

December 15, 2009

Mr. Ivan Stubbs  
Superintendent/Secondary Principal  
Mesilla Valley Christian Schools  
3850 Stern Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Congratulations! The New Mexico ACT Council is pleased to present you with the enclosed **2009 College Readiness Award**. The award is in recognition of your school having a significant increase in its ACT Composite score over the past five years while, at the same time, increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment. This resulted in greater numbers of your students being college ready as a result of your efforts and those of your staff and students. Only 11 high schools in New Mexico were able to accomplish what you have done!

65% of New Mexico students took the ACT in 2009 which was an all-time high and New Mexico scores have increased during the last five years which indicates that students are using their score results to make improvements to their college readiness levels as well as showing that New Mexico students score well on the ACT – a curriculum-based achievement test that is aligned to the New Mexico curriculum. These results also show that your school's faculty and staff are providing the kind of education that makes a positive difference for all students in preparing them for college and the workforce.

The New Mexico ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in New Mexico schools and colleges. We would like to join the New Mexico ACT Council in recognizing you on this significant achievement. Additionally, we have included a sample press release should you wish to share this good news with your local media or school board. If you have any questions, do not hesitate in contacting us.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Vice President and  
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ACT, Inc. Southwest Region



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Director, Elementary/Secondary  
School Services  
ACT, Inc. Southwest Region