



New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report

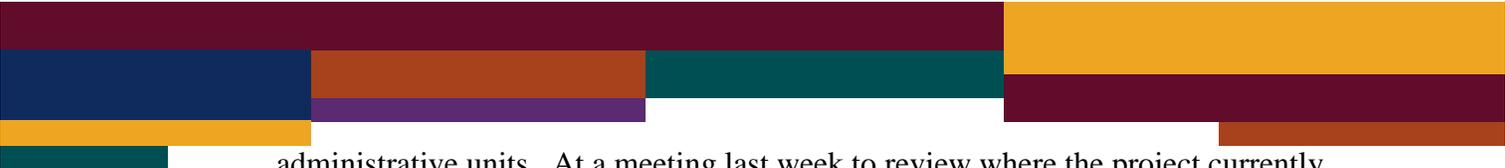
June 1 - 7, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- A short week for me as I returned from a vacation in Jamaica on Wednesday. As they say on the island, “it’s all good mon!”
- I had a very nice visit with the grandchildren and daughter-in-law of former NMSU President Roger Corbett. They visited the campus to bring the ashes of Dr. Corbett’s son Matt back to NMSU. From their discussion, Matt had a fondness of NMSU, having spent his early childhood here. Patricia O’Hara Corbett, the daughter-in-law, indicated she had a collection of china that was once used in the President’s Residence which she was willing to gift to NMSU. We believe it is china with the first emblem of NMSU after the name change from New Mexico A & M. Dr. Corbett was the champion of the name change to reflect that NMSU was now (1960) a comprehensive university.
- Andrea Tawney and I visited with Allan Oliver from the Thornburg Foundation regarding their interest in learning more about NMSU and possibly funding projects that were within their Foundation Goals. They are specifically interested in “sustainable” agriculture, early childhood education, and policies of trying to “take the money” out of politics. Allan and two of his colleagues will be visiting the campus sometime soon. If you have an interest in talking to them, let Andrea in this office know.
- ASNMSU President Wes Jackson and Vice President Jeremy Witte dropped by personally and by telephone to outline issues of interest to student government for the upcoming year. They are eager to develop a program where DACC students purchase an activity card which will permit their participation in ASNSMU government and special activities, such as athletics. They also wish to confer with Cheryl Harrelson regarding having a student facility project in the next comprehensive capital campaign.
- The Legislative Finance Committee will be on campus next week for a series of hearings. I have been given an hour and one half to discuss NMSU, our strategic plan Vision 2020, upcoming comprehensive campaign, and capital outlay needs. We will make our usual overtures with respect to favorite appropriation opportunities, such as a venture fund for the Arrowhead Center Proof of Concept Center and an endowment matching fund.
- I will be attending the Western Athletic Conference meeting in Denver on Monday and Tuesday and then back in town for an announcement with the Governor and the LFC meetings.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- The first shared services center will open in the College of Arts and Sciences by the end of the summer. Progress in planning and implementing the center has been rapid and there has been good buy-in from the college and from



administrative units. At a meeting last week to review where the project currently stands new insights were provided into staffing plans, and the reporting structure for the staff was reviewed. The dual reporting structure will present challenges and communication between the college and administrative units, such as the Office of Grants and Contracts, will be essential for the shared services center to be successful.

