

**Letters to the editor, Dec. 10, 2009**

**Cradle to college**

Santa Fe students deserve a four-year public college program right here in Santa Fe. Santa Fe Community College's idea of establishing a co-op where state universities partner with one another to offer bachelor's degrees for local students is exciting.

The community college will be able to establish this new co-op using money from its next general obligation bond issue in August. This is a win-win for our community, particularly with no tax increase. This program will fuel economic growth for Northern New Mexico, particularly when combined with the college's new Sustainable Technologies Center. As founder of The Masters Program, a new early college charter high school at the Santa Fe Community College opening in August 2010, I strongly support and encourage the voters to support this program. Providing a seamless transition from high school all the way through college can only benefit students and families.

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