



New Mexico State University Weekly Activity Report

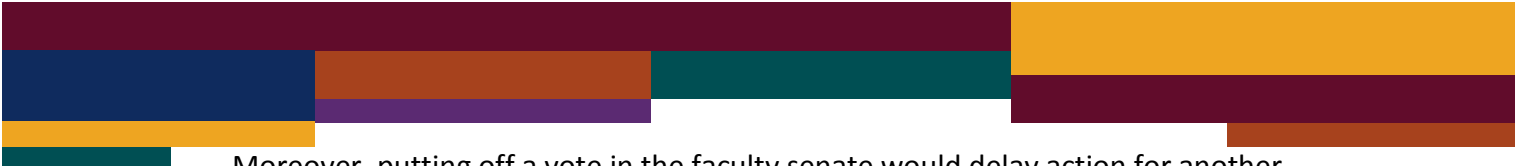
April 28 – May 2, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- I participated in the Employee Council sponsored Service Awards ceremony. Excellence attendance until the fire alarm went off and we lost some of the crowd. I greatly appreciate those folks who have served for 5 to 40 years who were recognized during the ceremony. We are a “caring community transforming lives through discovery” because our caring community has so many great dedicated and long serving employees. The Employee Council is to be commended for putting on such a great event.
- I attended the HRTM “All things New Mexico” dinner which reminds me of how much New Mexico has to offer in the way of food and drink. Chef Zeck and students continue to outdo themselves!
- I attended the NMSU Foundation Board meeting in Santa Fe. It was Vice President of University Advancement Cheryl Harrelson’s first meeting (second day on the job) with the Board. I participated on a panel with John Cordova, incoming President of the Board, and Cheryl as we discussed our vision for the Foundation and development. The Foundation announced that they would soon launch a \$125,000,000 comprehensive campaign. Members of the Board committed \$105,000 for a variety of causes while we were in the meeting.
- I spoke to the Sandra and Denton Holmes Scholarship fund raiser at the Golf Club House. Denton now sponsors this event in memory of his wife Sandra who was a nurse. All funds raised go to nursing scholarships.
- Have a great finals week.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- On Monday, April 28, Faculty Senate Chair Dennis Clason, Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Deputy Provost Greg Fant and I met with the Hispanic Faculty and Staff Caucus to discuss proposed changes in admissions standards at NMSU. I opened the meeting by describing the proposed changes and the factors that motivated the President and me to seek the changes. Members of the caucus noted that they too wanted to see a greater number of students attain an NMSU degree, but they were concerned about the Guaranteed Pathway plan. Several members of the caucus raised the issue of poor advising at Dona Ana Community College. Others expressed concern about the leaky pipeline to NMSU and the possibility that the proposed changes will make the pipeline even more leaky. Several people argued for a slowdown, noting that we all wanted the same thing and by slowing down we could work together on the issue of student success. I argued that the change in policy would not take effect for another two years, giving us time to work together.



Moreover, putting off a vote in the faculty senate would delay action for another year, meaning that no meaningful change would occur for three years. Faculty Senate Chair, Dennis Clason, noted that the Faculty Affairs Committee had recommended a “do pass” to the faculty senate and delaying the vote would be difficult. In the end, I pledged to work with the caucus on the issue of improving student success at NMSU, regardless of the outcome of the vote in the faculty senate.

