

Dr. Jeff A. Hale, COE director of development; Judy Jones, vice president for advancement; Cynthia Reed, Intel Education Group; Gary Hensley, Intel site manager; Dr. Bill J. Bramble, COE/TEC director, and COE Dean Viola E. Florez pose with the Intel check.

Intel Awards Grant for Teacher Development

The UNM College of Education (COE) recently received a \$109,000 grant to launch "Intel Teach to the Future" to help the state's K-12 teachers more effectively use technology. The \$109,000 grant is the largest single cash gift in the history of the UNM-Intel relationship.

The grant will establish Intel's New Mexico Regional Training Agency (RTA) within the COE's new Technology and Education Center (TEC). Approximately 4,800 New Mexico teachers will receive the intensive course over the next two years, making the project one of the largest of its type ever undertaken in the state.

"By focusing the project exclusively on professional development for teachers," said UNM COE **Dean Viola E. Florez**, "Intel is targeting one of the areas of greatest need in our state, as well as the nation. While our schools have made great progress in acquiring technology, comparatively sparse resources have been dedicated to preparing teachers to better utilize the new technologies to maximize curriculum effectiveness and improve overall student performance."

"There is already a great deal of interest in the project and we are receiving numerous inquiries about possible participation," said **Dr. Bill J. Bramble**, principal investigator and TEC director. Interested school districts and teachers should contact him or **Smith Frederick**, project coordinator, at (505) 277-0462.