



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Visit the [RESEARCH CHALLENGE VIRTUAL LOBBY](#) for instant access to virtual Research Challenge events!

Link to the lobby will be emailed to participants and posted on our website no later than 3/18/24.

March 18 – 24 ~ Virtual Lobby Open~ visit at your convenience!

PROJECT SHOWCASE – browse all student research projects competing in Research Challenge

STEM HALL – visit profiles and interactive exhibits from our sponsors and community partners

SPEAKERS & PANELS – view engaging discussions with STEM professionals including:

- **Pajarito Powder** (manufacturer of advanced catalysts for PEM and alkaline fuel cells and electrolyzers)

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Judging Workshop – Live on Zoom

Students, prepare for judging day with long-time Research Challenge Master Judge Chairs Len Duda and Robert Deblassie as they provide tips to prepare for judging interviews and answer your questions.

<https://hsc-unm.zoom.us/j/96108949779>

Wednesday, March 20

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Project Set Up – EXPO NM, Manuel Lujan Building

ALL student exhibitors must register and set up their project displays during this time. **Doors will close promptly at 7:00 pm!**

Community Partner Showcase will also take place during set up. We are excited to host fun and informational booths from local STEM partners! **Students, complete a Community Partners Passport by visiting booths. Turn in completed passport before you leave and be entered into a raffle for prizes!**

Thursday, March 21

- 9:45 am – 12:00 pm **Junior Division Category Judge Interviews** – *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall A*
STUDENTS AND JUDGES ONLY ON EXHIBIT FLOOR! Doors open at 9:30am. **9:45 is the required start time for ALL students.**
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Lunch Break** —**NOT PROVIDED**—Food vendors will be available.
EXHIBIT HALL CLEARED OF ALL STUDENTS.
- 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Junior Division Special Award & Grand Award Interviews**
– *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall A*
STUDENTS AND JUDGES ONLY ON THE EXHIBIT FLOOR!
Exhibitors must take project board and all other materials with them when they leave at the end of the day!
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Friday, March 22

- 9:30 am – 12:00 pm **Hands on activities with Air Force Research Labs**
(for participating 4th & 5th grade students) – *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall A*
- 9:45 am – 12:00 pm **Senior Division Category Judge Interviews** – *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall B*
STUDENTS AND JUDGES ONLY ON EXHIBIT FLOOR! Doors open at 9:30am. **9:45 is the required start time for ALL HS students.**
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Lunch Break** —**NOT PROVIDED**— Food vendors will be available.
EXHIBIT HALL CLEARED OF ALL STUDENTS.
- 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Elementary Division Judging Interviews** – *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall B*
STUDENTS AND JUDGES ONLY ON THE EXHIBIT FLOOR!
Note: elementary students will be interviewed by both category and special award judges during this time.
- 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Senior Division Special Award & Grand Award Interviews**
– *Manuel Lujan Bldg, Hall B*
STUDENTS AND JUDGES ONLY ON THE EXHIBIT FLOOR!
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Sunday, March 24

- 4:30 pm **Award Winners Reception** – *UNM Student Union Building*
For award winners and guests only. Light refreshments and “selfie station”
- 5:15 pm **Grand Awards Ceremony** – *UNM Student Union Building*
Awards Ceremony is by invite only. Student winners, parents/guardians and teachers will be notified on Saturday if they have won an award and are invited to attend the ceremony.
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Note: Senior Division ~ high school; Junior Division ~ middle school; Elementary Division ~ 4th & 5th Grade