



New Mexico State University Weekly Activity Report

June 16 - 20, 2014


President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- I attended the Western Athletic Conference Presidents/Chancellors meeting in Denver. Subjects included branding and marketing the WAC Conference as a premier basketball conference with a rich history of ethics and winning. The Board authorized a \$125,000 distribution to each member school on a one time basis. The Board agreed to have the 2015 basketball championships in Las Vegas but there was some sentiment that it should be moved to various WAC venues in the future.
- Six of the seven New Mexico College/University Presidents attended a meeting of the Higher Education Work Group to summarize the work of this Governor's initiative and to ponder if the group should continue to meet. The future of the group was punted to the Council of University Presidents where there was an agreement for Provost and Deans to meet periodically on the many recommendations of the group to assure that momentum is not dissipated. The Governor, at a subsequent press conference, announced that as the result of the work of the group, the PED or HED will develop a ranking of Colleges of Education to be based in part on the performance of the graduates of each college in the early years of their career.
- NMSU hosted the Legislative Finance Committee for two days of hearings on higher education and a host of other opportunities. Specifically, I:
 - Welcomed this rather large committee with a summary of the changing face of NMSU with construction of the Domenici Building and Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, the remodeling of the Coca Cola Athletic Center and baseball field, as well as the planned Heritage Farm and Fulton Center developments.
 - Testified on the anticipated changes in the NMSU College of Education, to include the prospects of their increasing admission standards and the addition of a five year program for those who major in other disciplines. The LFC was also interested in our commitment to both administrative and teacher preparation programs, to include applying for grants that were authorized in the last session. We are participating in both and joining UNM in the administrative turnaround project proposal.
 - Reviewed the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, discussed the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and indicated how we use the plan to manage NMSU. In addition, I presented our process of assessing infrastructure/replacement and renewal projects and suggested our focus on capital outlay in the near term will be in fixing up or remodeling what we have.

- Hosted a very nice dinner at the Bobbie Lee Lawrence Wine Academy for the members and guests. They all were very appreciative of the NMSU hospitality.
- Kathy Carruthers, Cheryl Harrelson and I entertained Larry and Diane Allen (Allen Theatres) to thank them for their support of NMSU programs.
- Dan Howard, Sharon Jones, Ricardo Rel and I attended the Council of University Presidents retreat at Tamaya Resort. The Council endorsed the following opportunities as priorities for the upcoming legislative session:
 - Increasing compensation for faculty and staff members,
 - Appropriation of a \$20,000,000 fund for infrastructure replacement and renewal,
 - Appropriation of a \$20,000,000 fund for 1:1 matching with private funding for scholarship endowments and for endowed chairs/professorships,
 - Modifying the laws requiring reporting of lost, stolen, and/or disposed property to a much higher value threshold so we will not have to report rather small valued property to the Regents,
 - Use the funding formula developed by higher education and used by the legislature for the last session as the starting point of any discussions of a “new funding formula”.
(FYI – revenues projections for the coming year are already 3-4% over forecast due to higher energy prices and greater production of oil.)
- I attended a very nice Alumni gathering at the home of Jim and Bryn Wetherbe in Albuquerque. Probably 50 folks in attendance to network and to hear from Coach Marvin Menzies and myself. The Coach always gives a great presentation. Jim and Bryn are the donors for the Spiritual Center and are always “there for NMSU”.
- At the request of the Chase Foundation, I spoke the new class of Chase Scholars – all freshly minted graduates of Artesia High School on their way to any college they wish to attend. Several will be attending NMSU. I spoke to them about my observations regarding leadership. Their dinner speaker was T. Boone Pickens who at 86 is as sharp as a tack. NMSU has received the highest level of support from the Chase Foundation of all the participating universities.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- I attended the Council of University Presidents meeting, along with President Carruthers, in Albuquerque NM early in the week. Among the issues discussed were: formula funding; the lottery scholarship; the Performance Effectiveness Report; potential capital outlay changes; GO bonds; the Nursing Education Consortium; and, initiatives to emerge from the New Mexico Higher Education Workgroup on Teacher Preparation. At the end of the meeting, I was charged with bringing together the provosts of comprehensive and research universities to discuss the future of the New Mexico Higher Education Workgroup.

