

Summer - 2019

2018-19 Highlights

While no year is without challenges, this year has been one of our most successful years in recent association history. Mileposts from the year include:

- State Supreme Court victory in the Instructional Materials lending case.
- Defeat of HB 45 which sought to eliminate instructional materials funding for our schools.
- Based upon the court's ruling, \$531,000 was allocated to qualified non-public schools for instructional materials for the 2019-20 year.
- Membership levels remain strong with several new schools joining the association.

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty Gala 2019



It was an honor to be invited to the Becket Fund Gala in New York City in May. This year's recipient of the Canterbury Medal for Religious Liberty is the chaplain of the U.S. Senate, Dr. Barry Black (shown above). Many dignitaries including Sen. Orin Hatch (UT) were also in attendance. Our thanks again to Becket for hosting my trip, as well as the incredible role they played in our State Supreme Court victory. -Dr. John Foreman

Professional Development Workshop dates 2019-20

This year's focus will be on board member training, governance models, alignment to mission and other key aspects of a successful board. Also included will be training on the effective relationship between the board and school leadership – and more. Board training is a common requirement for accrediting agencies. What better way to strengthen your board as you also meet a critical requirement for your next site team visit!

- **October 4** – Hosted by Mesilla Valley Christian School in Las Cruces
- **April 3** – Hosted by Hope Christian School in Albuquerque

More information will be provided as we get closer to the start of the new school year. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this excellent time of professional development.

NMANNS "School Leader of the Year"

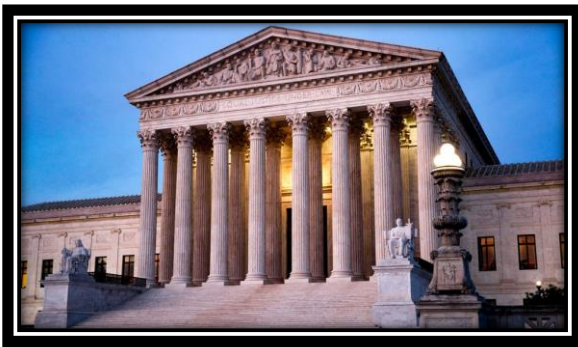
NMANNS is pleased to announce that Mr. Andy Watson of Albuquerque Academy has been selected as our "School Leader of the Year" for 2019. Those who know Andy well appreciate that he has been a long-time advocate for private schooling, an innovative leader and one who has been instrumental in many key private school issues around our state in his tenure at AA.

Congratulations Andy and *thank you* for your many years of tireless service to our non-public schools in New Mexico!

U.S. Supreme Court to hear Montana Blaine Amendment case

Similar in several ways to our own State Supreme Court case of this past year (also a Blaine Amendment case), the high court has now agreed to hear a related case from Montana. Based upon a state law that equips parents who wish to send their children to a private school a way to do so.

In 2015 state lawmakers passed their first school choice program which allowed donors (via qualified scholarship programs similar to Arizona) a state tax credit of \$150.



This is an exciting story to watch and one which may provide an opening for future similar decisions in New Mexico. To read the full story visit the June 30, 2019 online edition of the *Wall Street Journal* at: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/church-school-and-the-supreme-court-11561932658>

NMANS Members 2018-19

Acton Academy	Las Cruces
Albuquerque Academy	Albuquerque
All Saints Catholic School	Roswell
Appletree Educational Center	T/C
Calvary Christian Academy	Silver City
Canon Christian Academy	Belen
Eastern Hills Christian School	Albuquerque
Evangel Christian Academy	Albuquerque
Father Thomas Maikowski	Gallup
Father Isaac Ogba	Gallup
Gateway Christian School	Roswell
Grace Baptist Academy	Farmington
Hilltop Christian School	Gallup
Holy Ghost Catholic School	Albuquerque
Hope Christian School	Albuquerque
Junction Academy	Hobbs
Las Cruces Catholic School	Las Cruces
Linda Honeyfield	Midland, TX
Menaul School	Albuquerque
Mesilla Valley Christian School	Las Cruces
Mission Lutheran School	Las Cruces
Mountainview Private School	Albuquerque
Pathway Academy	Albuquerque
Rehoboth Christian School	Gallup
Rio Grande School	Santa Fe
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Farmington
Sacred Heart Catholic School	Gallup
Saint Francis of Assisi	Lumberton
Salam Academy	Albuquerque
St. Anthony Indian School	Zuni
St. Joseph Mission School	San Fidel
St. Mary's School	Belen
St. Pius X Catholic School	Albuquerque
St. Therese Catholic School	Albuquerque
Sunset Mesa Sch	Albuquerque
Western Hts. Learning Center	Albuquerque
Zuni Mission Sch	Zuni

Invoices for 2019-20 NMANS membership will be mailed the first week of August and due by September 15. Beginning this fall only member schools will receive our regular email updates. While we will continue to provide basic information to all non-public schools, we will be limiting our more comprehensive services to our members.