



New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report

May 12 - 16, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- President Carruthers traveled to the Sun Belt Conference and will provide a report next week.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- Provost Howard is enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

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

- **The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)** selected Woods Houghton, County Program Director in Eddy County, to receive the 2014 National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Professional of the Year Award.
This award was developed to recognize the outstanding professional in each of the six JCEP organizations, and reward them for being an outstanding Extension professional.
Woods Houghton will be recognized at their upcoming national meeting.
- **The Southwest Region National Child Protection Training Center** at NMSU, Family and Consumer Sciences, will be hosting an intensive training the week of May 12-16 on conducting forensic interviews with children who have been abused or neglected. Thirty professionals from New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, Virginia, Minnesota, and Mississippi have registered. The training will be conducted by 3 nationally recognized trainers.
- **The Agricultural Experiment Station** held an internal competition for graduate research assistantships, awarding \$200,000 of AES funds in the next fiscal year for graduate salary monies to faculty who had submitted a research proposal to the AES. Thirteen proposals were funded to support graduate students, with additional funds available if the research would be conducted at one of our off-campus agricultural science centers. Each proposal described what the graduate student would do and how the research project would support the AES mission of benefiting the people of New Mexico. The awards support Vision 2020 Goal 3: Research and Creative Activity by promoting discovery, encourage innovation, and inspire creative achievement, while helping to attract outstanding graduate students.
- **Indian Livestock Days** took place on May 14th through May 16th. The program is a grassroots program driven by clientele needs and interest. The planning committee is made up of Extension Agents which service the Native American population, tribal members of the various tribes in New Mexico, and NMSU CES State Specialists. Indian Livestock Days began in the 1970's and was initially

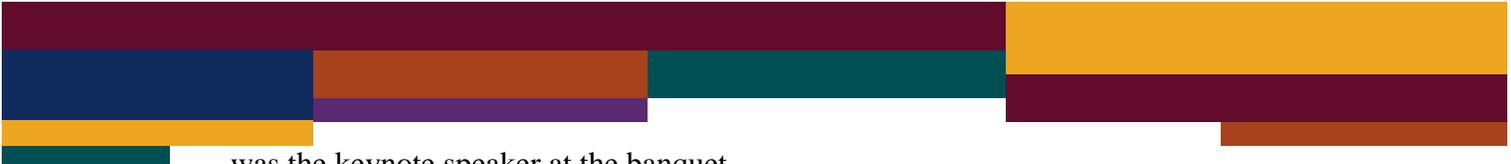


called All Indian Livestock School. It was discontinued in 1978 and reestablished in 1985, at the request of tribal livestock producers. Originally the event hosted on the main NMSU campus in Las Cruces. In 1996, the location was moved around the four-corner area to make it easier for clientele to attend the event. This event has grown from approximately 65 attendees in 1996, to 230 attendees. New Mexico Indian Livestock Days is now an annual event held in May, conducted by NMSU Cooperative Extension Service.

What makes New Mexico Indian Livestock Days unique? The people in general. Tribal members raising livestock face many challenges-- not enough land, not enough feed on the land they have, and not enough water, just to name a few. One of their main challenges is to remain true to their ancestors and their religious beliefs. With that being said, it does not hold them back, it just makes more of a challenging experience, and it means much more to them than the average cattleman.

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

- I met with Cynthia Garrett, Board President of the Las Cruces Symphony Association to discuss continued collaboration between the Association and the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University. The LCSO at NMSU is an excellent example of a community-university partnership to enhance the quality of life for residents of southern New Mexico.
- Bill Storm, Professor of Theatre Arts, will serve as Interim Department Head beginning in July when Tom Smith returns to full-time faculty status. Tom was instrumental in the planning, construction, and opening phases of the Center for the Arts. His many years of commitment to the project lasted beyond turnovers in presidents, provosts, and deans. He was the constant throughout the phases that helped assure this fantastic building would be completed on-time and on-budget and receive gold LEED status.
- Ken Van Winkle and I met with Bobbie Derlin to discuss the Quality Initiative Retreat next month. Bill Quintana (Chemistry/Biochemistry) and Barry Thatcher (English) will join Ken and me to participate in the retreat as the team from Arts and Sciences.
- We held a college department head reception and monthly meeting at Si Bistro to celebrate the successes of the previous academic year and to recognize Tom Smith's service to the college. Each year our May meeting focuses on the successes in the college and university. This year we created a revenue-sharing model for distance education that returns 25% of revenue to departments that provide distance education courses and 25% funds the college's new undergraduate research program, Discovery Scholars. The other 50% of revenue is re-invested in providing funding for distance education courses.
- Hollie Jacobs (Chemistry/Biochemistry) was selected as the coordinator of the Discovery Scholars Program. Associate Dean Lisa Bond-Maupin will work with the program's Advisory Council composed of Miriam Chaiken (Anthropology), Stefan Zollner (Physics), Barry Thatcher (English), and Julia Barello (Art).
- Jeff Brown attended the Howard Hughes Medical Institute banquet. His daughter, who received her undergraduate degree from NMSU and her doctorate from Stanford,



