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Third Annual MLK, Jr. Indoor Track Invitational Set for January 19, 2019

ALBUQUERQUE, NM--The New Mexico Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission, The University of New Mexico (UNM) Athletic Department and the City of Albuquerque (COA) Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to present the 3rd Annual MLK Indoor Track Invitational, a collegiate and high school track meet.

Formerly known as the Cherry and Silver, the MLK, Jr. Indoor Track Invitational hosts college and university athletes from throughout New Mexico and the southwest. Set for January 18-19, the meet will take place on the Mondo Indoor Track staged at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Albuquerque has become the indoor track mecca of the country, attracting large crowds for collegiate and USA Track and field events.

Joe Franklin, Head Coach, Track and Field and Cross Country, at UNM recently stated, "UNM has always been proud to host our open competitions as a way to connect with the community and encourage an active lifestyle. We are pleased to be pairing with the New Mexico Martin Luther King Jr. Commission to increase our community engagement in the pursuit of the ideals of Dr. King."

Colleges from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, California and Kansas competed in 2018. This year there are over 750 collegiate athletes from across the country competing on Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Besides college athletes, students in elementary, middle- and high-school can compete, along with families, adults and seniors, on Saturday, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Over 200 athletes are registered for Saturday's meet.

Albuquerque City Councilor and event co-founder, Brad Winter stated, "Following the highly successful event from last year, I'm very excited for the 3rd Annual MLK Indoor Track Invitational and I'm so proud to have it right here in Albuquerque."

Newly-elected Mayor Timothy M. Keller will continue to support the meet.

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UNM Lobos, COA Parks and Recreation and the MLK Commission and many other partners are sponsoring this event. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission. Other major sponsors include Mondo, City Councilman Brad Winter, Albuquerque City Council, Albuquerque Community Foundation, Rich Ford, Walmart, General Mills, T-Mobile, the Office of African American Affairs, New Mexico Ford Dealers, Zia Graphics.

To register for the collegiate competition go to: <http://golobos.com/index.aspx>

To register for the student/family level go to: <http://www.coacho.com>

About Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission:

The Commission is a state agency created by the legislature of the state of New Mexico in 1978. The mission is to promote Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy on human rights, equality, nonviolence, social change and unity for the people of New Mexico, through remembrance, celebration and action. The MLK Indoor Track Invitational coincides with the annual King Holiday march/parade and commemoration ceremony organized by the MLK Commission. Individuals and organizations around the globe will honor Dr. King throughout the year. The King Center in Atlanta will be the home for global and national commemoration. In coalition with select partners, The King Center will spark dialogue on some of the most pressing issues facing our nation and world.

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