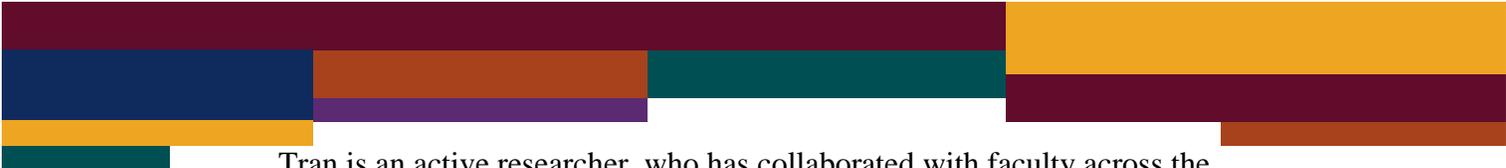
- Bernadette Montoya and her enrollment management leadership group met with me to discuss the work being done in her office to understand and meet the challenge of declining enrollment at NMSU. During the course of the meeting, we discussed everything from outreach efforts to prospective students to new strategies of the Accounts Receivable Office to remove barriers to registration. NMSU is not located in a major population center, which means the university must be more thoughtful and innovative in its recruitment efforts than universities such as UNM and UTEP, which have the advantage of large population bases. But recruitment is only part of the story, retention is every bit as important, and it will be incumbent on every faculty and staff member to make the educational and residential experience of our students second to none.

Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Dr. Lowell Catlett

- The **New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service** recently completed an analysis of its **Statewide Master Gardener Program** for 2013. Master Gardeners volunteer their time to help their local Cooperative Extension Agent teach appropriate research-based gardening techniques to other in their community. These experienced New Mexico gardeners answer homeowner horticulture questions and, in turn, help their communities grow. In return for volunteering, Master Gardeners receive education from NMSU Extension Specialists, County Extension Agents, and local experts to prepare them to answer questions and teach others. In 2013, Master Gardener classes were taught in 13 counties statewide certifying 321 new volunteers. In addition, 1024 previously certified volunteers remained active in the program. These volunteers returned 56,446 hours of volunteer service to their communities. This volunteer service is valued at over \$1.1 million, which is equivalent to hiring more than 23 full-time employees.
- **Dr. K.C. Carroll, Plant and Environmental Sciences** performed chemical analyses for Dona Ana County Fire & Emergency Services and confirmed that decontamination water and runoff from a local fire area was not contaminated.

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Christa Slaton

- Enrico Pontelli, Department Head in Computer Science, has been selected as Interim Associate Dean for Academic Advising, Resources, and Planning in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Pontelli is a Regents Professor, who is a co-principal investigator on a recently-awarded \$5 million NSF grant. We are excited to have Dr. Pontelli join the Dean Team in the college. Son Tran, Professor of Computer Science, will serve as Interim Department Head, effective July 1st. Dr.



Tran is an active researcher, who has collaborated with faculty across the university.

- Hollie Jacobs, College Associate Professor of Chemistry/Biochemistry, has been selected as the Coordinator of the college's new undergraduate research program, Discovery Scholars. A portion of the revenue from the college's distance education course serves as the primary funding for the program, which begins in the new academic year.
- The associate deans, Cathy Thomas, and I participated in a two-day retreat to assess progress towards college goals and to establish goals, timelines, and assessments for the Fall 2014 semester. A department head retreat has been planned for August 13. Vision 2020 and the college's strategic plan will serve as the foundation to focus on: advising and retention; recruitment of students; assessment and the Quality Initiative; the Shared Services Center; and budgeting.
- Associate Dean Jeff Brown met with the College's Graduate Assistant Allocation Criteria Committee to revise the formula for allocation of graduate assistantships.
- Amudhu Gopalan (Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$75,000 from NIH-SCORE. Nancy Chanover (Astronomy) received \$60,904 from NASA. Julia Barello (Art) has work included in Multiple Exposures: Jewelry and Photography, currently on view at the Museum of Art and Design in New York. The exhibition will be up until September.
- Dean Loui Reyes, Associate Dean Beth Pollack, Associate Dean Lisa Bond-Maupin and I attended the production of *Nine* at the Center for the Arts. The superb musical was a joint production of the Scaffolding Theatre Company and the NMSU Theatre Department and featured NMSU students and alumni, high school students, and actors from Las Cruces and El Paso. Megan McQueen, College Assistant Professor in Theatre, co-founder of the Scaffolding Theatre Company, teaches music theatre and has added a rich component to the Theatre Department's curriculum and productions.

Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- Searches for a development officer to support assistant dean Anthony Casaus and for an accountant for the dean's office are progressing.
- The position for an endowed chair in entrepreneurship has been posted on the university's website.
- Jeanelle Chavez of Indian Resource Development is in the midst of conducting the DreamMakers program, a two-week residential program for middle school students. She took the group of campus visitors to Carlsbad Caverns over the weekend.
- Kathy Brook, representing the Academic Deans Council, and Larry Blank, representing the faculty, participated in the University Budget Committee hearings concerning equipment repair and renewal funds.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

- Dean Morehead met several times with Kelly Coffeen, our new Advancement Officer to discuss the strategies for the upcoming year.

- Dr. Schwartz and Dean Morehead conducted a phone conference with Dr. Boberg and Molina Health Care leadership to explore expanding the partnership across campus.
- Dean Morehead participated in the Cooperative Education Services Executive Board meeting.

Juanita Hannan, Director for Education Research & Budgeting

- Finalized and submitted staff salary planner for FY15.
- Met with SPA personnel and office staff to plan schedule of grants closing by June 30.
- Reviewed and submitted summer I hires.
- Worked with Dawn Gonzales regarding preparation “budget load” files.

Ronald Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment

- Dr. Dziwenka (re)submitted some edits to the 2014 AACTE PEDS Data Collection Reports.
- He worked on a booklet which streamlines and schedules the data collection (from whom, where, and when) of all major yearly reports.
- He continued to compile and organize data from the SP14 semester, to add them to the yearly Data Reports for the past AY13 due at the end for summer.

Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance & BoCES

- Dr. Valverde attended the annual board meeting of the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders – we initiated the discussion about our policy platform for the coming legislative session.
- She attended the statewide meeting for the Kellogg funded Place Matters Initiative in Gallup.
- She also attended a meeting with two C&I faculty members and a parent who is active in several local initiatives to discuss the idea of a parent engagement certificate.

Advancement Team

- Campaign letter mailed out to recent graduates of the college.
- Met with HPDR Faculty to discuss the strategic plan and events for the STARS capital campaign.
- Reviewing donor list and scheduling donor visits for June, July, and August.

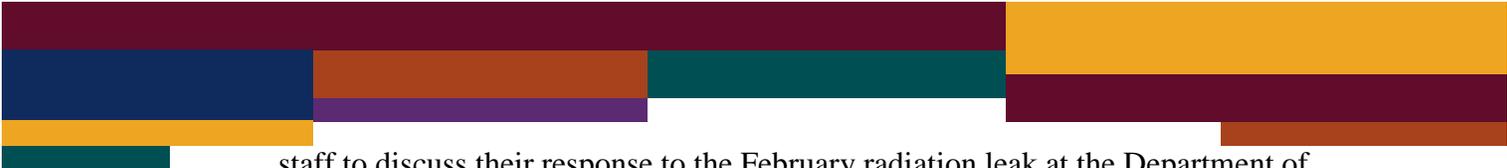
Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

Chemical engineering hosts visiting professor

- The Department of Chemical Engineering will host María Teresa Olguín Gutiérrez, a professor of chemistry at the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico and the Technological Institute of Toluca. Olguin has been a member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences since 2000. She is currently researching the adsorption properties of natural zeolites from the U.S. for barium, arsenic and fluoride in the chemical engineering research labs.

Deans visit environmental monitoring center

- College of Engineering Dean Ricardo Jacquez and Associate Dean for Research Martha Mitchell visited the Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring Research Center on May 29. They met with CEMRC Director Russell Hardy and the rest of the



staff to discuss their response to the February radiation leak at the Department of Energy Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and their continued work to collect information about the radiologic condition of the environment around Carlsbad.

