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## **Lawmaker, Scientist to Receive Earth Science Awards**

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AROUND TOWN: On Jan. 26, the 2007 New Mexico Earth Science Achievement Awards will be presented to state Rep. Mimi Stewart for her outstanding contributions advancing Earth science in public service and public policy in New Mexico, and to Dr. Frank Titus for his outstanding contributions advancing Earth science in applied science and education in New Mexico.

The awards, co-sponsored by the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, a division of New Mexico Tech in Socorro, and the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department in Santa Fe, were initiated in 2003. Selections were made after a statewide nomination process.

The awards presentation will be at noon Friday in the rotunda of the state Capitol on the state legislative session's Earth Science Day. The presentations will be made by Joanna Prukop, Cabinet secretary of the state energy department, and Dr. Peter Scholle, director of the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources. The public is invited to visit the Roundhouse throughout the day and attend the ceremony.

Raised in the Southwest and educated in Massachusetts, Stewart, D-Albuquerque, has been active in New Mexico politics since 1978. A state representative since 1994, Stewart has been an educator for 24 years and is a resource teacher at the Albuquerque Public Schools' Teaching & Learning Systems.

Titus arrived in Albuquerque 51 years ago to work for the U.S. Geological Survey. During the next 37 years, he was scientist and educator for the U.S. Geological Survey and New Mexico Tech. He returned to Albuquerque as hydrology manager on the federal project on remedial action for uranium mill tailings. Thereafter, his career focus has been on management of water and environment. He is the author of "Taking Charge of Our Water Destiny."

**GOLDEN KEY INDUCTS MEMBER:** University of New Mexico senior Tina F. Laney of Albuquerque has accepted membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a Dec. 12 ceremony at UNM.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Tina be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key's chief executive officer. "Our members are inspired and motivated not only to achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the society's commitment to service."

Laney, who is majoring in special education, is a Quota International of Albuquerque Scholarship recipient. She is a member of the Slovene National Benefit Society and is involved with Calvary Chapel of Albuquerque and the Special Olympics of New Mexico.

The Golden Key society has more than 1.6 million members in 335 chapters in the United States, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, New Zealand and the United Arab

Emirates.

The nonprofit organization provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their classes as well as leadership development opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships. Membership into the society is by invitation only and open to students in all fields.