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NEW MEXICO RACING COMMISSION DIRECTOR SHARES CURRENT CHALLENGES WITH RTIP STUDENTS



Tucson, AZ — The Spring 2013 Joe Hirsch Speaker Series left the gate as Vince Mares of the New Mexico Racing Commission came to speak to Race Track Industry Program students regarding the current state of New Mexico racing.

Mares compared and contrasted running a racing commission with working in law enforcement as he had for many years previously. He also shared many of the challenges he's faced since taking the job of Executive Director, just two days before the state's racing industry was hit with negative publicity in the form of a New York Times article.

Students were able to learn firsthand of the difficulties Mares faced and the changes he worked to implement, including wider jurisdiction of the commission and increased funding for testing and additional staff. Hearing real-world examples of the challenges the industry must face prepares students to address these problems when they begin working in the industry.

Mares also spoke in the Advanced Animal Racing Laws and Enforcement class, where he went into further detail about operating a racing commission from his perspective as the agency's Executive Director.

ABOUT THE RACE TRACK INDUSTRY PROGRAM:

[The University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program](#) offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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