Science in the Park Is Back as Part of NM Science Fiesta Expo! Albuquerque's First Lady serves as Honorary Event Chair**

**Join us for the NM Science Fiesta at Tiguex Park Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 11am-3pm for a celebration of science, art, technology, and more!** The NM Science Fiesta is a **FREE EVENT** loaded with fun, family-friendly activities. 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Explora and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science will be closed for the event, and both Tiguex Park and the street will be filled with booths and activities where children and adults can explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math and the vital roles they play in our everyday lives.

Seventy New Mexico educational and cultural organizations will offer engaging hands-on activities with scientists, artists, engineers, and other professionals. The NM Science Fiesta is sponsored by Air Force Research Laboratory New Mexico, New Mexico EPSCoR, STEM-NM, and the City of Albuquerque's Urban Enhancement Trust Fund; it is organized by Explora and STEM-NM in collaboration with the region's science, cultural, and educational organizations. Additionally, the NM Science Fiesta will host this year's Mission: Graduate Launch to Learn kick-off event!

We are thrilled to announce that First Lady Elizabeth Keller will serve as the Honorary Chair of this year's NM Science Fiesta. As a female STEM professional, the First Lady is a role model for Albuquerque students interested in pursuing STEM careers and improving access to STEM for ALL students, and we can think of no one better to help us celebrate the importance of science to our community. "It is always incredible to see kids and families across the City connect with the scientists, artists, and engineers that make Albuquerque such a creative, innovative community," the First Lady said. "The NM Science Fiesta is a great opportunity to excite and inspire the next generation of innovators, and I feel honored to be a part of the journey."

### ***New for 2018 NM Science Fiesta!***

- Other exciting NM Science Fiesta activities taking place throughout the week of May 14-21 include Classroom Connections, a Teen Science Cafe, the Science of Breakdancing, a BioBlitz, and more. Look for updates on these events at <http://www.explora.us/new-mexico-science-fiesta/>
- For the Expo on May 19, in addition to Tiguex Park, the Fiesta also will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Explora and New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science; this street will be closed to accommodate the event. Look for robotics and other exciting activities taking place in Explora's Community Room and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science's Multi-purpose Room.

**About Explora:** Explora is a world-class science center and children's museum, an innovative learning center whose mission is: Creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. For more information about Explora and the NM Science Fiesta, call Explora at 505-224-8300.