



University Centers of the San Miguel

Equitable Access to Higher Education is a

Matter of Social and Economic Justice

Annual Report 2007

UCSM celebrates their second year of success

The mission of the University Centers of the San Miguel (UCSM) is to provide equitable access to higher education for the residents and workforce of the San Miguel Watershed. The non-profit organization was established in 2005 following an extensive community needs assessment study funded by the Mountain Village Owners Association. UCSM partners with regional

colleges to bring accredited college courses to the area's workforce and residents at convenient locations and times. UCSM also offers popular non-credit continuing education classes, and provides students with free career and academic counseling and support. Community grants and donations subsidize the classes and services in order to maintain affordable prices for the local work force.

UCSM has increased registration by 40% since 2005. It has become a well-established community institution with popular year-round courses such as Spanish Communications and Computer Applications. An increasing number of students are now starting or continuing

college level courses in classrooms located throughout the San Miguel Watershed. Classes are taught by highly qualified, local faculty.

As a member of the National College Access Network, UCSM is pro-active in recruiting first generation college students and adult "non-traditional" students. Often times, dreams of starting or completing a degree may have been laid aside for family and work reasons. Residents of the San Miguel Watershed are no longer forced to leave their communities in order to study at a distant college campus. Many of the students state that they would not go back to college without the local access to classes and affordable tuition that UCSM provides.



Seminar class in Mountain Village

UCSM hires a Program Coordinator/Registrar

Chris Harrison, MA, joined the UCSM staff in the newly formed position of Program Coordinator and Registrar in May. Chris holds a master's degree in history from the University of New Mexico. She is well known to Telluride as a local realtor and as a compassionate

community volunteer and mentor.

"What impressed us," said Carol Dix, UCSM's President, "was the fact that Christie completed undergraduate and graduate degrees as a mature adult, or "non-traditional" student, which is the primary demographic we

are designed to serve. In addition to marketing skills, she understands the challenges involved in continuing one's education while balancing family and job demands. She fulfills the need for pro-active mentorship and advocacy of our students."

2007 Highlights:

- 225 class enrollment
- 5000 hours of class instruction
- 500 hours of college counseling to youth and adults

Communities Served:

- Mountain Village
- Norwood
- Naturita
- Nucla
- Paradox
- Placerville/Sawpit
- Redvale
- Telluride

Board of Directors:

- President Carol Dix, MLIS
- Vice President Dr. Joel Lee, Dr.PH
- Secretary Sarah Silver, MA
- Treasurer Lynne Beck, MPA
- Eric Nepsky, MA
- Chris Delany-Haynes
- Yvette Henson, MS

University Centers Thanks their Supporters

UCSM is able to provide affordable, higher education and counseling through generous support from community granting agencies and the following contributors:

- ADL Charitable Trust
- Joan Anderson
- Lynne and Geoffrey Beck
- Sally Puff Courtney
- Nancy Craft
- Carol McCord Dix
- Brad and Rhonda Green
- William Haynes and Chris Delaney-Haynes
- Yvette Henson
- John and Carlotta Horn
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- Sandy and Cindy Lang
- Paula MacMillan
- Eric and June Nepsky
- Sarah and Dean Silver
- Al and Debbie Simonian, Simonian Construction
- Ginger and Bob Snip
- Jeanne Stewart

Grantors:

- CCAASE (Town of Telluride)
- Just for Kids Foundation
- San Miguel County
- Telluride Foundation
- Telluride/Mountain Village Owners Association
- Town of Mountain Village

Just for Kids Grant Awarded to UCSM

The Just for Kids Foundation of Telluride has awarded a grant to UCSM for “Pathways to College”. This program counsels first generation and low-income youth about their options for college. The expansion of the Pathways to College program has been an objective of the UCSM Board since its founding. With this additional funding, UCSM counselors present initial information meetings about preparing for college,

identify local cohorts of students from the school districts of Telluride, Norwood, and Nucla, and provide individual and group counseling to help empower students to advance their interests through education. Other granting agents who specifically support the “Pathways to College” program include the Town of Mountain Village and the Telluride Foundation.

