

# BEMP Receives the 2015 N.M. Governor's Environmental Excellence Award

**T**he Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP), a partnership between the UNM Department of Biology and Bosque School, is proud to have received the 2015 New Mexico Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in Land and Ecosystem Stewardship on April 22, 2015.

The purpose of these awards is to support, recognize and celebrate the hard work of New Mexicans dedicated to restoring and protecting the natural heritage and environmental health of our state. In BEMP, K-12 and UNM students conduct hands-on science to monitor the long-term health of the riparian ecosystem along the Rio Grande with the long-term goal of informing public policy.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.bosqueschool.org/bemp.aspx>.



**Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program participants (left to right):** Trish Merewether (South Valley Academy science teacher), Miguel Castañeda (South Valley Academy senior), Dan Shaw (BEMP Co-Director, Bosque School science teacher), Lauren (Bosque School middle school student), Governor Susana Martinez, and Kim Eichhorst (BEMP Co-Director, UNM Department of Biology Research Associate Professor).