

Sammy Chioda was honored as the Distinguished Alumni Selection for New Mexico State University Business College over the weekend of Sept. 25-26.

Chioda is a 1976 graduate and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and Accounting from NMSU.

In its acknowledgment of his career, NMSU noted he is often referred to as "Mr. Gallup," and is in his 53rd year of broadcasting in Gallup as president of Millennium Media, Inc.

He has also been active in the Gallup Rotary, Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and served as the voice of the Gallup High School Bengals for 40 years, as well as being the driving force behind establishing the Tony Dorsett youth football league.

Gallupian honored by NMSU

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He has also been recognized by the by the New Mexico Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame 2005; Navajo Nation Sports Hall of Fame 2016; New Mexico Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award; Rotary Club of Gallup, Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, and Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital.

Sammy and his wife Marie own and operate Sammy C's Rock'n Sports Pub & Grille and Rocket Cafe in Gallup.