Dean, College of Health and Social Services, Dr. Tilahun Adera

- The Las Cruces Sun News published an article about Public Health Sciences' Dr. Susan Wilson, PI, efforts developing a tobacco-free campus policy. The article may be accessed at http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_25876786/nmsu-expects-consider-tobacco-free-policy-this-fall
- A community-based participatory research with Memorial Medical Center, *Promoting Safe Hygiene Practices in Public Restrooms: A pilot study* was accepted for publication in the November 2014 issue of the Journal of Environmental Health. The College of Health and Social Services funded this project through a college grant.
- The movie American Nurse was screened at Atkinson Recital Hall on Saturday, May 31st @ 2:00pm.
- Public Health Sciences' Drs. Mark Kittleson and Susan Cardenas presented *Enhancing Abstinence Education Programs through Service Learning* at the 2014 Health and Human Services' Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference in Washington DC this week.

Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

No Activity to Report

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

- Honors staff and Deans, met with new Circle for Excellence members, Mrs. Carolyn Bowman and Mrs. Mary Elena Jurado to explain to them how the Honors College operates, i.e., Who we Are and What we do.
- Dean Eamon met with Amanda Bradford, Univ. Communications to discuss his retirement plans for a feature story.

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

No Activity to Report

Associate Provost, International and Border Program, Dr. Cornell Menking

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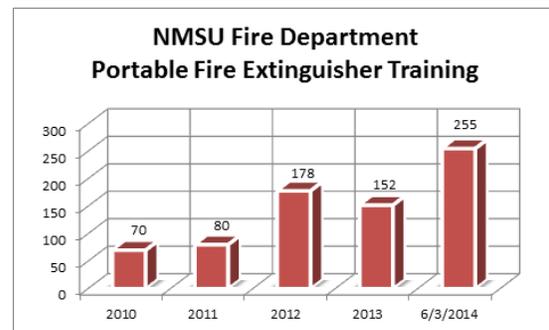
Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Budget Hearings for FY2014 - 2015 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Funding** – The University Budget Committee (UBC) met on June 4th and 5th to hear requests from colleges and units for ERR funding for FY 2015. Approximately 150 requests totaling \$5.4 million were received for consideration. After hearing each college and unit present, the UBC has established a recommendation for the President's consideration which fits within

the \$1.5M of funding available for this purpose. Information regarding the process can be found on the Budget Office website:

http://www.nmsu.edu/~budget/budget_process.htm which is where the final allocation will be posted once approved.

- **The 2015 International Conference of the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) – The ACE** organization has been awarded to NMSU Housing & Campus Life. This will occur in May of 2015 and bring approximately 2000 visitors to campus.
- **ICT upgrades emergency notification system** – ICT in conjunction with the NMSU Police Department upgraded the Everbridge Mass Notification system, the system used to notify NMSU of possible threats to the safety to the NMSU community. Everbridge, which is used to send emergency notifications via telephonic, text, and email notifications, was upgraded with features that include social media functionality and a new, easy-to-use interface to the system. As part of the upgrade, training was held for the NMSU Police and Fire Departments, University Communications, and Alamogordo campus personnel. The system was used as soon as it was upgraded to send an emergency notification to the Las Cruces and DACC campuses.
- **FIRE EXTINGUISHER training on the rise!** – Facilities and Services (FS) Fire has seen a significant increase in the numbers of students, faculty, and staff that have signed up for our free fire extinguisher training. Classes are generally conducted at the Fire Station on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. This year we are able to expand our outreach programs by offering classes at DACC which is made possible by the addition of the daytime firefighting staff that was approved this year.



Senior Vice President External Relations / Chief of Staff, Ben Woods

No activity to report.

Vice President Student Affairs/Enrollment Management, Dr. Bernadette Montoya

- Over 400 students and their families were on campus last week for New Student Registration. Enrollment for the event was completely full. Students talked with advisors from their colleges, toured campus housing, and got their Aggie ID cards in preparation for the 2014–15 academic year.
- The Enrollment Strike Force met last week. Among other items, working with University Accounts Receivable on managing student debt was on the agenda.