was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

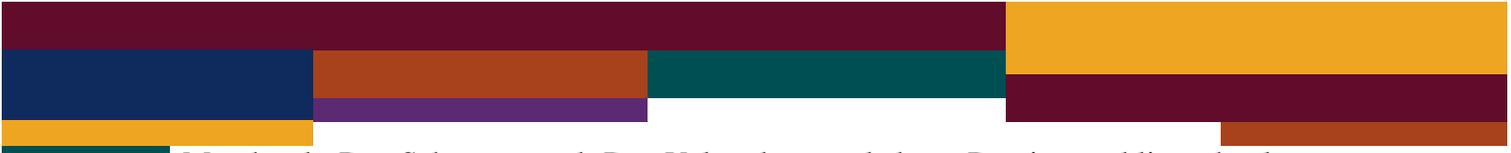
- Jeff Brown also attended a two-day meeting at Apache Point Observatory/Sunspot. NMSU operates this telescope array that conducts the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and many other highly important astronomical projects.
- Staff from the College of Arts and Sciences Research Center and the Office of Grants and Contracts met to view a 150-minute Webinar about the new federal Uniform Guidelines for grant-funded activities.
- Jeff Brown made arrangements for office moves in Breland Hall that will move the Interdisciplinary Studies Department to the 2nd floor, make offices available for the College of Arts and Sciences Shared Service Center, and accommodate faculty and graduate assistants from two departments.
- Charles Bruce learned that he will receive a \$225,000 award from the U.S. Army through Physical Sciences, Inc.

Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- The College is working to fill several vacant or soon-to-be vacant positions, including department head in Finance, a second development officer, and accountant in the dean's office.
- The department heads and deans met in the first of several summer work sessions to discuss what actions are needed to implement the new AACSB accreditation standards. The focus of the first meetings was assessment of learning and curriculum improvement. Future meetings will involve discussions of engagement, innovation, and ways to measure the impact of our programs.
- Kathy Brook attended the NMSU Accreditation Liaison Officer/Institutional Research meeting and enjoyed an evening of festivities at Aggies in Paradise.
- Jennifer Kreie and Mary Jo Billiot, both members of the Accounting and Information Systems faculty, attended the Quality Matters regional conference in Santa Fe.
- The Master of Accountancy hooding ceremony was held on May 9 with alumna Lee Ellen Banks serving as guest speaker.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

Dean Michael Morehead attended the College's Sustainability committee luncheon and thanked the committee and recognized Dr. David Rutledge for his acknowledgment as the first winner of the college's traveling trophy for his sustainability activities. Dean Morehead also met with Ashley, Deb Widger and Robert Peterson to discuss the Wimberly scholarship in CEP. Plans were developed to solicit donors who might be interested in supporting the scholarship. Dr. Morehead met with some faculty and the department head of Special Education and Communication Disorders to discuss the personnel changes occurring in the department. Dean Morehead attended the Bridge meeting where he shared information about the partnerships with LCPS and the Gadsden district. The Bridge also reviewed data on graduation rates from area high schools; Santa Theresa HS in Gadsden was at almost 90% a really strong success story. Dean Morehead reviewed the recommendations from department heads and supervisors related to salary and merit increases. The college has determined to use about 25,000 dollars to supplement the universities allocation for equity and market related decisions. Dean



Morehead, Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Valverde traveled to Deming public schools to recognize Harvielee Moore for her forty plus years of service to education and her support and work with the Alliance. Dr. Morehead participated in interviews for NGage NM director for education outreach. Dean Morehead, Dr. Spencer and Dr. Schwartz met with Dr. Armando Lopez to discuss the Audiology clinic at the new Medical Academy Early College High School. This discussion included future partnership and collaboration in conjunction with the clinic at that location.

Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Dean for Research

The Associate Dean for Research and Outreach attended multiple meetings concerning supporting current grants in the college. He then met with the new director of OGC to plan for the future, and attended a meeting on grants for bullying research and also a lecture for a potential grant to support undergraduate research experiences provided by Health and Human Services. Dr. Schwartz traveled to Deming to present an award to the Alliance co-chair Superintendent Moore for her service and to meet a potential new Alliance co-chair. He also worked on the mini-grant research awards.

Juanita Hannan, Director for Education Research & Budgeting

Dr. Hannan reviewed Distance Education budget expenses with ELA department, and reviewed summer allocation with Grace Martinez. She also worked with Dean on FY 15 Salary Planning for faculty and exempt employees, and then met with Shon Meyer on the use of Adobe Connect, and also with Anna Price, Norma Noel, and other staff from OGC to discuss future steps on the Paragon Tec missing payment. Dr. Hannan assisted Dr. Rutledge and Dr. Cahill in the registration of the doctoral students, and met with Lisa Warren, Interim General Counsel, Dawn Gonzales, Jon Schwartz, and Susan Brown to discuss AfterMath. She continued to work on the expenses report for the C&I department, and continued to work on preparation of I & G budget for fiscal year 2015. She also monitored paper work and electronic transactions including financial and human resources.

Ronald Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment

Dr. Dziwenka had his weekly meeting with Associate Dean O'Donnell, and entered a summary of the meeting into meeting log. He participated in two Tk20 go-to meetings (to assist CEP Ph. D. Program Coordinator Dr. Adams) with our Tk20 Product Consultant. These were to facilitate and develop the CEP Ph. D. Program's usage of the Tk20 Portfolio functionality. He completed the collecting of data for the (yearly) AACTE PEDS 2014 Data Collection Parts A & B, including meeting with Candace Gilfillan to go over IR's data input for this report, and submitted the completed report on its due date. He continued compiling, reading, categorizing (& managing folders of) articles & academic papers on various issues in education.

Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance & BoCES

This week Dr. Valverde conducted three exit interviews with the work study and graduate students who have completed their placements with us. She prepared for and attended a recognition meeting in Deming with Superintendent Harvielee Moore who is the outgoing Co-chair of the Alliance. Dr. Schwartz and Dean Morehead also attended. Dr.



Schwartz and her met with the Associate Superintendent of the Cobre Consolidated School District in Hurley to discuss the Co-Chair position and plans for the Alliance. She also worked on the paperwork for the Research and Public Service Project funding request and prepared for the last BoCES Advisory Committee meeting of the semester. Dr. Valverde met and discussed the plans for a community and parent conference with Victor Montoya, a community organizer in Anthony, that will be held at Anthony Elementary School on May 29. Dr. Rudolfo Chávez Chávez agreed to facilitate a discussion about the importance of education and parent engagement in the context of the strengths and possibilities in the Mesilla Valley.

Ashley Jurado, Student Program Coordinator

This week Ashley submitted 4 plaques to be completed and displayed in the College of Education for the Aggie Cornerstone Award, Student Ambassador and Student Graduate Wall of Honor. Ashley also met with Deb Widger and Robert Peterson to discuss the next steps with the Wimberly Scholarship. She then drafted the campaign letter that will be sent out the friends and family of Carleen Wimberly. Ashley submitted the draft to the Foundation Office and to the Dean for review. One of the major projects completed this week was the Crimson Connections e-newsletter for May. Ashley completed the letter and sent it out for review. Per the Dean's request, Ashley also added the Foundation Board Members to receive Crimson Connections. The e-newsletter will be sent out on Monday, May 19th. The advancement, the team completed the NMSU College of Education Alumni campaign. An alumni sticker along with a gift form was sent out to all of the College of Education alumni who work here on campus.

