President – Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- I spent the early part of the week doing athletic conference business, going to Denver for the Western Athletic Conference meeting and then on to New Orleans for the Sun Belt meeting. Being in two conferences at the moment may not be all bad until conference realignment settles down. I have some concern about how many more teams we can add to the WAC which we need to give NMSU a better competitive environment in Olympic sports. I have a sense both Conferences would like to have Men’s Soccer which I would concur with but not sure we can afford. The Sun Belt decided not to vote on NMSU becoming a full member until next year. So, in a nutshell, we will play the cards we have been dealt. Commissioner Karl Benson of the Sun Belt did visit NMSU for the Rice football game and was complimentary about NMSU as he had worked with us for years when he was the Commissioner of the WAC.

- I testified to the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Interim Committee of the Legislature. A great committee. They have several veteran committee members but one of the new ones has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and works for Sandia Corporation while the Chairman is an engineer at Los Alamos Laboratory. All appeared very supportive of the Arrowhead Center and its activities. We brought out the big guns when we asked the students in the Student Incubation Center to talk about their projects to start companies based upon NMSU intellectual property. Our students continue to be our best spokespersons.

- The newly formed Marketing Committee convened and was briefed by Maureen Howard on a number of reports and studies directly related to our initiative to better focus the marketing of NMSU to all stakeholders. The Committee membership is to submit three goals for the committee with the companion objectives to achieve those goals. Dr. Sautter made a terrific recommendation – that we first improve our internal marketing efforts before spending too much time and effort on external marketing. She also noted that we needed a much improved web site, which would help accomplish both internal and external marketing.

- Kudos to Monica Dunivan and her Employee Council for two terrific events this past week. The first Employee Forum on NMSU finance/budgeting focused on the findings of the transition team on Athletics that I appointed right after my selection. The transition team did an outstanding job of covering the realities of finance in a Mid Major athletic program. Over 120 folks were in attendance or on line for the discussion and many provided good questions to the team. The other big winner of the Employee Council was the very well attended picnic for all employees. Great job
Monica and Employee Council. Thanks to the Athletics Transition team for their participation.

- I met with the Regents Audit Committee and both our external and internal auditors. The external auditors were very complimentary and issued clean audit findings for both Arrowhead and NMSU. The one issue which has now been remedied occurred with errors in reporting Perkins funding for students. Apparently one of our vendors did not perform well in uploading data, thus causing approximately 50 errors which if uncorrected would disadvantage the university. The two community members of the Audit Committee, Jim Bullock and Brad Beasley, bring much needed expertise to the committee in that most of us are not accountants.

- I spoke to over 800 parents/potential students at the Aggie Experience conference. I discussed the "why" of NMSU – a caring community transforming lives through discovery. I am told this is one of the largest gatherings ever for Aggie Experience. I asked each of the students to enroll here.

- I followed the Aggies Experience meeting with brunch with our Presidents Associate Scholarship recipients. I fantastic group of talented students who talk mostly of going on to graduate school in their areas of interest. We owe this program to the leadership of Dr. Gerald Thomas who did so much for NMSU but this has to be a significant part of his legacy.

- The Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign, a long campaign culminated with the Pink football game, was another outstanding success as the Pink leadership and hundreds of their volunteers raised $593,000 this year for the shared UNM/NMSU/Cowboys for Cancer Research endowment program. Another example of a caring community transforming lives through discovery as most of the earnings from this money go into research on cancer at UNM and NMSU.

**Executive Vice President and Provost – Dr. Dan Howard**

- Met with the University Budget Committee to evaluate 49 proposals for funding from the President's Performance Fund. There were many excellent proposals and it was a pleasure to learn more about the good work being done, and being proposed, on the NMSU campus with regard to outreach, recruitment, retention, and student success.