New students register for Fall 2014 classes at the New Student Registration.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- University Admissions hosted an end of the year luncheon for the El Paso High School counselors. Over 40 counselors were in attendance. In addition, Seventeen students and their families were on campus to learn more about their opportunities at NMSU.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant

- Remodeling of the Financial Aid office is now complete. The area in which most students first approach Financial Aid has been completely reworked to feature larger spaces, five new service windows, and a phone room. The new office allows employees to work closely as a unit to better serve our students. Spirited and informational decals have been placed on the front door as well as the service windows to show our Aggie pride.



The new phone room has four phones and two service windows in order to better help students.

- In April, the Financial Aid office began packaging financial aid system-wide for the 2014–2015 academic year. To date, 3,566 students have been awarded a Pell Grant for a total of \$18,324,828. We have also awarded work-study, private loans, and various grants. As of May 30, 5,156 students have been packaged with financial aid totaling approximately \$40 million, which is about a quarter of what we usually award to students in an aid year.

University Registrar

- System-wide, nearly 97,000 grades have been processed for the spring semester; our rate of N grades (no grade filed by the instructor) is 0.61% for the semester. N grades can have long-reaching effects for students: They can disqualify a student for a financial aid award and can jeopardize a student’s eligibility for the Lottery Scholarship. New graduates can have their degree certification delayed, which can affect potential jobs. Of the 588 N grades in spring semester, 378 have already been changed to another grade, and the office has processed over 200 other grade changes.

Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee

- Amanda Gallivan, health education specialist, Danny Montoya, associate director, Brandon Wise, PC support, and Alexandra Maus, graduate assistant, attended the American College Health Association Conference (ACHA) in San Antonio, Texas from May 27 to 31. Over 1,900 college health professionals ranging from students to physicians attended the conference, which focused on topics insurance, budgeting and funding, cultural competence, disease prevention, crisis management and mental health issues among other topics. ACHA is the principal leadership organization for advancing the health of college students and campus communities through advocacy, education, and research.
- Lori and Stephen Lopez, Police Chief, met with representatives from the New Mexico Department of Health and the local Office of Emergency Management on May 30 to develop plans for emergency response and care in the event of a public health emergency. NMSU functions much like a small city in the event of a crisis. Our





crises management plan includes details regarding the care of students, faculty, staff and dependents of these groups facilitating services and collaboration of on-campus health, safety, and emergency services personnel. Ongoing planning, tabletop drills, and training help ensure that NMSU is ready to meet the preparedness needs of the campus community.

Staff Highlights

- Denise Esquibel, assistant registrar, has been selected as the Rocky Mountain Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (RMACRAO) President-Elect. Her term will start at the annual business meeting on July 17, 2014. RMACRAO includes registrars and admissions officers from universities in Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

- *Camp Innoventure*
Arrowhead Center hosted the first summer session of Camp Innoventure. Camp Innoventure is designed to challenge students from 6th through 8th grade to develop a mission statement and a simple business model, as well as create a product that may have real marketability. At the end of the week all the work is put into action as the camp participants sell their product at the Las Cruces Farmer's market. Camp Innoventure encourages students to use science, technology, engineering and math to solve problems and to develop innovative new products. This week also marked the first Camp Innoventure in Albuquerque, which was held at NMSU's Albuquerque Center.
- *Disciplined Entrepreneurship Workshop*
Arrowhead Center's Technology Commercialization Associates (Multi-Disciplined Graduate Students) presented a workshop on the 24-steps of developing a business as outlined in the *Disciplined Entrepreneurship*. This book outlines the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) model for starting businesses. The workshop was a great opportunity for students from across campus to get familiar with MIT's process and learn how to implement the model in their own startup endeavors. Arrowhead Center is looking for additional volunteers (specifically, students looking to start a business) to join our pilot program implementing Disciplined Entrepreneurship.
- *Studio G Award*
This week, Arrowhead Center announced a new funding opportunity for NMSU student entrepreneurs – The Studio G Award! These awards are exclusive to Studio G clients. Studio G clients are NMSU student/alumni entrepreneurs. The Studio G Award program is designed to offer quickly deployed startup capital to help accelerate Studio G businesses. Awards are allocated based on justified need and projected outcome, and range from \$500-\$5,000. More information on the Studio G Award can be accessed at the link below.
<http://studiog.nmsu.edu/studio-g-award/>

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

No report submitted.