Community and College Partnerships:

- AhHaa School for the Arts
- Bright Futures Regional Council
- Colorado Northwestern Community College
- Mesa State College
- Naturita Elementary School
- Prescott College
- Redvale Community Center
- San Miguel County
- San Miguel Watershed Coalition
- Town of Telluride
- Town of Mountain Village
- Telluride/Placerville Fire District
- Telluride Mountain School
- Telluride R-1 School District
- Wilkinson Public Library

Outstanding 2007 Students Recognized

Two students who have taken full advantage of the local access to college programs provided by the University Centers of the San Miguel were recognized for outstanding achievement in July. Talented Telluride-area artisan and metal-worker, Aaron Smith, had long dreamed of pursuing a degree in industrial design, but had never taken an academic college course when he walked into the UCSM counseling office. Over the next several semesters, Aaron completed a substantial number of required general education courses and electives with a respectable grade point average. As a result, he was accepted at Arizona State University, which has one of the best industrial design departments in the nation, and every credit earned through UCSM has transferred to give him a head start on completing a four year degree. “I would not be here if it wasn’t for the University Centers,” said Smith as he accepted his award. “It was not

only the convenience of local classes, but the support and advocacy provided by the UCSM staff and instructors that has gotten me this far.” UCSM Board member Eric Nepsky describes Aaron as a prototype of the kind of adult student the non-profit UCSM was designed to serve.

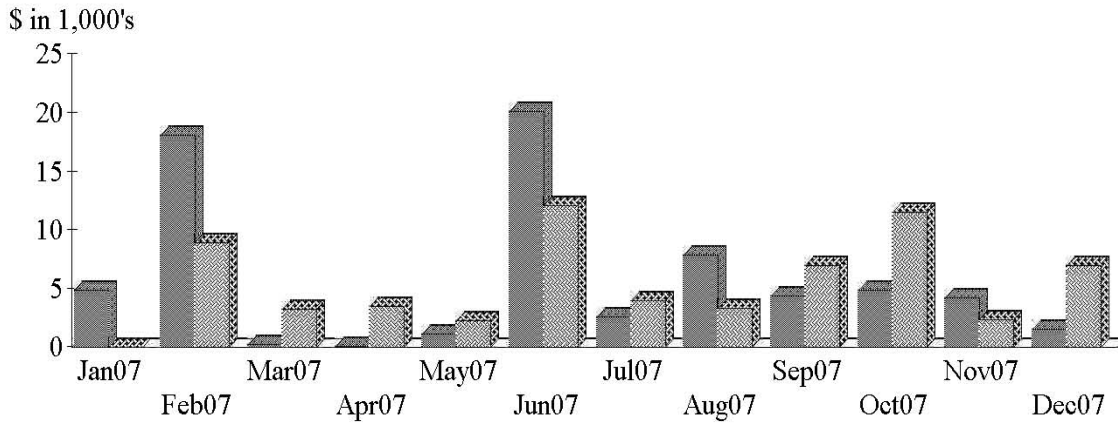
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Another award winner, Susan Rice, who manages the public library in Naturita and has a full plate of community and family responsibilities, first enrolled in a continuing education Spanish Communications course offered by UCSM at the Redvale Community Center. In the fall of 2006, Susan enrolled in her first college-

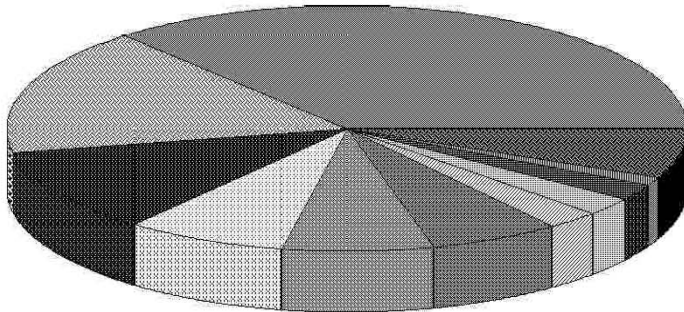
credit class. She has continued to take college courses locally through UCSM, and at the main campus of Mesa State. Despite her initial misgivings about her ability to handle the demands of college, work, and family, Susan is maintaining a 4.0 GPA and looks forward to completing her degree.