- On Tuesday, April 29, Bobbie Derlin, Renay Scott, and I met with two members of the Higher Learning Commission site visit team to discuss accreditation issues at DACC. It was a good meeting with a frank discussion of a number of issues, ranging from the loss of accreditation of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program, to shared governance, to the role of the DACC Advisory Board in the governance of the institution. I appreciated the thoughtful questions posed by the team and their clear interest in better understanding the college.
- Vimal Chaitanya and I met with a group of faculty from the College of Health and Human Services on April 30, 2014 to discuss strategic research opportunities in the college. Among the strategic opportunities identified were: health disparities, obesity, gerontology, and patient centered care.
- The Research Process Task Force had its last meeting of the semester on May 1, 2014. At the meeting, we managed to discuss the remaining issues on the list of 54 issues that have been identified as concerns of the faculty for many years. Yolanda Baca is compiling a message about the work of the Task Force that will be shared with faculty and staff sometime this summer. We also discussed the outcome of the site visit to Emory University, which has service centers similar to those now under development at NMSU. Although the shared service centers at NMSU are on a faster track than those at Emory, the visit was reassuring in that the structure of our proposed centers matches the structure of the centers at Emory.
- At another meeting to discuss strategic research opportunities, faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences identified climate change, big data sets and informatics, emerging diseases, and biofuels as important interdisciplinary research areas. The need for a state of the art, small animal facility on the NMSU campus was also noted. The lack of such a facility has begun to affect the credibility of some of the proposals being submitted by our biomedical researchers.
- At the last meeting of the Faculty Senate on May 1, the proposed admission changes were approved by a 34-11 vote. The legislation should make it to the desk of the President for approval sometime in mid-May.
- With President Carruthers, I attended the Foundation Board meeting at Santa Fe. What an impressive group of Aggies! They are no-nonsense and dedicated to NMSU and its mission. In his closing remarks, new Foundation President, John Cordova, emphasized the importance of setting a positive tone for the university. Absolutely no “loser talk” allowed. In other words, it is important to recognize that people want to back a winner and discussing the shortcomings of an institution fosters a negative attitude that works against high morale and kills fundraising.



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

- **College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences** has given the following awards to graduating students. Awards are based on academic excellence and involvement in NMSU, College and Community. They will be recognized during the Sam Steel Ceremony on Friday, May 9:


NMSU Alumni Outstanding Senior	Dean's Award of Leadership Excellence for undergrads
Lyndi Owensby	Megan Hartman-AEAB
Outstanding Student in AEAB	Melissa Redman-HRTM
Abigail Davidson	Lindsay Keller-PEVS
Outstanding Student in AXED	Lindsay Koby-PEVS
Kyra Grant	Matthew Crouse-ANRS
Outstanding Student in ANRS	Taylor Calloway-ANRS
Consuelo Gurule	Blanca Placenco-FCSC
Outstanding Student in EPPWS	Dean's Award of Excellence for Graduates
Grace Goeglein	Laura Conklin-FCSC
Outstanding Student in FCSC	Philip Lujan-EPPWS
Haley Nohl	Megan Coleson-ANRS
Outstanding Student in FWCE	Hank Hargis-AXED
Craig Townsend	Dean's Award of Academic Excellence
Outstanding Student in HRTM	Jess Leeper-AEAB
Steven Hills	Luisa Rojas-HRTM
Outstanding Student in PEVS	
Anne Meyer- Miner	
Dean's Award of Leadership Excellence	
Haley Montes-Undergraduate	
Kendal Wilson-Graduate	

- **Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service** 4-H clubs join FIRST Lego League (FLL) robotics competition where they research innovative solutions to a problem and build a LEGO autonomous robot to accomplish set tasks. FIRST-For inspiration and Recognition of Science and technology –Lego League is an international program that engages youth in playful and meaningful learning while helping them discover the fun in science and technology. Each year FLL sets a challenge on which each team will conduct research, determine a problem and create an innovative solution for the problem. This year, the challenge was titled “Nature’s Fury” and the teams studied natural disasters such as storms, fires and earthquakes. They addressed what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work and play.
- **Dr. Tracey Carrillo, Assistant Director of ACES Campus Land Operations** hosted country music artist James Wesley (“Thank a Farmer”) and his band as they toured the Fabian Garcia Science Center and the New Mexico Shrimp Company, which is an NMSU research facility demonstrating the feasibility of shrimp farming in New Mexico. One of the band members said “There is hope for US agriculture” after seeing all the innovative research being conducted by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences faculty and staff. At the 2014 Country Music

Festival concert in downtown Las Cruces, James Wesley thanked the college for the inspirational tour.