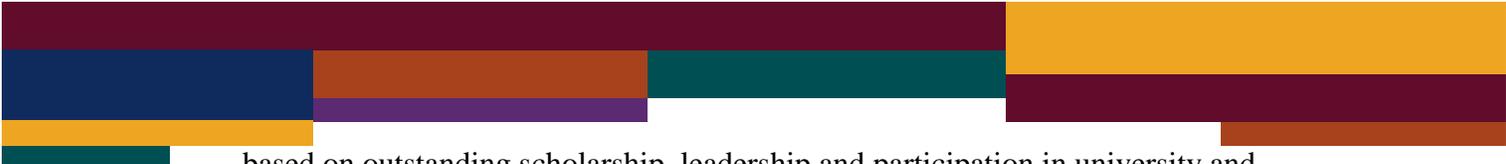
Adelina Rodriguez, Student Program Coordinator

In the area of recruitment, Adelina Rodriguez, received updated department letters and forwarded them to Felipe Parra at Enrollment Services to have them updated in Hobson's Connect. She met with our Advising office to begin updating the communication letters and emails that are currently being sent to prospective students. Preliminary discussions on communications with current student were initiated with advising to obtain a timeline of electronic material being sent on a semester basis. Adelina will work with Ashley Jurado to develop an electronic newsletter to streamline information sent out to current students on a monthly basis. In the area of retention, Adelina is compiling the results of a survey from the workshops attended by CEP 199 students. In the area of advancement, with the assistance of Ashley and staff a campaign recognizing employee-alumni was sent out.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez
No activity to report.

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

- Corinna Sabaque, Community Health, was named the American Indian Program Outstanding Graduate for spring 2014. The NMSU Alumni Association selected her



based on outstanding scholarship, leadership and participation in university and community activities.

- Dr. Lourdes Echegoyen, Director of the Undergraduate Research Initiatives Office (COURI), UTEP, visited CHSS on May 14 at invitation of SWIHDR and the College to talk about how UTEP responded to the recent NIH call for cooperative agreement U54 BUILD proposals to build undergraduate research infrastructure.

Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

No activity to report.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

No activity to report.

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- Attended an Accreditation Liaison Officers meeting.
- Had a teleconference call for American Library Association program planning for 2014 Annual conference in Las Vegas, NV. I am an invited panelist.
- Held a meeting with Greg Walke and Associate Dean Norice Lee on long range space planning (Library Master Space Plan).
- Attended Naming Committee and Administrative Council meetings.
- Participated in an orientation program re: Search Committee responsibilities done by Kathy Agnew, HR with members of the Dean of the Honors College Search Committee and following the orientation we held our first search committee meeting.
- Interviewed a candidate for the position of Assessment Librarian, NMSU Library.
- Had individual meetings with four department heads.
- Met with the library administrative staff on library restructuring in the administrative area.
- Met for lunch with April Anaya, Library Development and a donor.
- Met with interior designer and Norice Lee, Associate Dean on the Zuhl Library project, which will create group study spaces, a presentation room, and individual research carrel spaces for undergraduate and graduate students, to select furniture and carpeting for these areas.

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

- The Confucius Institute received electronic Chinese Cultural Experience equipment for 3 schools, including a two large LED touch screen systems, computers, and printers. These will be used by Confucius Classroom teachers to teach about Chinese culture.
- The Confucius Institute also reached agreements to add more sections of Chinese language at NMSU, UTEP, Cathedral High School, and Las Cruces High School.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Fallen Peace Officer Memorial** - NMSU Fire Department joined dozens of municipal, state and federal law enforcement officers from the region to be part of the Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. The

local event is part of the National Police Week. This annual Las Cruces event honors the fallen officers and according to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office news release, nearly 40 officers were honored.

- **Student Internships** - Working with Dr. Kenny Stevens

(Engineering Technologies – Civil), the FS Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Office interned three students during the 2013-2014 academic year. Each of the students assisted with activities related to the NMSU Storm Water Management Program; Abdulaziz Alhuraiti and Spencer Diaz were involved in identifying and describing drainage basins and inventorying storm water control structures, and Jared Richardson prepared a conceptual design to control runoff from the corrals located in the western portion of the Las Cruces campus. The experience was positive for both parties, as EH&S was able to progress with two components of the EPA-required storm sewer discharge permit, and the students were able to work alongside an engineer degreed in their chosen fields of study.