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- After the CUP meeting, I traveled to Ruidoso to attend the final few hours of the annual meeting of the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment Association. The teams from New Mexico State University were charged with developing plans for the implementation of the Quality Initiative within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, and the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. The teams developed detailed timetables for assessing where writing in the discipline currently occurs in degree programs, the impact of this training on the quality of student writing, plans for improving the training of students with regard to writing within the discipline, and assessment of whether these plans have worked. The Quality Initiative will be a major focus of NMSU over the course of the next several years, and I am grateful to the NMSU faculty and administrators who were willing to spend several days determining how best to implement the initiative within their colleges, including: Dean Christa Slaton, Associate Dean Ken Van Winkle, Dr. William Quintana, Dr. Barry Thatcher, Dr. Rick Adkisson, Dr. Mike McGonigle, Dr. Kathryn Stoner, Dr. Esther Devall, Dr. Joan Erben, Dr. Beth Humphreys, Dr. Gene Romero, and Mr. Brian Johnson. Special thanks to Shelly Stovall, David Trafimow, Lindsay Ruckel, and Yogesh Raut in the Office of Assessment for being instrumental in organizing the meeting.


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

Animal and Range Sciences

- Conducted a training class for the soldiers of Charlie Company 410th Civil Affairs Battalion. The soldiers were trained in basic animal health, grazing and anatomy to prepare them for deployment into Central and South America. Dr. Dennis Hallford, Regents Professor; Dr. Tim Ross, Department Head; Dr. Andres Cibils, Professor; Dr. Raed Halalsheh, staff; and Whit Stewart, Ph.D. Candidate conducted the training.
- The annual Neumann Graduate Student competition was held June 12, 2014 in the Animal and Range Science Department. Eight students competed in a scientific paper presentation competition. This was the 30th year of the competition and is supported by a gift from Dr. A.L. Neumann, a former department head. The competition prepares students to present their research at professional meetings during the summer. First place was Kendall Samuelson, Ph.D. student in Dr. Clint Loest's lab, and second place was Megan Coleson, a M.S. student from Dr. Ross' lab.
- The 2014 Training Program for Navajo Nation Grazing Officials took place on June 18-19 in Tsaile, Arizona. Dr. John Wenzel covered cattle health and beef cattle quality assurance certification for the attendees. He conducted hands-on training in cattle vaccination. Dr. Andrea Harwell, DVM, conducted lectures and hands-on activities with equine health. Dr. Tim Ross conducted hands-on training in sheep health and evaluation followed by lectures that included sheep health, nutrition and a sheep management calendar. This training enables the grazing officials to work with their area livestock producers to improve livestock production management.

Plant and Environmental Sciences

- Dr. William Lindemann spent a month at the Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, where he taught classes and collaborated on soils research projects. Dr. Lindemann was invited by Dr. Guodong Han, Dean of the College of Ecology and Environmental



Science, to focus on soils of the grassland region on the Mongolian steppe. Dr. Lindemann participated with faculty research at two research sites and accompanied classes on three day-long field trips to describe soils at steppe, forest, and agronomic locations. This collaboration continues a long-term relationship with NMSU and the Agricultural Research Service of the USDA. A student exchange at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is in the planning stage.

Hidalgo County Extension Agent John Allen

- Working in conjunction with the organizations SPIRIT of Hidalgo, and Hidalgo Medical Services, hosted a dedication ceremony for the Public Service of New Mexico (PNM) Demonstration Garden area at the Hidalgo County Fairgrounds. With the help of a grant, the program has grown into an area that can enable people attending classes to be able to provide food for their families, the farmers markets, and local food pantries. An Open House featured insect demonstrations by Carol Sutherland, State Entomologist, video interviews by Emily Kelly, NMSU Communications Specialist, and tours of the garden. The ceremony detailed the 100 year history of Cooperative Extension, the two year history of the Hidalgo County Food Coalition, and PNM's role in the communities they serve. Sixty people attended, including Cynthia Hull, from Senator Heinrich's office, Emily Goykovich, from South West New Mexico Council of Governments, Darr Shannon, Hidalgo County Commissioner, and Jeannie Palacios, City of Lordsburg Clerk. There also were representatives from the media, chamber of commerce, schools, youth groups, food pantries, business, farmer's market vendors, and growers.