- Visited the offices of the College Assistance Migrant Program, which has been very ably directed by Cynthia Bejarano for many years. During my visit, I was able to speak at length with staff and students. This is a hugely successful program, which has provided a pathway to the baccalaureate degree to students from farmworker families. The purpose of my visit was twofold--to better acquaint myself with the students and staff associated with the program, and to better understand the strategies the program has used to build community and to encourage students to be successful in the classroom and in life. I came away impressed with everyone involved with the program. Congratulations to Dr. Bejarano, her staff, and the CAMP students!
SVP Administration and Finance – Angela Throneberry

Auxiliary Services
- NMSU Auxiliary Services enjoyed the Tough Enough To Wear Pink week events.
  - Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU participated with discounts, donated prizes, gift cards, and a team of 20 in the Fun Run/Walk.
  - Cashiers from NMSU Transportation & Parking helped out with the TETWP Silent Auction.
  - NMSU Housing & Campus Life participated in the Pink Dinner and silent Auction which was enjoyed by several hundred students and guests.

Facilities and Services
- FS Project Development & Engineering (PD&E) Assistant Project Manager Ron Tarazoff has completed the major re-construction and paving of Parking Lot 40 on October 7, 2013. Parking Lot 40 which is approximately two acres in size, serves the Baseball Complex. The reconstruction included upgrades for ADA Compliance and enhances the appearance and accessibility to Presley Askew Field. The design and engineering services were provided by Molzen Corbin Engineers/ Architects/ Planners of Las Cruces and the contractor was Burn Construction, Inc. FS Grounds provided support with the removal and reinstallation of parking bumpers, along with coordination from NMSU Parking Department employees Jim Carroll and Derek Israelson.

- FS Project Development and Engineering (PD&E) Assistant Project Manager Nivia Franco and Al Flores Jr., Director Facilities Maintenance have been working together to complete the new “Legacy Wall” in the Educational Services Building. The dedication plaques are to recognize Honorary Doctoral Degree Recipients 1927-2012 as well as past and present NMSU Regents.
• FS Project Development and Engineering (PD&E) Project Manager Joe Payyapilly has been managing the next phase of the Sam Steel Curb and Gutter Replacement. The project is part of the NMDOT Local Road Government Road Funds and was awarded a 75% share of the project in the amount of $85,760. The project is approximately 60% complete and will finish construction by mid-November.

• The FS Office of Sustainability had two poster-making parties for Campus Sustainability Day (CSD). Outreach to Arrowhead Early College High School had 33 students making posters with educational environmental facts in very creative ways. That same evening students on campus made posters using their artistic flair. These will be displayed in the trees west of Corbett on CSD 10.23.13 during the morning educational tabling session with a focus on energy and waste reduction.

SVP External Relations / Chief of Staff – Ben Woods
• Arranged for and hosted the 35 participants of the 2013 Class of Leadership Las Cruces to the campus. Provided an overview of the campus history, had VP Research Vimal Chaitanya brief them on the research initiatives, toured the game lab in Gerald Thomas Hall and ended the morning with a lunch catered by HRTM in 100 West.
• Attended the State Board of Finance Meeting in support of efforts to amend a proposed rule change regarding submission of capital projects. We were successful in providing information to the members that resulted in the proposed rule change being defeated. The next iteration will be accomplished with the input from higher education institutions.
VP Student Affairs/Enrollment Services – Dr. Bernadette Montoya

- Dr. Montoya delivered the opening address for the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Art Gallery opening on October 14. The event was attended by Jill Conley, a breast cancer survivor and TETWP guest speaker, and her husband. Dr. Montoya concluded her address by singing from "Fight Like a Girl".
- Dr. Montoya served on a panel with student affairs vice presidents from around the state at last week’s New Mexico Association of Student Affairs Professionals Symposium at UNM. She also delivered the closing keynote address on retaining and graduation students.
- Sodexo created two Aggie-themed green chile pecan pies for Dr. Montoya to donate to the Cibola County 4-H Pie Auction and BBQ Luau on October 18 in Grants. The Pie Auction is the primary fundraiser for this group and is run by the senior 4-H students. The pies and some Aggies gear raised nearly $400 for the group!