- **Partnering with Student Groups** - FS EH&S joined forces with Beta Alpha Psi, an honors fraternity for NMSU Accounting students, to complete an inspection of NMSU storm water outfall structures. This event allowed EH&S to perform storm water educational outreach to a student group (which is a requirement of the NMSU Storm Water Management Program), and for Beta Alpha Psi to perform community service.

- **Purchase order processing just got better.** ICT's Enterprise Reporting Services, in cooperation with Central Purchasing, applied a new process in Banner that greatly improves purchase order processing. Central Purchasing can now email POs directly from Banner to buyers/vendors. Prior to the implementation of the new process, POs had to be printed before they could be sent to the appropriate parties. The improved process saves critical resources by reducing the amount of paper generated and the amount of time required to handle POs. Thanks to Sujey Aguilar of Central Purchasing and ICT's Ray Silva for making this happen!



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

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

- This week Dr. Montoya and the Commencement Committee debriefed following the Spring 2014 Commencement ceremonies. This semester's ceremonies ran smoothly and the staff has lots of ideas to implement for the future ceremonies.
- The Enrollment Strike Force met this week. Recently, staff has been working on revisions to communications to prospective students, updating of the scholarship list for the Viewbook, and ways to collect contact information for student groups who visit campus through means other than the Admissions Office. We are also seeking input on the Applied–Admit–Enroll reports, which list students who have been admitted but have not yet enrolled.
- Dr. Montoya was on hand on Thursday at the Las Cruces High School Senior Awards Night. She congratulated scholarship recipients for our incoming Fall 2014 class.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- Admissions staff attended high school senior awards programs and presented scholarships to admitted students from Oate High School, Hatch High School, Arrowhead Park Early College High School, and Socorro High School.
- On May 16, University Admissions treated the local high school counselors to an end-of-the semester luncheon at La Posta to show our appreciation for encouraging students to enroll at New Mexico State University.
- On May 16, recruitment staff and Aggie Ambassadors held a junior application day at Centennial High School.
- Recruitment staff called 386 students recently admitted to NMSU to encourage them to sign up for New Student Registration. Currently, over 1,300 new students have reserved a spot for New Student Registration and Orientation this summer.
- Visitors from Bowie High School in El Paso and Project Enable toured campus this week.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- A Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program Grant Proposal in the total amount of \$2,625,000 (\$525,000 annually) was submitted on May 7, 2014 to the US Department of Education. The grant writing team included Enequina Vazquez, Professor (Counseling and Educational Psychology); Spencer Herrera, Associate Professor (Languages and Linguistics); Henrietta Pichon, Assistant Professor (Educational Leadership and Administration), and Tony Marin and Terry Cook (Student Engagement).

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant



The long-awaited remodel for the Financial Aid window opened this week. Students will have improved access to advisors, and staff in the phone room will have a more functional space for addressing students' communications.

Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee

- On May 15, the Campus Health Center held their annual spring lunch. The staff said farewell to the 9-month staff until August and they recognized the staff who are celebrating service milestones. The Aggie Spirit Award was presented to Ben Gabriel and Brandon Wise.
- In a process funded by Student Fees, the Activity Center began preliminary design and feasibility work for the renovation and improvement of the Activity and Aquatic Center complex. The firm of Van Gilbert Architects met with a committee comprised of students, staff, faculty, user groups, and administration on May 12 and 13 to conceptualize a design that will feature improvements for both facilities. Possible renovations include a combined entrance for both facilities, new locker rooms, and expanded cardio and weight facilities.



Health and Wellness Rocks! Campus Health Center staff decorated rocks with something that inspires them at work and shared them at the end-of-the-semester luncheon.