Vice President University Advancement / President, Ms. Cheryl Harrelson

- CFR has received a verbal commitment for \$10,000 from the W.J. and Lela Budwine Foundation to support current-use scholarships in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- CFR has received a verbal commitment for \$40,000 (over 4 years) from the DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred Foundation for the NAPI scholars program .
- On May 15, the Aggie Crimson Alumni e-newsletter was released.
- A \$130,000 gift from the Salopek Family Foundation was received for pecan research and Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science Scholarships.
- Received a \$70,000 commitment to start an endowed fund in the Animal and Range Sciences Department. Formal announcements will be made at the end of June.
- Two \$6,000 checks were received for the turfgrass research program from Agrium Advanced Technologies and Barenburg.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- Spent the majority of the week meeting with each head coach for an individual analysis of their sport program. The areas that were covered in the meetings included discussions on coaching philosophy, budget, academics, APR, fundraising goals, recruiting strategies and competitive expectations for the upcoming year.

Marketing & Promotions –Steve Macy, Assoc AD

- The Pan AM Ticket Office worked with Ticketmaster to create an interactive online map of available seats at Aggie Memorial Stadium. Fans can now choose their own seat location and also use Facebook to show their friends where they are sitting. This is currently available for football season tickets, and will be available for basketball season tickets in the fall. The new interactive map is located on the web at: http://www.ticketmaster.com/nm-state-aggies-season-football-2014-las-cruces-new-mexico-08-28-2014/event/0C004CA459F03994?artistid=834304&majorcatid=10004&minorcatid=8&tm_link=search_msg-0_0C004CA459F03994
- ICT and university communications set up a free web stream of the football field project at Aggie Memorial Stadium. Anyone can check the progress for free at <http://www.nmsu.edu/memorialstadium/>
- The football poster will be revealed this week through social media. We will send out a quarter of the poster each day until the poster as a whole is released on Friday. The poster design seeks to celebrate our state and generate excitement for the new season.
- The athletics Facebook page now has over 11,000 likes, meaning that each post can reach over 11,000 people who have self-selected themselves as fans of NM State.
- The football coaching staff will enthusiastically host kids from 3rd-8th grade for a free football clinic on Saturday, June 14th. This community outreach event expects to reach 400-500 future Aggies and their parents.



Aggie Athletics Club-Fred Heinrich, Assoc AD

- The Development team has been getting everything organized and ready for the 8th Annual Lujan Dinner in Albuquerque, including the program, silent and live auction items, and spending time on the phones encouraging people to attend;
- 2014-15 AAC Membership Drive-- meeting with our volunteer Teams to provide information about Aggie Athletic Club and train them up for the 5 week membership drive, which starts June 6th;
- Doing a department-wide solicitation of all athletics staff to join AAC;
- Finalized and rolled out this year's plans for the Danny Villanueva Victory Club, sponsored by El Paso Electric, to the community-at-large and campus community—the “Best Seat in the House” for Aggie football!!
- Met with Deputy AD Dave McCollum and representatives of Sodexo to coordinate the smooth delivery of services to suite holders and Victory Club members for the coming football season.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News profiles the theater manager at New Mexico State University's Center for the Arts, Matt Reynolds. In addition to teaching courses, Reynolds coordinates use of the space, maintains the building, designs lights and sound for productions and advises students. He also is the resident lighting and sound designer for the American Southwest Theatre Company.
- This week's Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted a research trip to Belize by NMSU entomology students. In March, a group of eight students, led by Scott Bundy, associate professor of entomology in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, traveled to Belize to research and experience its biodiversity. From venomous spiders, ants, leafhoppers and even marine invertebrates, the students' non-stop, 10-day trip brought a new perspective of what it's like to work as an entomologist in the field.
- On Tuesday night KRWG reported on the election results for the state primaries.
- KRWG FM added a new program segment **every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on “Images,” when Fred Martino speaks with Las Cruces Bulletin Managing Editor Brook Stockberger about the week's top stories and more in the Bulletin.**
- KRWG completed taping several campus and community leaders reciting the Gettysburg Address <http://youtu.be/GsFxnW-SAvY>. The video will air during the summer holidays to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this important and powerful part of our history.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) will be on campus the week of June 9. Both the President and Sam Fernald with the Water Resources Research Institute are scheduled to testify. Other LFC staff will meet with various faculty and staff while they are in Las Cruces.

