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## What's Going On At CNM?



Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), the MetroABQ's only community college, and the largest institute of higher education in the state, has been changing lately, and there are good reasons to be paying attention. Sitting on 60 acres in the middle of the city's Urban Core, CNM is important--it's another reason I love to call this city home.

Above is the newly expanded and redesigned CNM L-Building, with what appears to be a huge microbial design on the window flaps; walk past the two sides of the microbe, and it changes, evolves perhaps, and then disappears as you continue walking. It's a fantastic optical illusion that fits well into the New CNM. **More info and photos on the next pages...**



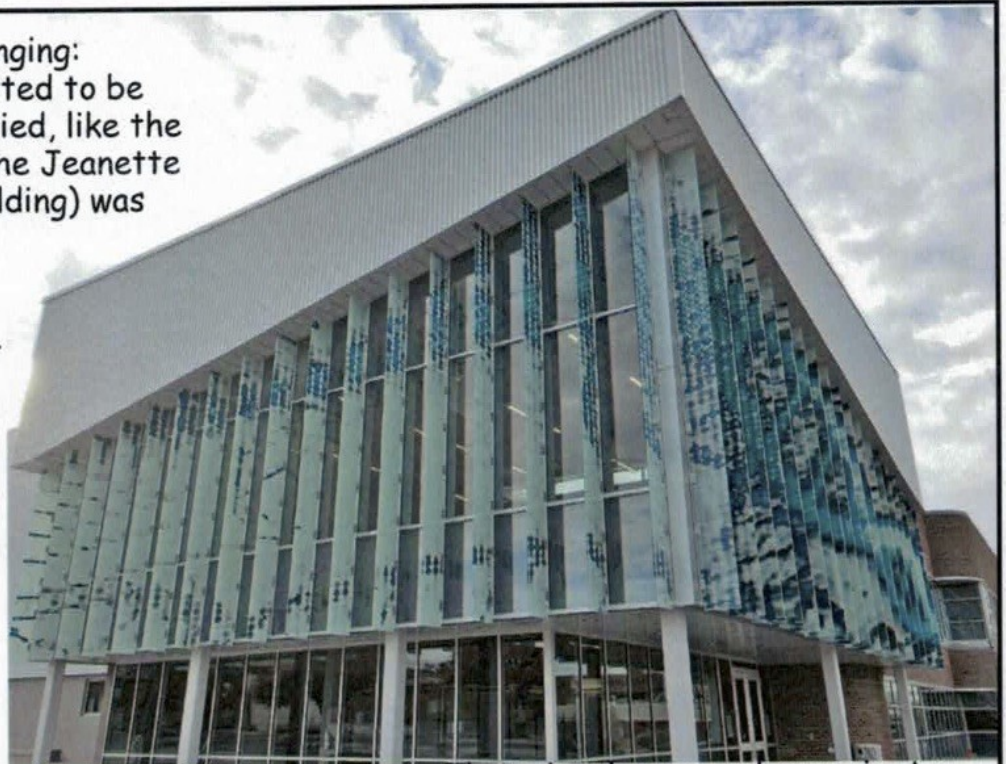
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The CNM campus is changing: buildings are being retrofitted to be nice and green LEED Certified, like the "L" Building, to the right; the Jeanette Stromberg Library (JS Building) was recently completed LEED, and the Advanced Technology Center is the third LEED Gold building at CNM. LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is "a green building certification program that saves money and resources and has a positive impact on the health of the occupants, while promoting renewable, clean energy." [-usgbs.org](http://usgbs.org)



The CNM Campus is greening up with landscape, too. There is a large garden project currently taking shape on the busy corner of Coal Ave and University Blvd...In general the campus feels like a nicer, more comfortable place.

Maybe it's the new(ish) president: Dr. Katharine W. Winograd is the first female president of the college; she was unanimously elected CNM President in 2007--just as the Great Recession hit. I met and briefly worked with Dr. Winograd as the college [purchased some property](#) in the area and refurbished it beautifully. She listened carefully to the folks around her, gathering tons of information before making decisions.

I have no current connection with CNM. I am acutely aware of the changes that positively affect the MetroABQ area, though, and appreciate the contribution the community college is making to the city and beyond. CNM serves more than 28,000 students at five campuses, the Workforce Training Center and the Advanced Technology Center in the Albuquerque-Rio Rancho metro area; and the college employs thousands of folks in administrative, faculty and staff positions, making the institution a powerful employment and educational force for the city, from entry-level jobs, to high-paying tech careers.

The 'L'aboratory Building houses chemistry and biology laboratory programs and has