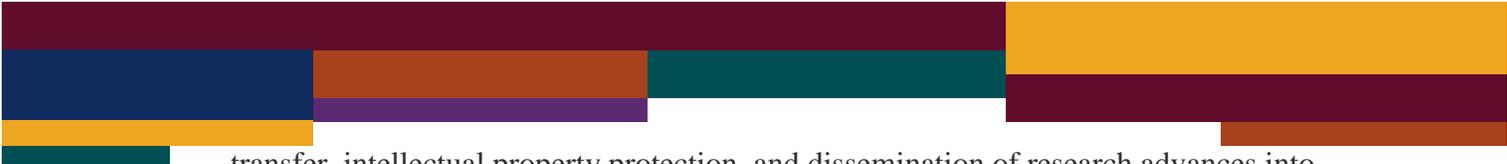
Office of Student Diversity and Outreach, Ms. Christina Chavez Kelley

- On May 12, the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center and the Counseling Center co-hosted a focus group of NMSU students and one alumnus who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming. They discussed how we can help transgender students feel safe, comfortable, and welcome while attending NMSU.
- On May 13, Jessica Spohn, Coordinator of the SGDRC, met with Myrna Delgado, from the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, to discuss LGBT-friendliness at the Veterans Affairs facility. We discussed how employees for the Veterans Affairs facility who identify as GLBTQ would help create a more diverse and comfortable working environment. As a result, the Veterans Affairs facility could offer an open, friendly location for NMSU students to work after graduation or to complete an internship.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

- Arrowhead Center
Arrowhead Center Director Kathy Hansen and Andrea Tawney, Office of the NMSU President, hosted Patrick Schaefer, Executive Director of the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, to share information and to discuss collaborative efforts going forward.

Arrowhead Center committed to serve as an Innovation Facilitation Partner for the proposed Center for Bio-mediated & Bio-inspired Geotechnics (CBBG), a National Science Foundation (NSF) Engineering Research Center (ERC). As an Innovation Facilitation partner in the center, Arrowhead is committed to working closely with the center's faculty, students and industry partners to foster and enable technology



transfer, intellectual property protection, and dissemination of research advances into the marketplace.

- *Arrowhead Technology Incubator*
This week the Arrowhead Technology Incubator hosted a training workshop from Pauline Nunez, a Data Dissemination Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau's Denver Regional Office. Ms. Nunez's workshop taught participants how to navigate the U.S. Census Bureau website, census.gov's data tools, interactive maps and quick searches. These skills are useful for economic development representatives to help them make assessments of the communities they serve.
- *Intellectual Property Advisory Committee Meeting*
Arrowhead Center, Inc. held its second Intellectual Property Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting of the year on Thursday, May 15, 2014. Two technology presentations were delivered by inventors from the mechanical engineering department and from a collaboration between the Marketing department and the Physical Science Laboratory (PSL). The committee members recommended that both technologies be submitted for provisional patent applications. The Intellectual Property Office has notified the inventors of the decision and will implement the next steps in the intellectual property provisional patent process based on the recommendations of the IPAC members.

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya
No Activity to Report.

Vice President University Advancement / Foundation Executive Director,
Ms. Cheryl Harrelson

- Cowboys for Cancer Research/NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink presented a check for \$335,000.00 it supports not only the NMSU endowment -- which now totals \$1,204,171.78 in 4 years -- but for the first time makes \$152,000.00 cash immediately available here at NMSU to help fund collaborative research projects new and on-going cancer research projects for 2014-15. The check presentation was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMSU Alumni Center.
- In closing the Elizabeth Ann Shirk ('56) Estate, the farmland in Albuquerque was sold for \$1,765,282. Net proceeds after commission and all closing costs was \$1,656,024. The previous estate distributions and this sale have established the largest endowed scholarship in the College of Education's history. *Special thanks for above and beyond work to NMSUF Attorney Bill Lutz, AVP Debbie Widger, Dean Michael Morehead, former Gift Officer Maria Martinez, CFO Tina Byford and Controller Randy Frye. Currently working with the Dean to promote these very special scholarships and Ms. Shirk's Legacy.*
- NMSU received over \$171,000 from the estate of Leland Gile. These funds will be split into two already existing scholarship and research funds in Plant and Environmental Sciences.

- Attended the *Aggies in Paradise* event on Friday, May 16, 2014 at the NMSU Football Pavilion.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- I attended the WAC Spring Council meetings in Kansas City, MO. The major topic of conversation was a debate on the future location for the WAC men's and women's basketball tournament. The vote last week was split, 4 schools voted for having it in Las Vegas and four voted for Phoenix...more debate an analysis to follow.
- An NCAA national office rep attended the WAC meeting and provided insight into the NCAA Division 1 Steering Committee discussion and proposed D1 Governance model. The membership is expecting to recommend a final Division 1 Governance Structure model for adoption sometime in August, 2014.