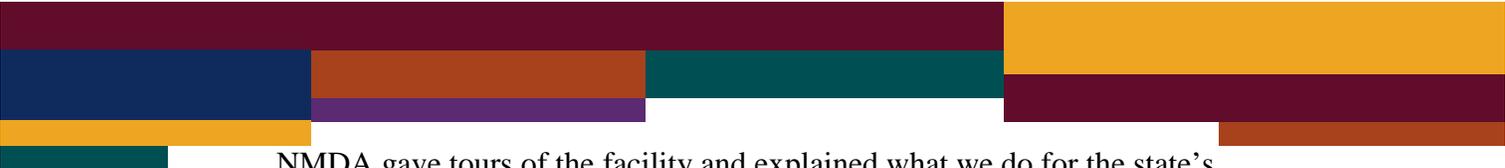
- Primary elections were held this week and it appears that two incumbents have lost their seats: Representative Mary Helen Garcia (D) District 34 and Representative Tom Anderson (R) District 29. Rep Garcia was defeated by Bill Gomez who is retiree from the Cooperative Extension Service. Thirty-two of the legislative districts will be determined in the general election while the remaining 38 districts were determined in the primary election.

Upcoming Legislative Events:

- June 11 – 13 Legislative Finance Committee meetings, NMSU Campus
 - Status of Lower Rio Grande Litigation, Lower Rio Grande and New Mexico Unit Settlement
 - New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute Review – Sam Fernald, Director
 - Improving Teacher and School Leadership Preparation – Secretary Designate, Skandera, Dr. Thomas Kane, Walter Gale (Harvard Graduate School of Education); President Carruthers
 - Status of Select FY14 and FY15 Public Education Department Initiatives
 - Early Reading Initiative
 - College Preparation, Career Readiness, and Dropout Prevention
 - STEM Initiative
 - NMSU Vision 2020 – President Carruthers
 - Las Cruces Public Schools Performance and Strategic Initiatives
 - Optional tour of Early College High School.
- The Legislative Education Study Committee will meet next week.

Director/Secretary New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Jeff M. Witte

- New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) hosted a National Institute of Standards and Technology Seminar on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Liquid-Measuring Devices. This was a week-long seminar that taught participants how to properly inspect and test LPG metering systems.
- Staff Attended the Dairy Producers of New Mexico (DPNM) Annual Convention; networked with producers and allied industry regarding current issues impacting their industry. Staff also delivered NMDA updates to the Board of Directors of DPNM at their quarterly board meeting.
- The New Mexico Association of Counties Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Committee met on June 2. NMDA Staff participated as a member of the ranking committee. The group ranked 25 proposals and awarded approximately \$180,000 in funding for a variety of projects throughout the state. The projects included forest thinning, Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) updates, and wildfire education projects.
- NMDA Staff gave a presentation on noxious weeds to members of the Santa Fe Botanical Society and the New Mexico State University Extension Master Gardeners Program on June 4. The event was part of the New Mexico State University Extensions First Detector Training.
- NMDA hosted a cookout for Future Farmers of America (FFA) members attending their Annual Convention, there was over 100 students in attendance.



NMDA gave tours of the facility and explained what we do for the state's constituents.

- Staff also helped to coordinate activities and tours established for Future Farmers of America (FFA) at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. This was a new outreach effort between the Museum and FFA intended to build a long-term relation.