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

No Activity to Report

Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- Bruce Huhmann, director of the Daniels Ethics grant at NMSU, and Kathy Brook attended the spring meeting of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Consortium in Laramie, WY on June 19-20. In addition to NMSU, members of the consortium are UNM, University of Utah, University of Wyoming, Colorado State, University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, University of Denver, and University of Northern Colorado. Presentations included an ethics case taught by a faculty member at UCCS involving the killing of a Tibetan nun by Chinese border guards witnessed by mountain climbers training to climb Mt. Everest and a presentation on a course taught at Utah, Foundations of Business Thought.
- The College had a potluck lunch on June 18 in recognition of Liz Ellis' service during the past year as interim academic associate dean and of her official move to the position of university general counsel on June 20. Liz will be much missed in the College, having contributed significantly as a dedicated faculty member (who taught our introductory business course and UNIV 150 in addition to business law courses) and as an outstanding department head and interim associate dean. She especially excelled in promoting the college during Aggie Experience sessions where she could speak from the vantage point of a proud alumna of the college. She will no doubt continue to promote the interests of the university in her new job and we wish her all the best.



Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

James O'Donnell, Associate Dean

- Constructed the budget for the NM Prep grant
- Met with member of Green Dot Charter Schools to discuss recruitment of CoEd's teacher education graduates

Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance & BoCES

- Started preparing for a large Department of Justice grant with Pauline Staski - if funded it will be a collaborative effort with the Ruidoso Public Schools. They will be implementing alternatives to suspension and our role will be to provide research and evaluation support.
- Continued assisting with preparations for the FUN! Youth Leadership Conference that will be held on June 27 and 28. It will be the first conference of its kind in the area. The purpose is to engage youth in expressing what issues are important to them and possible solutions from their perspectives.
- Responded to a number of calls from representatives from community based organizations in response to the article published in the Sun News on June 18. I will be meeting with representatives from two organizations to explore collaborative possibilities.

Advancement Team

- Website Updates for Giving - Met with Dr. Villa – we discussed all pages related to “giving” and scholarships. Adelina will update a few things under events and Alumni. Dr. Villa will create a banner for the STARS – Renfrow Project. Kelley Coffeen will write a message for the giving homepage and contact information will be updated. Ashley will also make scholarship pages more user friendly, and update the Board of Advocate page.
- Stewardship -Met with two donors this week. One a scholarship donor, Maria Garcia and also with J. Paul Taylor a longtime supporter of the college and Board of Advocate member.
- Met with Foundation officials - Gathered information and knowledge on 1888 society, NMSU Pioneers, from Robert Peterson. We also met with Nigel Holman on what support the Foundation office has for development officers in the college.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

Chemical Engineering: Two years accident free

- The NMSU Chemical and Materials Engineering Department recently marked the two-year anniversary since the last safety incident. The chemical industry would quantify this event with the number of total man-hours worked during the period. A quick estimation is 481,520 accident-free man-hours in the NMSU chemical engineering research laboratories. Student involvement in monthly safety meetings and efforts to prepare a valid experimental safety plan have greatly contributed to this success.

Putnam to represent Chemical Engineering at Domenici Conference

- Chemical engineering student Vanessa Putnam will represent the department as a Domenici Student Panelist at the 2014 Domenici Public Policy Conference, September 17-18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Peter Dailey established the standard of performance for this role last year.



Joshua Gomez performs research, design and training to provide Palomas residents with cleaner water

- Puerto Palomas, Chihuahua, Mexico is a small town of a population just under 5,000 located just south of Columbus, New Mexico. The water supplies of both Palomas and Columbus are drawn from the same aquifer, and therefore have similar high levels of arsenic and fluoride contamination that could be toxic to people who drink it over a long period of time. Working under the direction of Shuguang Deng, professor of chemical engineering, NMSU sophomore Joshua Gomez employed a combination of low cost filter that reduces arsenic and fluoride concentrations in the water to below EPA permissible limits. The filter design uses activated alumina, activated carbon, and PVC piping (easily obtained at the local hardware store).
- Several workshops held to educate residents, teachers, students, and local officials in Palomas about water quality, health risks, and how the filter will improve the water quality. The workshops included demonstrations of construction of the filter.

