

# News Release

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# “Becoming *Superman*” Free Screening Of “Waiting For *Superman*”

Saturday, May 7, 2011

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Marriott Pyramid North

5151 San Francisco Road NE, Albuquerque

## Panel Discussion and Q & A

Learn how charter schools are the driving force in reforming the landscape of public education. The panel consists of charter school pioneers and experts that are leading the charge.

### Invited Panel Guest:

M. Andrew Garrison - Chair of the New Mexico Public Education Commission  
Sam Obenshain - Acting Assistant Secretary of Education, State of New Mexico  
Susan Fox - Matthews-Fox Attorneys  
Jasper Matthews - Founder of The GREAT Academy Charter School  
Richard Romero - Lobbyist for the New Mexico Coalition of Charter Schools

## What Is The GREAT Academy?

Our mission is to ensure that our students Gain Real-world Experience through Active Transition.

**LEADERSHIP \* SCHOLARSHIP \* SERVICE LEARNING**

The GREAT Academy is a FREE, public charter high school for grades 10 - 12 slated to open in the northwest quadrant of Albuquerque in the Fall of 2011. The school will accomplish its mission utilizing five basic components:

***Virtual Learning \* Academic Improvement Plans \* Service Learning \* Leadership/Character Education \* Pathways To Success***

This unique ***business-school model*** is the first of its kind in New Mexico and will allow students the opportunity to work at their own pace, earn college credits while in high school, participate in internships and SMART Labs that will encourage career exploration and prepare them for college/careers.