- **Lincoln County Extension Service** collaborated with Lincoln County Community Health Council during the Maze of Life event on April 23. It provided eighth grade students from Ruidoso, Carrizozo, Hondo, Capitan and Mescalero with nutrition education. The experiential maze was an interactive life-size game designed to help teens better understand the consequences of decisions. The Lincoln county Extension booth “Re-think Your Drink” discussed the health risks of consuming energy drinks and high sugar drinks such as soda and the importance of drinking water, eating a healthy diet and including physical activity daily. 250 eighth grade students attended the two day program. The Maze provided the middle school students with accurate information about teen issues in a positive forum, to encourage discussion between teens and parents and reinforce the life skills needed to handle life situations.
- **Sierra County Extension Service** organized an Ag Day Event this week. The event was centered on agriculture literacy and impacts 300 plus youth. There were over 75 volunteers helping the FFA and 4-H members with the 20 different stations. 4-H and FFA members took a leadership role in mentoring youth at the event. This helps the



4-H and FFA kids develop public speaking skills while handling many of the ag presentations relating to where their food and clothes come from. Each classroom of student were weighed-in on a large livestock scale. They were “auctioned off” by Auctioneer, Shawna Wood, to their FFA student helper for the day. They proceeded to the stations which included the following: Chamiza Cowbells - “More than a Cow”, Bullocks Grocery-varieties of apples, Kelsie’s -milk cow demonstration, Taysha’s – “How to make butter”, Krystie’s – Wheat & grinding flour, Cody’s – Cowboy cobbler (dutch oven cooking), Sierra County Farm and Livestock Bureau: butter & rolls, and branding demo, Ag in the Classroom, Game and Fish-wildlife demo, FSA, NRCS & Sierra SWCD-worm/soil demo, Caballo SWCD – “Have you Eaten any Soil Lately?”, Renee’s “Naked Egg”, parts of an egg and chick development, Also 4-H and FFA youth did presentations on sheep, goats, miniature horses, regular horses & horse tack, and cattle. The Sierra County 4-H Council engaged youth with leadership games. Most of the stations offered some sort of “hands-on” activity so the kids could participate and learn how they can be a part of agriculture.

- **The Student Association of Fashion Merchandising and Marketing (SAFMM)** held a fashion show in the art gallery in Williams Hall on Saturday, April 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. The students showcased the clothing they had made in the beginning clothing construction, advanced clothing construction, and flat pattern-making classes. Over 100 people attended. Dr. Melinda Chavez and Mrs. Christine Ashby from the Family and Consumer Sciences Department worked with the students to coordinate the show.
- **Josh Franco and Ernesto Carranza, seniors in Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion Merchandising** Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, held a showing of their clothing lines on Friday, April 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Gerald Thomas Hall. Each student had designed and made 15 original items of clothing. Over 50 people attended the fashion show. Dr. Roselyn Smitley worked with the students to coordinate the show.
- **New Mexico State University’s Rodeo:** The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association results this week show NMSU Men’s Rodeo Team as number 1! The Grand Canyon Region Standings also rated the NMSU Men’s Rodeo Team number 1.
- **Hidalgo County Cooperative Extension Windbreak Program:** In an effort to help local homeowners protect their property from strong winds the Hidalgo County Cooperative Extension Office, John Allen, established a windbreak seedling program. Over the course of the last week a newspaper article was published that highlighted the use of drought tolerant trees as windbreaks. The article covered how livestock, gardens, and homes are sheltered from winds by linear planting of resilient Arizona Cypress trees. Windbreaks not only help lower utility bills, they also help conserve soil and water both precious resources in Hidalgo County. This program provided 36 homeowners a set of 8 Arizona Cypress seedlings to plant on their property. Trees provided were planted to protect 12 homes, 18 gardens or fields, and 6 livestock enclosures. Homeowners also received a tree planting guide for successful seedling establishment as well as information on



windbreak design, location, and care. All materials were developed by the extension agent to meet Hidalgo County's challenging growing conditions.