Chemical engineering hosts researcher Maria Olguin

- The Chemical Engineering Department will host María Teresa Olguín Gutiérrez, 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 laboratories. Olguin has provided background about herself at <http://chme.nmsu.edu/chme-hosts-research-of-dr-maria-olguin/>.

Dean Sullivan completes Leadership New Mexico program

- Associate Dean Patricia Sullivan concluded the year-long Leadership New Mexico Core program during the last session held June 11-13 in Taos, NM. Leadership New Mexico was founded in 1995 to identify current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico, enhance their leadership skills and deepen their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing our state. Leadership New Mexico is dedicated to the development of informed leaders that understand issues, define problems, develop solutions and achieve positions of higher responsibility in New Mexico.

Robotics camps flourish


- The Engineering New Mexico Resource Network held two beginning robotics camps at the NMSU Albuquerque Center June 2-7. More than 40 students participated in the three-day camps where students learned the use of basic hand-tools, programming skills, and engineering design concepts. The camps will continue throughout the summer in locations across the state.

Summer pre-engineering camp serves 150 plus

- The Engineering New Mexico Resource Network completed two sessions of Pre-Freshman Engineering Programs (PREP) 1 and 2 summer programs. With funding from the Wolslager Foundation, Intel, Las Cruces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School District, students were exposed to project-based learning that included 3D printing, aerospace, rocketry, and programming. More than 150 students participated in the program.

Engineering participates in “Making Academic Change Happen”

- The College of Engineering and the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation co-sponsored a team of seven faculty and staff, including Dean Ricardo Jacquez, to



attend the “Making Academic Change Happen” workshop in Indianapolis, Ind. The workshop, offered for the third time by an interdisciplinary team from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, provides tools, processes and materials to assist individuals and teams with the development and implementation of change projects from the classroom to the institutional level. The College of Engineering team focused on the implementation of the Engineering Freshman Year Experience program, a scale-up of the Integrated Learning Communities project previously implemented with approximately 25 percent of incoming freshman from 2007-2013.

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

No Activity to Report

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

- Over 45 guests and the Honorable J.P. Taylor and family participated in a renaming celebration for the Durango Microfilm Project to honor Mrs. Mary Daniels Taylor, who saw the need to preserve these historical documents and whose vision and passion made it possible. This collection will now be the Mary Daniels Taylor Durango Microfilm Collection.
- NMSU Library was recently informed that it has been awarded to support a newspaper preservation project of over \$18,000 from the Center for Research Library-LAMP Project to microfilm back issues of El Diario, Juarez.
- NMSU Library hosted the McKee Foundation Board meeting. The McKee Foundation generously supports library materials purchases which support the College of Engineering every year. This year NMSU Library was funded to purchase for an e-book collection of engineering titles.
- David De Witt, a longtime friend and supporter of NMSU Library, has just published and released his latest book, Precious Cargo: How foods from the Americas changed the world. Berkeley, California: COUNTERPOINT. NMSU Library staff are mentioned in David’s acknowledgement for the help and assistance they provided him in this project. We look forward to many more collaborations with David, a truly creative and well respected author and lover of books.

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

- The Office of Education Abroad is proud to announce six new recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship of study abroad programs for U.S. undergraduate students. We congratulate the following students: Anais Gomez (South Korea), Maia Porras (Spain), Desiree Gomez (Japan), Rebecca Urquidi (Morocco), Christina Solaequi (Korea), Maya

Guillen (France). For more about these wonderful students visit this link:

