

EAGA Business Builder

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Today's guest speaker was Jason Eck– UNM Football Coach



Mr. Eck is a 1999 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he played on the Badgers' 1998 Big Ten Championship team that went on to win the Rose Bowl. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wisconsin under head coach Barry Alvarez. Jason later went on to Colorado, then to Idaho for a couple of years where he was the Offensive Line Coach under Nick Holt, then the Tight Ends Coach for another year under Dennis Erickson. Coach Eck has spent the majority of his career as an Offensive Line Coach at Winona State, Ball State, Hampton, Western Illinois, Minnesota State, Montana State, and South Dakota State. In 2019, his first year at South Dakota State University, Coach Eck won the AFCA FCS Assistant Coach of the Year award as the Jackrabbits' Offensive Coordinator. Jason's head coaching career began on December 18, 2021, when he was named the 36th head coach in program history at the University of Idaho. Idaho had just completed a fifth straight losing season, posting a 4–7 record in 2021. Coach Eck, now a veteran with nearly 26 years of experience at the FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision—the highest level of college football in the NCAA), FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) and Division II levels, just finished leading the Idaho Vandals to three straight playoff berths in the FCS, including the quarterfinals the past two seasons. In the 22 years prior to Coach Eck's arrival, the Vandals totaled just two winning seasons. On December 14, 2024, Jason Eck was named the Head Coach for the University of New Mexico Lobos. In presenting Coach Eck, Vice President and Director of Athletics Fernando Lovo said "I am thrilled to have Jason Eck as our next head football coach. Jason has led Idaho to tremendous success, turning around the program and building upon success year after year, through recruiting, teaching and a strong culture. Throughout his career, he has been a part of winning programs at all levels of college football and his passion for student-athlete success and well-being is evident. We are fortunate to have Jason and his family join the Lobos and I am confident that he will take us to unprecedented heights." Likewise, UNM President Garnett S. Stokes also welcomed Coach Eck to the University community, noting "Jason is a visionary leader who puts the student-athlete first, and his teams have always enjoyed tremendous success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. We welcome Jason, Kimberly and their children Quinton, Jaxton, Palmer, Maverick and Lola to Albuquerque and to Lobo Nation!" Coach Eck noted he "...is well aware that the university community, students, alumni, Lobo Nation and greater Albuquerque and New Mexico communities are eager for success and I cannot wait to give that to them. We will have tremendous coaches and support staff and develop our student-athletes into elite athletes, UNM graduates and people." We at EAGA would like to thank Coach Eck for taking the time to come speak to our group this morning and we too, would like to welcome he and his family to Albuquerque. Everyone is looking forward to many successful seasons with Jason at the head of the UNM football program.

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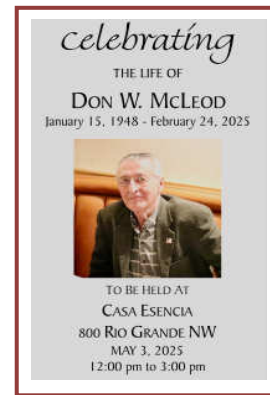
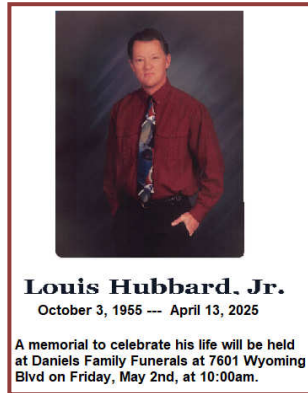
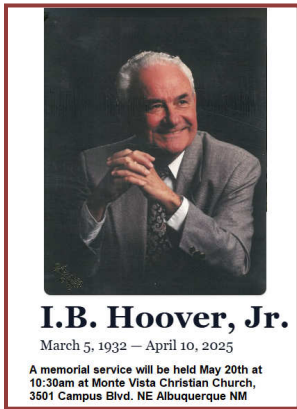
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◆ **Welcome to our newest member:**

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◆ It has been rough start to the year with the passing of three of our previous EAGA members. We lost Don McLeod on February 24th, I.B. Hoover on April 10th and Lou Hubbard on April 13th. Each of these men were good friends to many of us, valuable members of our community and an integral part of the history of our organization. They will be missed and we offer our condolences to their families. Memorial services will be on May 2nd for Mr. Hubbard; on May 3rd for Mr. McLeod and May 20th for Mr. Hoover. See information at the bottom of the pictures, or on the related websites.



◆ The EAGA Golf Tournament is coming up on May 10th. We would like to add 15 more players to fill the roster. EAGA members play for free. Guests are encouraged too. Their fee is \$85. Please sign up this coming Tuesday. Hole sponsorships are also still available. If you have any questions, please contact Tournament Chairman, John Mead (505-342-9200), or Mario.

◆ The Summer Bash Committee is still soliciting additional members. If you want to get more involved, or if you want to get to know other members in a non-business setting (particularly if you are new to EAGA), become a member of the committee. Contact Committee Chairmen Pat Maloy (pat@maloystorage.com) or Dan Mowery (danrmowery@gmail.com) to sign on.

Badge Board Greeters

- Apr 29th Rick Shubert—Lifetime Green Coatings
- May 06th Erik Mease—SMPC Architects
- May 13th Johnny Carroll—ABQ Headshot & Portrait
- May 20th Todd LeCesne—Althera Alternative Care
- May 27th Robert Schuerman—Medical & Commercial Communications
- June 3rd Nestor Romero—The Payroll Company

Scheduled Speakers

- Apr 29th Guest Speaker—Dr. Tracy Bower—Steelcase
- May 06th Guest Speaker—Colonel David Wyrick, Deputy Commander 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB
- May 13th Jerry Schalow—Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce
- May 20th Lawrence Herrera—The Performance Ranch
- May 27th No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3rd Rich Ringrose—Albuquerque City Magazine

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