Marketing & Promotions –Steve Macy, Assoc AD

- The athletic department set up a live stream of the field turf installation project at Aggie Memorial Stadium. Over the past several days, a vast majority of the grass was removed and transplanted at the NMSU Golf Course. The live stream is available through the athletics website at NMStateSports.com.
- Football season tickets go on sale on May 26 and all NM State faculty/staff receive a discount on season tickets up to 50% off the public price. There is a limit of six tickets available at the discounted rate.

Aggie Athletics Club-Fred Heinrich, Assoc AD

- On May 16th, Aggies in Paradise attracted nearly 400 NM State athletics fans and supporters to the Northwest Entrance of Aggie Memorial Stadium for an evening of Island music, food and fun. Live and silent auction items abounded. There was entertainment from fire dancers (Odd Lab out of El Paso) and Pans of Enchantment (a steel drum band from Las Cruces), along with local radio personalities Jack Lutz and Lynz Green (Rocket 99.5), who served as emcees. Athletics Director McKinley Boston welcomed everyone and talked about some great performances by Aggie teams, while President Garrey Carruthers discussed recent major gifts, fired up the fans, candidly requested additional operating support, and lead everyone in a rousing rendition of the Aggie Fight Song. A volunteer committee worked hard to support this event. The 15 foot tall PSL Aggie (old style Aggie) appeared and pleased the crowd, which was able to view the football turf project, the Coca-Cola center project, and see the football and soccer locker rooms. Preliminary numbers indicate net revenues will approach \$24,500, doubling last year's net revenue number.
- Associate AD Fred Heinrich renewed 3 additional Fulton Athletic Center suite holders last week, leaving 2 to go to get back to last year's level.
- The Development Team is reaching out to the Athletics Director Cabinet Members to set a meeting before the end of May.
- Deputy Athletic Director Dave McCollum and Associate Athletic Director Fred Heinrich met with VPUA Cheryl Harrelson and Tina Byford to discuss the development efforts and staffing needs.

- Associate AD Fred Heinrich finalized the group of Team Captains for the upcoming Aggie Athletic Club membership drive and set a meeting for the week of May 19 to discuss the membership drive kick-off.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard
No activity to report.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- May 20-New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee, Santa Fe
- May 23- Legislative Health & Human Services Committee, Santa Fe
- May 29- Indian Affairs Committee, Santa Fe
- June 6 – Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee
 - 2014 Legislative Session: Budget and Tax Policy Update
 - Proposal for a Comprehensive Review of the Gross Receipts Tax
- June 9- Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee, Santa Fe
- WIPP Status Report and Department of Environment (NMED) Update
- June 11 – 13 Legislative Finance Committee meetings, Las Cruces, NM, 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
 - NMSU Vision 2020 – President Carruthers
 - Las Cruces Public Schools Performance and Strategic Initiatives
 - Optional tour of Early College High School.
- June 17- Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee- Santa Fe
 - Status Report on Education Retirement Board Fund and Effects of SB50

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

- NMDA staff organized, participated in and assisted with the 2014 AgriFuture Educational Institute. I was pleased to be joined by Jason Fearneyhough, Director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, who had hosted a similar conference in Wyoming. The goal of the institute was to inform, inspire, and connect the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and others in agriculture. The conference included tours of agribusinesses, breakout teaching sessions, mentoring sessions with industry leaders, and networking opportunities. There were 178 participants in the conference.

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- I attended a meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham at the Middle Rio Grande Council of governments. This meeting was to update participants on the recently passed farm bill.
 - Anthony Parra and I attended a reception hosted by the Dairy Max program for dairy producers in the Clovis area. Dairy Max is a dairy promotion and marketing organization. Former Dallas Cowboy great Jay Novacek was at the reception after participating in a special ceremony at the Clovis area schools on behalf of the Dairy Max program.
 - NMDA staff served on a committee looking at developing a workforce training program (curriculum) for dairies in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. This would be accomplished through a consortium of institutions (including Community Colleges in the areas where the dairies are located), with NMSU as the lead institution.

HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!