<http://ibp.nmsu.edu/nmsu-boasts-six-gilman-recipients/>

- 53 students arrived from Bogota, Colombia for a four week intensive English program. This is a special project with NMSU's partner, Universidad de La Salle.
- The first "CELP Summer Academy" began. This new enrichment program serves all individuals studying intensive English at NMSU. It's a combination of tutoring, daily study labs, evening activities (yoga, games, pool parties, cultural events), and social programs. The program will culminate in an Olympic style team-building exercise in the second week of July.
- The Confucius Institute reports that Co-Director Ken Hammond and Provost Dan Howard have concluded a series of productive meetings in Beijing and Shijiazhuang, China which should lead to several beneficial exchanges between NMSU and Hebei Normal University, Hebei Agricultural University, and the National Agricultural University. More details to come upon their return to campus Monday, June 16.
- The Confucius Institute took delivery of some 2,000 textbooks to use in classrooms next year, provided by the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban).
- Dr. Hugo Vilchis completed a special academic writing workshop for 25 faculty from Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez. The course was very well received and further spin-off courses are expected.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry



Gerald Thomas Hall Student Retail Store – FS Project Development and Engineering (PD&E) with Project Manager Orasa Vaught has completed the construction project for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' new Student Retail Store in Gerald Thomas Hall. *"We are thrilled with the appearance of our new Student Retail Store. We greatly appreciated*

the design and construction teams, but the overall service of the Facilities and Services group in making this store a reality has been awesome," said Jim Libbin, Associate Dean/Director of Academic Program in the college. This new store will offer student made foods; fresh meats, cheese, gelato, sorbet, brownies and cornbread mixes. There also will be cut flowers and vegetables grown by horticulture students, NMSU grown pecans and more. The store will open in August 2014.

- **Information Communication and Technologies (ICT) Revamps Web Site** – ICT has released its completely redesigned website. The new Wordpress-based website has an updated, unified look and feel. It was designed to provide easy navigation to the many information technology services offered by ICT and to the various ICT department pages. Thanks to Laura Padilla-Zepeda for her work on the site and the many ICT staff members who provided direction and testing resources.
- **New Mexico State University (NMSU) Auxiliary Services welcomes new Assistant Vice President** – NMSU Auxiliary Services welcomes Ermelinda Quintela as the new Assistant Vice President as of August 1, 2014. We look forward to having

her take over the helm on August 1, 2014 with her talents, experience, and abundant enthusiasm for all of NMSU.

- **Phase 1 Hazardous Waste Project Complete** – Over the last four months FS Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) teamed up with the Chemistry & Biochemistry Department to clean out old legacy, expired and unwanted hazardous chemicals and samples that had been stored in department laboratories and chemical storage areas. Phase 1 of the clean out was completed when over 2,000 labeled chemical containers were bulked into 46 waste drums (2400 lbs) and shipped off campus for final disposal.



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

No Activity to Report

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

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- This week's calling campaign targeted the 400 students who are scheduled to be on campus for New Student Registration June 21 and 22. Our campus visits are now including high school sophomores and juniors who are starting their college search process. We welcomed visitors from Taos, Albuquerque, and El Paso to campus this week.
- Admissions staff visited Central New Mexico Community College to meet with students interested in transferring to a research university.
- Delia De Leon and Minerva Galaz, Associate Directors, participated in training with the CAMP program about our admission requirements and procedures.

University Registrar

- University Catalogs is proud to announce the launch of the new 2014–2015 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs, available online at catalog.nmsu.edu. We completed over 11,000 changes to the catalogs, including department name changes, program revisions, and policy updates. Additionally, over 1,600 course changes and additions were made in Banner and are reflected in the new catalogs. We adopted a new Catalog Management System, which will make the catalog more accurate and user friendly.
- As data custodians for all student records at the Las Cruces and all Community Colleges, the Vault section of the Registrar's Office maintains the working paper files for all students admitted and enrolled at NMSU. To create space for incoming students, Vault staff purged a total of 15,778 out of 35,750 academic records. This purge will create space for the 2,662 files for students were admitted and enrolled for Spring 2014, in addition to Summer and Fall 2014 records.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- This summer, TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) participants are using an online adaptive learning platform to prepare for college mathematics courses and to improve

their math proficiency. This summer pilot program is designed to continually assess a participant's knowledge and to create an individualized learning map. Participants will also work with an academic coach, who assesses daily progress and offers support. The TRiO SSS program is working with the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Career Education Corporation on this project.