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- The University Admissions Office hosted Aggie Experience on Saturday, October 19, which was attended by over 900 students and family members. President Carruthers welcomed the visitors to campus, and students learned about NMSU life by meeting with academic departments, student service offices, and student organizations and clubs.
- Undergraduate recruiters attended undergraduate college fairs in Arizona, Colorado, and California. Transfer recruiters met with students at Central New Mexico Community College and El Paso Community College during transfer day events. Graduate recruiters represented NMSU at graduate fairs at UC-Berkeley, UC-Santa Cruz, and UC-East Bay.

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek

- The Counseling & Student Development Center’s accreditation was renewed by the International Association of Counseling Services Board of Accreditation (IACS). The Board cited suicide prevention and crisis management efforts, an enhanced group program, and a positive relationship with the Dean of Students and the Vice President of Student Affairs as key factors in their re-accreditation.
Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee

Winners of the door-decorating contest at the Campus Health Center.

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

- On October 11, the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center hosted events for National Coming Out Day, including a bake and craft sale by Stonewall QSA, a Safe Zone Training, speaker Brigadier General Tammy Smith, Coming Out Dinner sponsored in the Taos Cafeteria, and Story Sharing. All events were well attended.

- On October 14, Laura Gutierrez Spencer, Director of Chicano Programs, presented “Fulfilling the Land Grant Mission at NMSU” to Professor Marieka Brown’s Speech 233 class for international students who are preparing to become TA’s or lab instructors at NMSU.

- On October 15, Senator Benny Shendo, Jr. toured the American Indian Student Center with his son, Ben Shendo, a graduate of NMSU.

- For the second time in a row, NMSU has been selected as a recipient of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The HEED award recognizes initiatives related to gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBT community.

- On October 16, the Immigrant Student Issues Committee presented “Higher Ed and School Educators, Educational Counselors and Staff, Students and Community Members” to faculty, students, staff, and educators from NMSU-Alamogordo, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, and the New America School. Representatives from Financial

Winning door.

Dr. Bernadette Montoya (left), Gates Millenium Scholar Campus Based Leader Rose Chavez (center), and Dr. Terry Cook (right) attended the NM State Taos Cafeteria Student Dinner & Auction as part of TETWP Week.
Aid, Admissions, and Chicano Programs answered questions regarding the services, financial support, and access to higher education for students of various varying immigration status.

- On October 17, Black Programs hosted a luncheon for NMSU’s new African-American faculty and staff in the Corbett Center Student Union.

**Interim VP Economic Development – Dr. Kevin Boberg**

**Events**

- Arrowhead Center hosted a reception for the New Mexico Legislature’s Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee, members of which were on the NMSU campus to gather information about NMSU’s role in the state science and technology landscape, Spaceport America, renewable energy infrastructure, a desalination project based in Alamogordo, NM, initiatives to foster competitive research, telecommunications regulation, and agricultural technology and water issues.

**Arrowhead Technology Incubator**

- Four ATI members will be implementing the Lean LaunchPad methodology in their business ventures. ATI Program Manager Zetdi Runyan recently attended an intensive training in the Lean Launch framework, which is also integral in plans for Arrowhead’s recently-awarded EDA University Center grant.


**Commercialization and Entrepreneurship**

- The Enterprise Research group completed a report for an Albuquerque-based company that was struggling to identify a use for a byproduct of their manufacturing process. An Arrowhead graduate student team – Ben Diamond, Deepika Vaddi, and Francis Reyes – identified and contacted several companies that could use the byproduct material in their own processes. The team provided the client with several leads and a report of the findings.

