

# EAGA Business Builder

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Today's speaker was Dr. Angelo Gonzales, Ph.D., representing Mission Graduate

Mission Graduate is a cradle-to-career education partnership in Central New Mexico. Their goal is to add 60,000 more college degrees and certificates by the end of the 2020 school year. Currently the graduation rate is 38% and Mission Graduate intends to increase that rate to 50%; which requires an increase of 60 thousand degrees. The program's success will depend not only on encouraging students to return to school and to stay in school, but will require development of initiatives, accountability, inspiration and educational excitement of children in their formative years. Success of the program will also depend on encouraging and assisting adults that want to return to school to get a degree; reducing the current truancy rate; aligning school curriculum with business needs (so graduates can stay in the area); and improving the ability for parents to be productively involved in their children's educational path. It doesn't take much to realize that 60,000 degrees is a substantial goal. In trying to get an understanding on of just what that would mean, I took to Google to find perspective on 60,000 degrees. I discovered that 60,000 degrees is about how hot the air gets as lightening passes through it. 60,000 degrees is one-third of the temperature of an astrological white dwarf and just about the temperature of a blue star. The celestial bodies supposedly take 20 to 100 billion years to cool from the 180,000 degree white dwarf, to a blue star, then red star, then to black dwarf formations with no temperature at all, though astronomers don't know for sure because the universe is not even that old, so none of the hottest ones have yet had an opportunity to cool down completely. I know that education degrees do not directly relate to degrees of temperature. Similarly an ounce of gold doesn't relate to an ounce of soda, and neither relate to an ounce of kindness. The idea is to follow the attitude of Mission Graduate and encourage an excitement in learning something new. Mission Graduate's goal of 60,000 additional degrees in 6 years is obviously very aggressive and they can use your help. Most everyone has the ability to encourage education or to instill in someone the desire to learn. The magnitude of the need just requires the assistance and sustained involvement of many determined people. You can help by supporting and encouraging parents to be productively involved in their child's education; by volunteering to be a mentor or a shadow provider for students that want to learn what you already know; or by visiting [missiongraduate.org](http://missiongraduate.org) to find out more about the program. You can also call Dr. Gonzales at 505-247-3671.

- ♦ EAGA Summer Bash will be Friday, July 11th at Nature Pointe in Tijeras. Party and games begin at 5 PM. Free for EAGA members and spouses; guests only \$25 each. Directions and sign-up sheets will be available at breakfast on Tuesday. We all know that Jeff looks pretty good in shorts, but have you ever seen Stan or Lowell in summer attire....well worth the price of admission (free). The event will be great, as always, and there will be laughter and memories to last awhile. Don't miss out !!!
- ♦ We have one expiring Board position to fill. Elections will be at the June 24th meeting. Contact Mario (phone and address below) if you have a nomination to submit.

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### Business Leads:

Desert Oasis Dental is opening at 9551 Paseo del Norte.

Keva Juice is opening at 2451 San Mateo NE, Suite A-4.

Applebee is building a new location at San Pedro and Paseo Del Norte.

- Lionel Specter — Zeon Signs

Rust Medical Center, west side, has broken ground on their next building wing.

- Lee Morgan — Eagle Eye Photo

### Reciprocity:

Thank you to:

Ethridge Tire for great work on my car.

Raul- Kings of Wrap for the signage.

Dan Mowery for the great work on construction at my studio.

Phil Houser for the copy machine and for coming to work out.

Jon George for recommending a client.

Mike Sei—Midway Office Supply for the continued service and for hosting our Iron Chef event.

- Luis Alvidrez — Upward Motion Personal Training

- ◆ The Trap Shoot Committee is raffling off a Benelli shotgun. Ticket price is \$25 and only 100 will be sold. Please see page 3 of this bulletin for more information about the shotgun and the drawing. Contact Klint Hall if you have any questions.
- ◆ Board members...please make sure that you attend the meeting right after breakfast next Tuesday, June 10th. There are some important issues to discuss and your participation is needed.
- ◆ There will not be a meeting on July 1st because of the 4th of July holiday.
- ◆ Other upcoming events: Trap Shoot Friday, October 17th - Albuquerque Trap Club  
Christmas Dinner and Party - Friday, December 5th - Double Tree Hotel

## Badge Board Greeters

June 10th Don Clark — ABQ1

June 17th Ron Pattison — Pattison Pension Specialists

June 24th Mike Edwards — New York Life

July 1st NO MEETING — 4th of July Holiday week

## Upcoming Speakers

June 10th Gary Tonjes — Albuquerque Economic Development

June 17th Mike Edwards — New York Life Insurance

June 24th EAGA Show & Tell

July 1st NO MEETING — 4th of July Holiday week

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