- Dr. Tony Marin attended the Daniels Scholar Success Program forum on Saturday, June 14 at the University of Denver. Since the 2002–03 academic year, New Mexico State University has enrolled 88 Daniels Fund Scholars; 28 new scholars will be attend the 2014–15 academic year. The Daniels Scholar Success Program is a comprehensive scholarship program that helps students build successful lives. The program seeks students who stand out for their character, leadership, and service.
- Dr. Terry Cook, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement, was invited to speak on mentoring at the 2014 Chase Foundation New Scholar Orientation held June 18 in Artesia, New Mexico. The Chase Foundation funds students from Artesia High School with a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

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

- Laura Gutiérrez Spencer gave the speech for the graduation of the J. Paul Taylor Aztec Youth Academy.
- On Thursday, June 12, 2014, Justin McHorse gave a presentation to students participating in the Indian Resource Development Program's DreamMakers summer program. Twenty-seven 5th through 8th grade students from the Hopi Tribe, Jemez Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute, and Zuni Pueblo attended the presentation. Justin's presentation encouraged students to focus on their studies and take advantage of all educational opportunities to prepare for their pursuit of a higher education.



President Carruthers, a featured speaker at the Chase Orientation, and Kaylene Womack, an NMSU Early Childhood Education senior student who serves as a mentor for incoming first-year students


Staff Highlights

- Michelle Adames, Associate Director of the Student Success Center, successfully defended her dissertation as part of her doctoral work in the Special Education & Communication Disorders Department. Michelle Adames also earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from NMSU.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

New Mexico Small Business Assistance Information Session

- Thursday, Arrowhead Center hosted an informational session presented by representatives of the New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA) program at Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. With more than 40 attendees, the speakers highlighted what the program has to offer for-profit small businesses in New Mexico. Particular emphasis was placed on how experts from Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories can be utilized to help small business owners gain knowledge and solve challenges utilizing the labs' cutting-edge technologies. Assistance is provided in the form of lab staff hours valued



at up to \$20,000 per calendar year for businesses located in rural counties and \$10,000 for businesses located in an urban county (Bernalillo County).

Studio G's New Website

- Studio G launched its new website: studiog.nmsu.edu. The Studio G process has been refined to incorporate a new curriculum based on MIT's Disciplined Entrepreneurship model. The curriculum consists of 24 steps the student entrepreneurs work through with help from Arrowhead Center's Technology Commercialization Associates (TCAs) and mentorship from Arrowhead's Enterprise Advisors. Studio G is available to NMSU students and alumni. For those interested in starting or expanding a business, please submit an application on our website: <http://studiog.nmsu.edu/apply/>

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

No Activity to Report

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

- A planned gift of \$31,743, cultivated by the Gift Planning Director and AVP, was realized this week for benefit of the College of Engineering.
- Retirement celebration held on June 13, 2013 in honor of Dr. John Mexal from Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences added over \$2,500 in donations to both of his scholarships.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- Dr. Boston and Fred Heinrich traveled to Gallup, NM to participate in the Great Aggie Shootout fundraiser sponsored by NMSU alum George Kozeliski and wife Joyce. The event took place Saturday morning. Proceeds from this event go towards the McKinley County Centennial Scholarships through NMSU Foundation and Aggie Athletic Club. Fred turned out to be a pretty good shooter making it to the finals of the competition.
- Dr. Boston traveled to Albuquerque and participated in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl annual golf outing where he played with a number of NMSU alums. The primary objective was to share our interest in playing in the bowl game if we become eligible with a 6 win season.
- The 2014 NM State football poster was released and the public reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. The poster is shaped like the state of New Mexico and is tagged with the line, "This Is Our State." Posters are available at the Fulton Athletic Center, Pan American Ticket Office and over 120 campus and community locations (with many more to come). Total distribution will be 15,000 posters.