- The Studio G student/alumni business incubator hosted a design party for incubator client Bomonos, to showcase new designs of the company’s signature backpack. The goal was to promote the brand and gather feedback on the new designs. The event was organized by Arrowhead graduate students Siyu Yang, Ilya Pletenyuk, and Brendan Sullivan.

**Innoventure**

- There are currently 58 teams registered for the current round of the Innoventure competition. Teams are making steady progress, and submitted their second milestones for the program. Teams are working toward the upcoming Innoventure competition, which will be held May 2, 2014.
VP Research – Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Dr. Sudip Bajpeyi, Professor of Kinesiology in the College of Health Sciences at UTEP visited the NMSU’s CURRL-Microscopy facility to discuss collaboration and funding possibilities for his research investigating the links between physical exercise, lipid metabolism, mitochondrial bioenergetics and diabetes.
- Vimal Chaitanya gave a presentation to Leadership Las Cruces about NMSU’s strength and research impact across the State.
- Peter Lammers testified before the State Science and Technology committee. His presentation highlighted NMSU projects supported by the NSF EPSCoR Project "Energize New Mexico". These projects include the BioAlgae Energy, Social and Natural Sciences, and the Osmotic Power Projects. Also discussed was a recommendation that the State consider new mechanisms for funding mandatory non-federal cost-share requirements that are becoming increasingly mandated by federal agencies including NSF, DOE, FAA and others.
- The 9th Annual International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight just completed, with no registration impact from the government shutdown. Those tickets from government attendees who had to cancel were donated to students and faculty. They will write the government people who could not attend and provide a summary of their experience. The conference hosted 32 speakers and over 300 attendees. Gwynne Shotwell, President of SpaceX said they intend to begin their work at the spaceport in December.
- The Amigo Airshow is being supported this weekend by a PSL exhibit on unmanned aircraft.
- The International Telemetry Conference is being supported next week by PSL. Although a great venue for sponsor contacts, the government closure is expected to have an impact on attendance.
- The PSL UAS Flight Test Center (FTC) coordinated and conducted very productive discussions with the NMSU Animal and Range Sciences Department, as well as other New Mexico academic institutions this week regarding the use of UAS for wild lands fire research.
- Neta Fernandez presented two training workshops on the Public Health Service (PHS) FCOI regulations that are required before a researcher can submit a proposal to NIH or other PHS agencies.
- Sudha Murthy participated in the kick-off meeting for the College of Education grant club. ORD is a co-lead for the grant club (at the request of Dr. Jonathan Schwartz).
- Luis Vazquez and Nellie Quezada-Aragon, Director of the Office of Research Compliance attended a webinar by myLaw CLE of Florida, on Thursday, October 17, 2013 on Legal & Technical Issues Concerning Evidence in Data Breach Cases, at Hadley with general council and other university members.
- Sam Fernald gave a presentation on Agricultural Water Conservation Hydrology to Legislative Subcommittee on drought. Sam Fernald organized a panel presentation
including Phil King of Civil Engineering and Gary Esslinger of Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

- WRRI held reception on 14 October at NM WRRI for Legislative Subcommittee on drought. 70 attended including: 11 legislators, many university water faculty from across campus, students, administrators, and stakeholders.
- Sam Fernald made a Presentation to Legislative Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee on 17 October. The topic was desalination, and included presentation of material from Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility on behalf of facility manager from Bureau of Reclamation who could not attend.
- Sam Fernald also made a presentation on 18 October to Legislative Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee on topic of Technology Improvements in Agricultural Water Use.

