

## Digital Era – Writing Assignment

The objective of this assignment is to perform an in depth web search of New Mexico State University's provost, Dan Howard. We are to answer the following questions on him:

- Where and when did he get his PhD?
- To whom is he married?
- What are the names of his children?
- Does he own a house in Dona Ana County? If so, where and how many bedrooms does it have?
- How much does he make?
- What high school did he attend?
- Three other facts that you found about him

### Answers to the questions:

1. Where and when did he get his PhD?
  - He got his PhD from Yale university in 1982.
2. To whom is he married?
  - He is married to a pediatrician, Dr. Jenifer Lichtenfels.
3. What are the names of his children?
  - His children's names are Brittany and Reid
4. Does he own a house in Dona Ana county? If so, where and how many restrooms does it have?
  - Yes, he does own a home in Dona Ana County. It's located in Las Cruces by the NMSU golf course. The house has 3 bedrooms.
5. How much does he make?
  - He makes about \$285,000 a year. In 2015 he made \$289,731.
6. What high school did he attend?
  - (Couldn't find this one)
7. Three other facts about him:

- He got both his Masters and PhD from Yale university.
- He used to be the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Colorado Denver.
- Both of his daughters attended medical school

### **How I found the information:**

The information on the provost of NMSU was fairly easy to find. Most of the information to the questions was found on the provost website of NMSU. When Dan Howard was named provost of NMSU, a short article was released on the provost website itself, and on this article, it has all of Dan Howard's basic information such as where he got his PhD from, his wife's name, and his children's names. The information to the other questions, specifically the ones about his home, was found using the Dona Ana's assessor's office. In the assessor's office, you can search for people and the properties they may own in the county of Dona Ana. The remaining information was found using linkedin.com, this included finding out when and where he received his PhD. Although I found all this information, I couldn't find what high school he attended even after a lot of searching.