



Kelley Alsup, NMRECA 2025 Administrator of the Year

EDUCATION & BACKGROUND

Kelley's greatest inspiration in becoming an educator was her mother, who had a long and impactful career as a teacher and administrator. Following in her mother's footsteps felt like a natural path. Having lived in Roswell, NM since the age of four, Kelley graduated from Goddard High School in 1991 (Go Rockets!). She is a proud alumnus of Eastern New Mexico University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in English and Secondary Education in 1996. Kelley continued her education at New Mexico State University, completing a Master of Arts degree in Education with an emphasis in Special Education/Assessment and a minor in Educational Psychology in 1998. She later obtained her Administrative Licensure in 2016.

EXPERIENCE

Kelley's expertise lies in Special Education and Educational Diagnostics. She began her career in Roswell Schools as an Educational Diagnostician, dedicating 17 years to supporting students and educators. Seeking growth opportunities, she transitioned to Pecos Valley REC 8 as a Special Education Program Specialist, where her passion for special education continued to drive her work. After serving as Deputy Director for seven years under the guidance of excellent mentors, Kelley was appointed Executive Director of PVREC 8 in 2020. She is now in her fifth year leading an outstanding team and marking her 28th year in Education.

SERVICE

At PVREC 8, the mission is clear: serving our member school districts. The cooperative provides essential services, including special education ancillary support, teacher training and mentorship, Medicaid billing assistance, collaborative teaming, specialized general and special education support, and facilitating Driver's Ed New Mexico. The organization also fosters innovation through its aerospace engineering program, SystemsGo New Mexico, launching rockets each

spring from Jal, NM. Under Kelley's leadership, PVREC 8 remains committed to delivering top-tier educational services to school districts and students throughout Southeastern New Mexico and beyond.

CORE BELIEFS

Kelley takes immense pride in New Mexico, a state rich with dedicated educators, thriving schools, and exceptional students. As a mother, she has witnessed this firsthand through her two sons, Owen (age 22) and Ryan (age 20), of whom she is incredibly proud. She believes New Mexico educators must amplify the many positive stories emerging from local schools and students, celebrating their successes and contributions.

Furthermore, Kelley is an advocate for Regional Educational Cooperatives in New Mexico and she has had the privilege of serving as the NMRECA President for the past two years. Each REC has its distinct vision and strengths, yet collectively, they form a powerful, unified NMRECA. Their shared commitment remains steadfast: to serve every student, in every region, every day.