“We are very lucky to be able to attract local instructors who not only have the academic credentials to teach at the college level, but also understand that teaching non-traditional adult students is as much about mentoring and building intellectual confidence as it is about helping them gain skills and knowledge,” says Silver.

Income and Expense by Month
January through December 2007



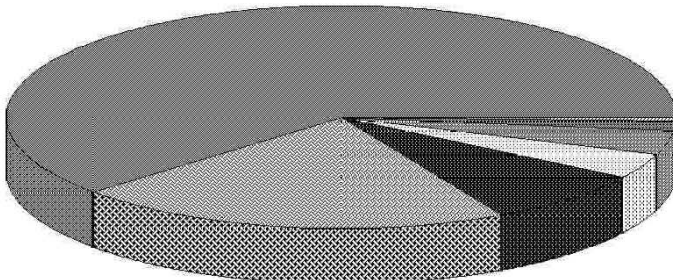
Expense Summary
January through December 2007



Contract Labor	%36.33
Rent	16.94
Salaries and Wages	11.26
Textbook Purchases	7.72
Program Marketing	7.25
Faculty Stipends	6.29
Communications	2.67
Furn/Fixtures/Equip<\$500	2.42
Insurance	2.18
Supplies	1.23
Other	5.71
Total	\$65,526.78

By Account

Income Summary
January through December 2007



Grants	%61.76
Tuition	21.21
College Partners Cost Share	8.05
Contributions Income	3.79
Textbook Reimbursement	3.58
Registration Fees	1.56
Interest	0.04
Total	\$70,509.62

By Account

**University Centers of the San Miguel
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2007**

	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
College Partners Cost Share	5,674.00	4,500.00	1,174.00	126.09%
Contributions Income	2,670.00	0.00	2,670.00	100.0%
Grants	43,550.00	41,000.00	2,550.00	106.22%
Interest	28.47	0.00	28.47	100.0%
Registration Fees	1,102.70	0.00	1,102.70	100.0%
Textbook Reimbursement	2,526.45	2,500.00	26.45	101.06%
Tuition	14,958.00	20,000.00	-5,042.00	74.79%
Total Income	<u>70,509.62</u>	<u>70,500.00</u>	<u>9.62</u>	<u>100.01%</u>
Gross Profit	70,509.62	70,500.00	9.62	100.01%
Expense				
Bank Service Charges	278.15	350.00	-71.85	79.47%
Classroom Rental	450.00	500.00	-50.00	90.0%
Classroom set-up/equip/furn/mat	95.61	0.00	95.61	100.0%
Communications	1,748.32	1,200.00	548.32	145.69%
Contract Labor	23,806.00	29,350.00	-5,544.00	81.11%
Dues and Subscriptions	300.00	500.00	-200.00	60.0%
Faculty Stipends	4,120.00	5,500.00	-1,380.00	74.91%
Furn/Fixtures/Equip<\$500	1,587.37			
Insurance	1,425.88	1,500.00	-74.12	95.06%
Interest Expense	79.24	0.00	79.24	100.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	200.00	400.00	-200.00	50.0%
Salaries and Wages	7,375.08	7,500.00	-124.92	98.33%
Payroll Tax Expense	564.20	0.00	564.20	100.0%
Postage and Delivery	256.77	250.00	6.77	102.71%
Professional Development	40.00	250.00	-210.00	16.0%
Professional Fees	780.00	500.00	280.00	156.0%
Program Marketing	4,753.06	7,300.00	-2,546.94	65.11%
Rent	11,100.00	11,100.00	0.00	100.0%
Repairs	214.98	500.00	-285.02	43.0%
Supplies	808.05	1,350.00	-541.95	59.86%
Textbook Purchases	5,061.23	2,500.00	2,561.23	202.45%
UCSM Advisory Council Meetings	295.00	300.00	-5.00	98.33%
UCSM Board Meetings	187.84	300.00	-112.16	62.61%
Total Expense	<u>65,526.78</u>	<u>71,150.00</u>	<u>-5,623.22</u>	<u>92.1%</u>
Net Profit	<u>4,982.84</u>	<u>-650.00</u>	<u>4,332.84</u>	<u>766.5%</u>