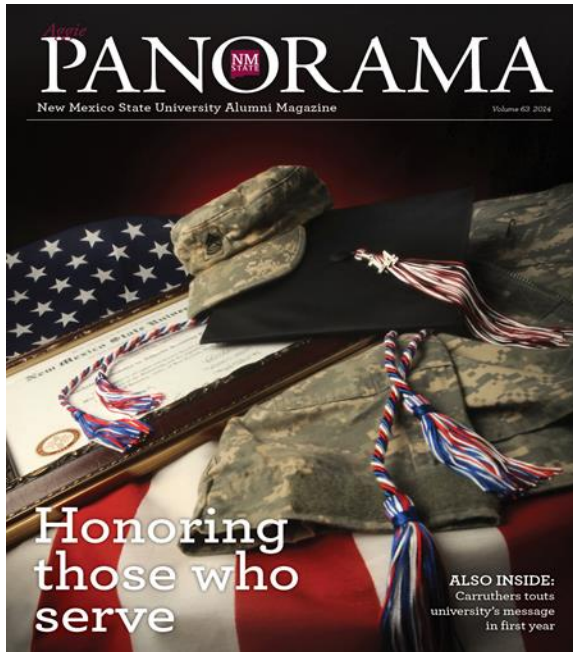
- The football coaching staff held a FREE kids clinic on Saturday, June 14 from 10AM-Noon. Each kid in the camp received a free backpack, the new football poster and ticket information. This community outreach event gave each of the kids and their parents a chance to meet the players and coaches, as well as learn more about the special \$5 youth ticket this season.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week’s Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News profiled the NMSU Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education (PACE) team and the mobile transportation device it designed. In July, the team of engineering students will travel to Turin, Italy, having earned a spot in a global collaboration project involving institutions in 11 countries. The team designed and fabricated a mobile device for individual transportation within urban settings and will compete against their peers in the Portable Assisted Mobile Device vehicle competition.
- This week’s Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted the summer professional learning series of the Mathematically Connected Communities (MC2) project. NMSU’s College of Education and Department of Mathematical Sciences hosted a weeklong math lab for the first time on campus in Las Cruces. The camp consisted of about 60 students. While the campers work on math projects, public school teachers observe both the students and teacher-leader facilitators in a real-life setting to consider strategies needed to teach diverse learners in their own classrooms.
- KRWG FM and TV received official Certificates of Compliance from the New Mexico Broadcasters Association confirming our FCC Public Files are in full

compliance. The notices will exempt the stations from unannounced Commission inspections, and fines, for three years.

- The latest edition of the alumni magazine, Aggie Panorama, hit alumni mailboxes this week. Highlights of the issue include a feature on the university's programs to serve our veteran students and a summary of President Carruthers' first year.




Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

No Major Activities to Report

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

- This week I had the honor of accompanying NMSU President Carruthers and Sharon Jones on a visit with Max and Pat Evans. Max is a world renowned author and a pretty good artist who I have the pleasure of presenting the "Rounders" award with each year.
- I also attended and toured the La Semilla community farm and participated in their ribbon cutting ceremony for their new solar electric system. This farm continues to provide fresh vegetables to schools and opportunities to educate our youth about agriculture.
- NMDA hosted the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission meeting. This is a governor appointed board who establishes policy direction for soil and water conservation districts across New Mexico. NMDA provides staff support for the commission and coordinates programs at each of the 47 districts in the state.
- NMDA Pesticides Compliance Section conducted a pesticide product disposal service for pesticide applicators, dealers, farmers and ranchers on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Disposal was free and meant to collect any old, unwanted,



outdated, cancelled or inactive pesticide products to ensure safe disposal. It was held across from Crop Production Services in Vado, NM off of highway 478. NMDA worked with Advance Environmental Solutions to collect and properly dispose of approximately 23,000 pounds of pesticide products. There was over 40 participants that attended and some of the individuals traveled as far as Albuquerque and even Tucumcari to participate in this disposal.

- NMDA coordinated with the Navajo Department of Agriculture (including extension service), McKinley County Emergency Management Officials and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) regarding any unmet needs and/or issues as a result of the Assayi Lake Wildfire on the AZ/NM state line in the Navajo Nation land. Staff visited the shelters on the New Mexico side of the state line and helped to connect one of the shelters with non-government organizations for some animal feed. Hay was also available for sale from the Navajo Agricultural Production Industries (NAPI) and appeared to be in good quality. The fire has ruined 1000's of acres of grazing land in an already drought stricken part of the state, however it was stated that with the light to non-existent winds in the area they should make good progress on containment of the fire.