



A year of partnerships

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As the year draws to a close and we look forward to spending the holidays with friends and family, it's also a good time to look back on high points of 2019.

For Los Alamos National Laboratory, it's been an exciting twelve months of new collaborations and initiatives.

The theme of working together across the region came up often in the recent [REDI \(Regional Economic Development Initiative\) Summit](#), and the success of the [Governor's STEM Challenge](#) this month was down to great collaboration between state bodies, schools and employers. Partnerships like this are at the heart of how we see the role of the Laboratory in the community.

We've had good relationships with organizations across Northern New Mexico for many years, but this year we've seen long-standing relationships deepen, and new ones spring up, and we're proud to play our part in coming together to improve the quality of life for people in our community.

Highlights of the Lab's involvement in economic and workforce development this year include the launch of a [two-year associate degree in Radiation Protection](#) at Northern New Mexico College that provides training for high demand career opportunities at the Laboratory for people from the region. The first cohort of 40 students started their studies in the fall of 2019.

In education, the [Summer Physics Camp for Young Women](#) provided a two-week intensive free program for high-school girls to gain an insight into life as a scientist, while 116 Northern New Mexico students received scholarships worth \$773,000 through the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund.

In support for nonprofits, the Employee Giving campaign saw employees donate \$2.55 million to nonprofits, almost 90% of that going to nonprofits in New Mexico. Over [900 Holiday gifts](#) went to members of the community in need, and Lab employees donated food equating to 14,000 meals for those facing food insecurity in Northern New Mexico.

The Laboratory's efforts are supported and enhanced by the \$2.5 million investment by the Laboratory's management and operations contractor Triad, LLC, which included \$800,000 for education, \$500,000 for economic diversity, and \$150,000 to address substance abuse issues in Northern New Mexico.

All our work in economic and workforce development, STEM education and philanthropy depends on partnerships with nonprofits, businesses, education institutions and government bodies. We wish everyone a peaceful holiday period, and we look forward to working closely together with partners old and new across the community in 2020!

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