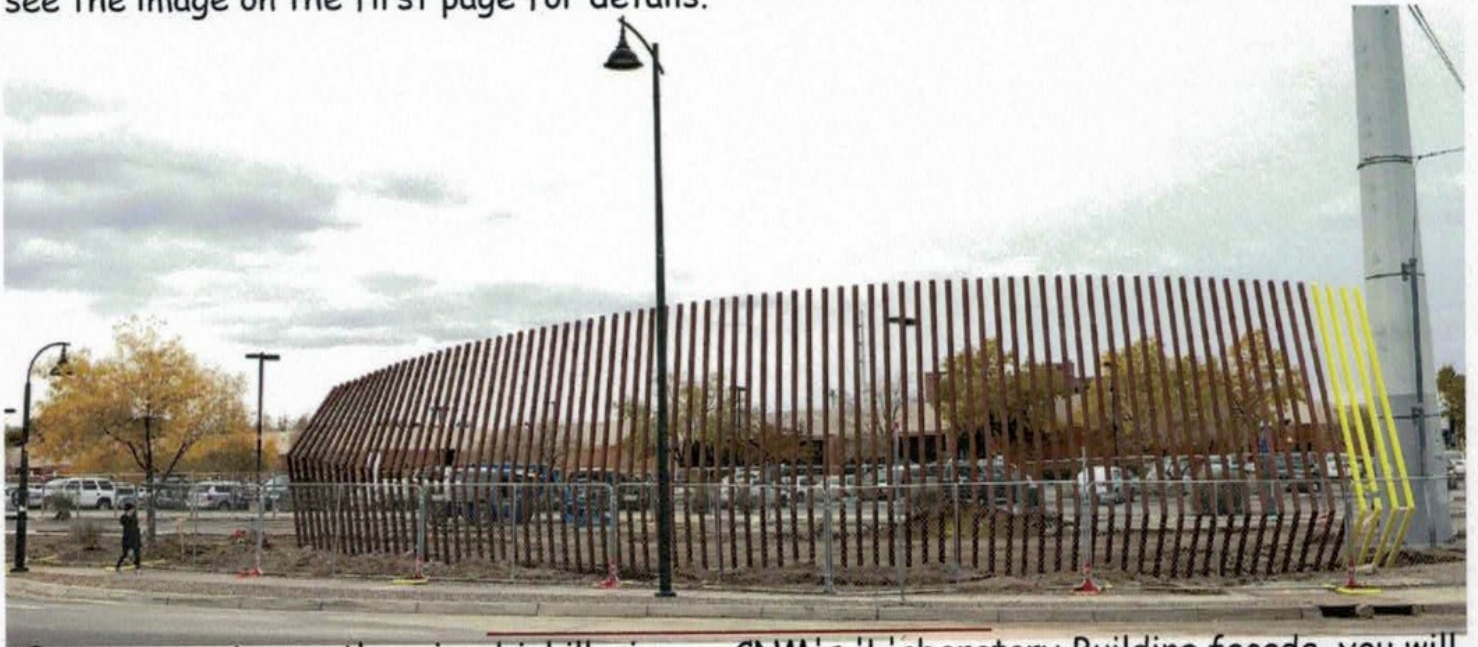
specialized lab spaces. The size was increased to 39,000 feet, with the addition of entry atria on the north, south and east facades, seen here and above. The microbial designs are glass panels applied with silkscreen patterns, which will depict science topics. Local firm SMPC Architects also designed a wall solar panel for hot water in the building; students can see how it functions through a blackboard.



The CNM campus touches five residential Neighborhoods--University Heights, Silver Hill, Sycamore, Victory Hills and the Clayton Heights-Lomas Del Cielo neighborhoods--and is flanked on the west by a large science and technology park, anchored by UNM. The neighborhoods are diverse and with a great mix of people and housing styles. Over the past year, 47 properties sold in these CNM Neighborhoods, with the highest price of \$330,000; the sizes varied from the smallest condo at 590sqft, up to the largest home, which was 2460sqft and sold for \$296,750.

### **I don't know what this is, below...**

This structure, which looks like the beginning or end of a public art installation in front of the Main CNM corridor at University Blvd and Coal Ave, sits on a patch of land owned by the state of NM. It is at the end of the CNM L Building parking lot, amidst plantings for a new xeriscaped garden area. I called CNM and they said that the structure was not on CNM property, and they would look into it for me. I looked up all the Public Arts organizations that I know of and none of them mentioned this new installation. I will provide more info as I get it. The four yellow-painted steel pipes are an endpoint to the structure and it seems to wrap around the corner from University Blvd onto Coal Ave.--see the image on the first page for details.

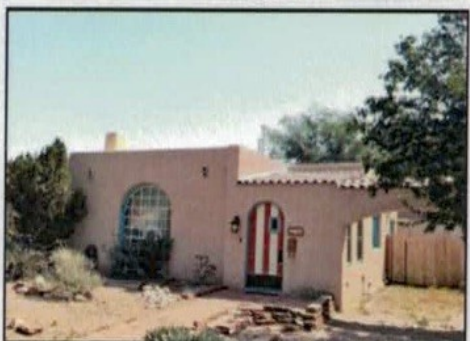
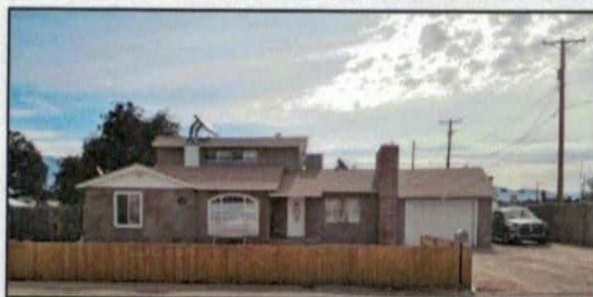
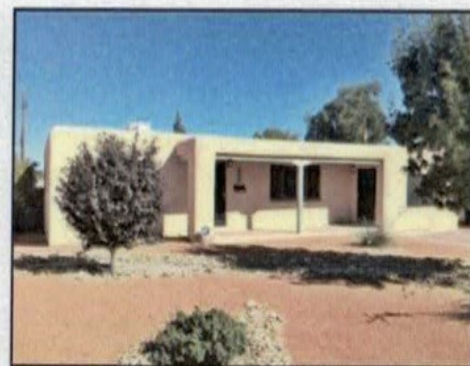


On your way to see the microbial illusion on CNM's 'L'aboratory Building facade, you will pass "Crossroads," a MetroABQ Public Art piece, by artist Jerry Peart. It sits on a large median greenspace on the north west corner of University Blvd & Coal Ave.





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