**Interim VP University Advancement – Dr. Tina Byford**

- NMSUF Advancement Services staff are currently reviewing and updating the NMSU Gift Payroll Deduction form through a workflow project. The project is being accomplished with ICT and will use mynmsu authentication for the "signature", pre-fill fields, and automatically e-mail the completed form to University Advancement and payroll offices along with a confirmation of the request to the employee.
- Dean Michael Morehead, Maria Martinez, Assistant Dean for Advancement, College of Education, and I held a meeting to review the metrics for NMSU College of Education fundraising as well as the services provided by VP University Advancement to the deans and development officers.
- I joined in a discussion with President Garrey Carruthers, Provost Dan Howard and Ben Woods, Sr. VP of External Relations, to review the nominees of the Fall 2013 Aggie Legends selection.
- NMSU Foundation Audit Committee held its exit conference reviewing the audited FY12/13 financial statements. The financials received an unmodified opinion and there were no audit findings.
- The College of Business, College of Education and NMSU Athletics hosted a speaker’s luncheon for John Cordova, NMSU alumnus, NMSU Foundation Board member and Director of Sports Transaction Management for the Coca-Cola Company. John Cordova presented the student group with insight for career opportunities and talked about his professional experiences.
- President Carruthers, Provost Howard, Thomas Price, PA President along with several PA Board members and Barbara Hubbard were among the approximately 85 attendees at the President’s Associates brunch on Saturday honoring the President’s Associates scholars and parents. PA scholars are hosted by the PA Board and University President at various social events throughout the year.
- The NMSU Silver City Alumni Chapter, led by Chapter Leader Hal Hopson, ’55, held an Alumni reception, October 15 at the Silver City Convention Center in Silver City.
Alumni Association Associate Director Mallory Driggers and Pistol Pete (NMSU Alumni Association student delegate Conlan Burk) supported the event. Among the thirty alumni and friends that attended were Dean Catlett, Joni Gutierrez, Academic Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, Dr. Jim Libbin, and Terra Winter, Director of Development for College of ACES, which provided an opportunity to reconnect with alumni and visit several donors of the college.

• Katherine Vandertulip, Senior Alumni Relations Officer, Dolores Cardoza, Communications Specialist, and Colleen Richardson, Alumni Relations Officer, supported the Graduation Fair, a one-stop-shop for graduating students and faculty, Oct. 16 and 17 at Corbett Student Union. The Graduation Fair is a comprehensive partnership between NMSU Alumni Relations, the NMSU Bookstore, NMSU Career Services, NMSU Graduate Services, and the NMSU Registrar’s office.

• The October 2013 e-newsletter was sent out to 39,478 alumni on October 15. Highlights included Homecoming 2013 events; alumni honors; college updates; a look back at ROTC; athletic events; and the good works of the NMSU Foundation among many other highlights.

• Elaine Stachera, Regional Advancement Officer, continues to improve Aggie connections through her work. She facilitated a meeting between an MPA alumnus and the Government department head, establishing a new relationship. The alumnus has agreed to serve on the MPA advisory board. Another was made between an engineering alumnus (future visit in CA) and his favorite professor (whom she contacted and he kindly agreed to be in touch with alumnus). Yet another connection was made between a young alum and the Phoenix Alumni Chapter whom Elaine met at the UCLA football game. That relationship begins with two alumni campus visits scheduled for next week.

• Terra V. Winter, Director of Development, shares that the College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences began a new tradition this week! Please see the YouTube link for more information. http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi7atugyQA&feature=share&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DZi7atugyQA%26feature%3Dsh

ACES received several $7,500+ gifts for their urban pest programs in Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science.

Athletics Director – Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

• President Carruthers and I participated in Fall Sun Belt meetings in New Orleans. The primary focus on the football side of discussions was whether or not to schedule 8 or 9 conference games going forward. There will probably be a vote at the conference meeting to take place at the NCAA convention in January. NCAA President Mark Emmert spoke to the membership regarding proposed changes in Division 1 Governance and the desire of the BCS 5 power conferences to spend more money on athletes toward helping meet the full cost of attendance.
• I attended the Black Programs Luncheon sponsored by Director Festus Addo-Yobo. This was a great opportunity to network and meet with diverse students, faculty and staff.

• Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson visited NMSU this weekend. We hosted a dinner on Friday night at Double Eagle attended by Athletic Staff, President Carruthers and his wife and Faculty Governance. Karl discussed conference realignment and the Sun Belt’s long range plans and multiple “what if scenarios’ including New Mexico State.

• Had a fun week supporting my wife Magellia and her many functions this week associated with TETWP events including VIPink Sponsor Gala & Silent Auction at the Double Eagle. A great week for supporting efforts to raise money in support of breast cancer.

Aggie Athletic Club

• Our third Happy Hour event was held at St. Clair Winery on Wednesday, October 16. We had a great mix of staff, coaches and donors. These events provide the Aggie Athletic Club with opportunities to build relationships with Aggie fans and supporters and raise money for all areas of athletics.

• Monday, October 15, was our monthly Board of Advisors meeting. The main focus of this meeting was to finalize committee appointments. There are five main committees that will tackle a variety of agenda items to help grow, retain and steward our donors.

• Tuesday, October 16th was our monthly Football Success Fund meeting. Our Development Officer will be working closely with this group to renew memberships, provide updates and be a point of contact for existing members.

Associate VP University Communications – Maureen Howard

• For the week of October 7 - 13, news stories in both local and national media totaled 197 placements. Tough Enough to Wear Pink was the top story covered by the media.

• This week’s Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News aligned with the University’s Tough Enough to Wear Pink events and featured Lynda Garcia, an NMSU nursing student and breast cancer survivor, who is co-chairing the TETWP annual fundraiser this year.

• This week’s Eye on Research report in the Las Cruces Sun-News also was aligned with the Tough Enough to Wear Pink theme. It featured Regents Professor Jeffrey Arterburn’s research involving estrogen receptor GPR 30, which has potential for both diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. This piece also will be featured on KRWG’s Newsmaker’s program at 7 p.m. Thursday.
• Our creative team developed new street banners pictured below, which support the “All About Discovery” campaign. These banners are next in the rotation to be posted on University Avenue.

• Stephanie Taylor represented the athletics media relations staff at the 2013 WAC Basketball Media Days Oct. 15. Stephanie accompanied basketball coaches Marvin Menzies and Mark Trakh.

• Bids for the Special Production Unit HD truck have been received and the RFP evaluation committee met this week to review the proposals. They selected a vendor and will begin conversations to finalize the contract.

**Assistant VP Government Relations – Ricardo Rel**

**State-Related Activities**

• The Drought Subcommittee, Water and Natural Resources Committee, and the Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee (STTC) met on campus this week. Faculty and staff presented on 8 different panels throughout the week. Several students from various colleges also presented before the committees. Members of the Drought Subcommittee visited the Water Resources Research Institute and were briefed on the water-related research. Members of the Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee visited the Reduced Gravity and Biomechanics Lab for a demonstration of the research the lab is conducting. They also visited Arrowhead Center and were briefed by the clientele at the center.

• Senator Padilla toured New Mexico Department of Agriculture and received briefings on the various functions of the department.

• The New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, and the Agricultural Experiment Station will present their budgets before the Legislative Finance Committee on October 24, 2013.
• Senator Benny Shendo met with representatives of the NMSU American Indian Program and toured the American Indian Student Center.

Federal-Related Activities
• Senator Udall and Heinrich’s offices confirmed November 8 as the date to hold the first meeting of the “NM Research Council,” organized by the two Senators. The three Presidents from NM’s research universities are invited, as well as leaders of entities such as both of the labs, and the military bases.

Director/Secretary, NMDA - Jeff M. Witte
• State Senator Michael Padilla toured NMDA. A briefing of department functions and tour of the facilities was provided on Friday, October 18.
• NMDA sent out a press release with Las Cruces Public Schools regarding the State Chemist’s advisory visits to the chemistry departments of 14 middle and high schools in the district promoting safety in the classroom and was picked up by local media outlets, including KRWG at http://krwg.org/post/state-chemist-lends-expertise-las-cruces-chemistry-teachers.