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

- Patrick Knapp and I met with Andrea Tawney and Ammu Devastahli to discuss fundraising for Williams Hall renovation.
- Beth Pollack and I attended the first meeting of the newly formed International and Border Programs Advisory Council and heard a presentation from Cornell Menking on priorities for IBP.
- The college held a general faculty meeting and discussed faculty line allocation, faculty and staff salary increases, and scheduling of classrooms. There were several questions about the additional \$1,000,000 for new faculty lines.
- Associate Deans and I attended many student and department awards banquets and presentations during the week: (1) MARC banquet, which recognized awardees and students who will be entering doctoral programs at universities across the country, including University of California – San Diego, Vanderbilt, Arizona, and Florida; (2) Chemistry/Biochemistry Department Student Awards and Scholarship Ceremony; (3) English Department Undergraduate, Graduate, and Faculty Awards Luncheon and Ceremony. These were wonderful celebratory events that attracted several faculty and family members.
- I met with two new faculty members—Megan McQueen (Theatre Arts), Isabel Quintana (History), and Ingrid Larraoity (Music) and discussed their first year at NMSU, their research and creative activities, and their ideas for enriching the university.
- Mark Medoff introduced me to Lee Abbott, an extraordinarily successful writer who is an alumnus of our English Department and who is an inspiration for our current faculty and students.
- The provost held a luncheon meeting with several faculty from Arts and Sciences, the Vice President for Research, and me to discuss strategic research opportunities. The faculty shared a wealth of ideas and was enthusiastic about collaborating across disciplines.
- Staff from the ASRC and I attended the research rally featuring the collaborative team led by Physics Department Head Stefan Zollner, who received \$300,000 for the acquisition of a high-resolution, high-intensity X ray diffractometer and reflectometer that will be used by researchers across campus.
- I met with Astronomy Department Head Jon Holtzman to discuss an astronomy outreach proposal that would take visitors on an excursion to the observatory on Tortugas Mountain.
- Lisa Bond-Maupin and I attended the Denton Holmes Scholarship Dinner, which featured President Carruthers as the keynote speaker.
- Beth Pollack and I attended the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra at New Mexico State University's last performance of the season. It was a spectacular performance featuring guest violinist Janet Sung and music by Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Brahms.

- We held meetings with department heads on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss faculty line allocation, faculty and staff salary increases, graduate assistant allocation, distance education revenue-sharing in the college, and the college's new undergraduate research program, Discovery Scholars.
- Lisa Bond-Maupin represented the college at the annual Black Programs banquet; worked on the Council of College of Arts and Sciences survey of assistant/associate deans; held the final spring meeting with Diversity Committee; and hosted a J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium debrief luncheon.
- Jeff Brown joined Neta Fernandez, Alisha Giron, Norma Noel and Kelly Woods in a visit to Emory University's shared service center. They met with two associate vice presidents and their staff.
- Jeff Brown chaired a meeting of the ad hoc Arts and Sciences GA Allocation Criteria Committee, which suggested revisions to the formula that is a part of our allocation process and recommended other process steps. He also attended the Provost's welcome at URCAS.
- New Mexico State University's criminal justice honor society, Alpha Chi Alpha, placed in four categories and received numerous other awards at the Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference in Philadelphia. Faculty advisor Andrea Joseph was selected as Advisor of the Year and was elected for a two-year term to work with the national council. The chapter won for Theme of the Year, in large part due to their statewide symposium held in January "Child Abuse and Neglect." The symposium catered to more than 150 participants, including NMSU students, faculty and the general public. Different symposium themes are selected every year by the Alpha Phi Sigma national officers to highlight important topics. This is the second consecutive year that the NMSU chapter has won this category. For the third year in a row, an NMSU member was selected out of 241 active chapters of Alpha Phi Sigma for "Member of the Year." This award went to criminal justice graduate student Jessica Noce.
- Michael Johnson (Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$569,082 from NIH for the MARC program. Stephen Pate (Physics) received \$422,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office for experimental studies of pion and proton nucleus interactions and quark-gluon structures of nucleons and nuclei. Michele Shuster (Biology) received \$218,419 from NIH for the Science Tools in the Classroom project. Michael DeMers (Geography) received \$20,291 from the National Geographic Society for New Mexico Geographic Alliance strategic planning support. Anatoly Klypin (Astronomy) received an \$11,405 supplement from the Space Telescope Science Institute to study galaxy formations.

Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- With Steve Elias, Department Head in Management, Kathy Brook met with Charles Black of Dale Carnegie Training to discuss the work that his organization has done with staff in various units at NMSU and the potential for working with our students on professionalism skills.


- Congratulations to Larry Blank on his election as vice chair of the Faculty Senate.
- At the Teaching Academy Gala, Mike McGonigle was recognized as the most distinguished faculty member participating in the Teaching Academy having accumulated the most hours of professional development in 2014. Mike's award was accepted by his dad since Mike was traveling with a student group. In addition, Liz Ellis received the Outstanding Workshop Award for the Teaching Academy workshop rated highest by participants. The workshop covered "Daily Five-Minute Quizzes as a Key to Student Engagement and Accountability." Kudos to both for these accomplishments.
- The second of two candidates for dean of the college completed a visit with the search committee, faculty, staff and students.
- Assistant dean for development and alumni relations Anthony Casaus represented the college at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico Gala.
- The Department of Economics, Applied Statistics and International Business participated in presentations by Tom Fullerton of UTEP concerning gas prices in El Paso and by Jeff Kiely, executive director of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments to a rural development class. Jim Peach (Economics) discussed current conditions and future prospects for the national state and local economies in a presentation to the New Mexico High Tech Consortium.
- Sean Rogers (Management) delivered the keynote presentation at NMSU's 19th Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium luncheon. His topic related to paid and unpaid internships.
- Pat Gavin (Marketing) was selected by PVA of America to serve on their Accreditation and Evaluation team for the next two years.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

- Dean Morehead interviewed the three candidates for the advancement position. All three were excellent candidates and have specific strengths that could be very beneficial to the college. Dr. Morehead attended the Foundation Board meeting and presented to the board about the college. The focus of the presentation discussed the faculty, students and graduate successes during the past two years. Information shared included the number of Fulbright scholars, the extensive outreach to the state and the initiatives involving community agencies that serve children and families. Dean Morehead also reviewed candidates for NGage NM, and provided input on the finalist for the director position. The final candidate for the dean of the College of Business was on campus, and Dr. Morehead provided feedback on the candidates to the Provost. Dean Morehead met with two donors and discussed future support for the college. Dr. Morehead communicated with NMSU and UNM faculty about the two grants that the PED is proposing for leadership and teacher preparation changes.

Jim O'Donnell, Associate Dean

- Dr. O'Donnell attended the dean's weekly Monday meeting to discuss college issues and the weekly plans. He then attended the ADAC meeting, and also attended the



University Curriculum meeting to review CAFs. He then met with search candidates and attended the forums for the search candidates for the CoEd's development officer. This week Dr. O'Donnell also worked on several reports for the state and federal reporting services and submitted the Title 2 report, and met with the dean, associate dean for research to discuss the PED's new rfp coming out in early May. He attended the CoEd's Graduation Reception for graduating students, and met with the OTCF to address TEP issues for the fall and its relation to CAEP accreditation. He also planned lessons for his weekly teaching seminar, and visited and observed students at the elementary school where the students are located. On Friday, he met with the Director of Elementary Education and the Department Head to discuss the transition to the field-based clinical educator model. .

Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Dean for Research


- The Associate Dean for Research and Outreach attended meetings at UNM to discuss the future of prescribing psychology and potential partnerships. He also met with residents at La Clinica de Familia to discuss their experiences and improving the program, and worked with the Arrowhead Center on business plans for the new Early College High School health programs. Dr. Schwartz worked on four student dissertations, and wrote a plan with two departments for tuition sharing programs. He then met regarding the turn-around school initiatives, and attended a meeting regarding the RPSP for the Alliance funding.

Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance & BoCES

- This week the Alliance hosted a group of educators from the Pecos Valley Regional Educational Cooperative and two public school districts in the eastern part of the state (Dexter and Loving). Four College of Education faculty members facilitated a needs assessment and visioning session with the educators. They also prepared for the monthly Alliance Internal Advisory Committee meeting, discussed ideas for the upcoming Research and Public Service Program grant cycle, and solidified the budget and plans for Alliance staffing for FY15. Progress was made on the inventory of outreach occurring in the College of Education and on the annual needs assessment with superintendents. A federal grant opportunity was explored with Judy McShannon and Alicia Salazar and BoCES was recognized at the Camino Real Middle School annual awards ceremony.


Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- Stefan Zollner, Edwin Fohitung and Heinz Nakotte from the Department of Physics and Hongmei Luo and Shuguang Deng from the Chemical Engineering Department were recognized with a research rally for their award from the Army Research Office to acquire a high-resolution, high-power x-ray diffractometer.
- The Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society chapter initiated eight new members on May 1. The new initiates are: Shannon Elyse Creegan, Daniel Delgado Camacho, Frederick Nicholas Earnest, Maria Milagros Figueroa, Ember Dawn Krech, Caitlynn Ann Roy, Keith Salais and Jaime Marie Velasquez.

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- Alla Kammerdiner, assistant professor of industrial engineering, has been awarded two separate summer fellow opportunities from the Office of Naval Research and the Air Force Research Laboratory. Her area of research is applications of probability and statistics for modeling big data problems such as data streams from sensors.
 - Chemical Engineering Professor Shuguang Deng was been awarded \$30,000 by Auxilium Green, LLC, a Pennsylvania based renewable energy company, to lead a research project entitled, "Evaluation of Adsorbents for N2O Removal from Air in a PSA Adsorption Process." Deng's research group will carry out adsorption isotherms and breakthrough experiments to evaluate the adsorbent properties for N2O removal from air in a temperature swing adsorption process. Three adsorbent candidates 13X, 5A and CaLSX from CWK will be obtained and shipped to New Mexico State University for evaluations.

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

- Michaela Hulder, a senior majoring in community health, was a second place recipient of the New Mexico State University Roberts Memorial Student Awards for 2014. This marks the 35th year these awards have been given to NMSU students who have "made the greatest contribution toward enhancing the university's quality of life." George and the late Bernice Roberts of Las Cruces, NM established the endowment for the awards in memory of their sons, Stephen W. and Robert Roberts, who were killed in an automobile accident on July 8, 1978. Stephen graduated from NMSU in 1974, and Robert was enrolled at the university at the time of the accident.
- Michael Torres, a senior majoring in nursing received the Debra Orozco Memorial Scholarship for Hispanic Students. The scholarship was established in memory of Debra Rosas Orozco, who died of cancer in 1996. While at NMSU, Orozco served as assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs and later the director of Student Development. She served as mentor to many students and helped many students develop leadership skills and become active participants in campus and community life. She also encouraged minority students to pursue degrees.
- Darlene Ortiz, Social Work, was named Spring 2014 outstanding graduate by the Alumni Association. She is currently a Crimson Scholar and a member of the Golden Key, Alpha Chi, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Alpha, Phi Kappa Pi and Student Social Work Association. In addition, she is a court appointed special advocate at Mesilla Valley CASA, where she attends court to protect children's interests. The award recognizes students who excel in overall academic performance, personal and academic ethics, professionalism, and social responsibility during their stay at NMSU.
- The college celebrated the accomplishments of faculty and staff on May 2. Awards were given to Dr. Rebecca Palacios, Public Health Science for excellence in research; Dr. Maria Gurrola, Social Work for excellence in teaching; Chuck Kozel, Public Health Science, for faculty service; and Kim Hill for staff service. Associate Provost Greg Fant



provided the assembled with a musical interlude that included an original work in honor of award recipients.

Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded \$302,000 to Regents of New Mexico State University under the direction of Louí-Vicente Reyes, Dean *ad interim*, for support of the project entitled: “Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)”. The Graduate School is proud of this award and its graduate student awardees.
- During the graduate council meeting of May 1, 2014 the Graduate School recognized Dr. Gary Rayson for his outstanding leadership and work with an award. Dr. Rayson served as Graduate Council chair for the past two years, FY 2012 – 2014, during a time when the graduate school was going through a major transition resulting from the retirement of its Dean. Dr. Rayson stepped up his leadership providing the necessary guidance to graduate council resulting in optimal advising to the graduate school’s *ad interim* dean. Thank you Dr. Rayson for your exemplary work in graduate education.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

No New Activity to Report

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- We received a \$5000 gift from a donor to support the purchase of a Tom Lea sketch.
- Held library materials budget meeting with Acquisitions Librarian and Collection Development Coordinator
- Had teleconference meeting with members of the American Library Association LLAMA-LOMS PELS Committee which are planning a program at the 2014 Annual American Library Association meeting in Las Vegas, NV in June on library assessment.
- Held meetings with two library search committee chairs to review their search committee strengths/weaknesses reports and made decisions on offers.

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

- On Tuesday, April 29, a newly reconstituted International and Border Programs Advisory Council met. The Provost issued the group’s new charge, and a draft of a new 2014-2020 Internationalization Strategic Plan was presented and discussed. A web page was established to inform the community about internationalization efforts at NMSU, including membership and activities of the advisory council, as well as international reports <http://ibp.nmsu.edu/internationalization/>

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Remembering those we lost** – FS Fire Captain Kellen Tarkington, NMSU PD Chief Stephen Lopez, and Dean of Students Michael Jasek alongside ROTC Color Guard recognized students, faculty, staff and alumni that have passed in the last twelve months. An Aggie Memorial Ceremony that was held on April 30, 2014. There were 219 Alumni and 50 students, faculty, and staff that passed in the last year.
- **ICT staffers support NMSU Service Awards** – Shawna Arroyo, manager of the Student Technology group and Chair of the Employee Council, and Julie Cadena, manager of PC Support Services and also a member of the Employee Council, were instrumental in the success of the NMSU Service Awards held on May 1st. The ICT staffers helped organize and keep the show running. Thank you Shawna and Julie.
- **FS Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)** – EH&S worked closely with a High Hazard Remediation contractor to stabilize 50 potentially explosive chemicals that were picked up from a variety of departments on campus (photo). EH&S also worked closely with this contractor to identify an additional 50 unlabeled chemicals picked up from campus laboratory operations.
- **Sodexo** – On Tuesday April 29, over 900 guests attended the Taos Restaurant “End of the Year BBQ Lunch”. During the end of the semester reception on Tuesday April 29th, Housing and Campus Life honored Sodexo with the “Friend of the Department” award. The week before finals, Taos Restaurant hosted the “Stress Buster Celebration” dinner on Thursday, May 1. This event is a favorite with its beach cruiser bicycle giveaway, and stress reducing student favorites such as full nacho, quesadilla, burger, hot dog and ice cream sundae bars.
- **Spiritual Center Groundbreaking** – FS Project Development & Engineering organized the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Spiritual Center to be constructed overlooking the largest pond on campus was held on Friday May 25th. On hand to speak at the ceremony were President Garrey Carruthers, Benefactor/Alumnus Jim Wetherbe and his wife Brynn, Rabbi Larry Karol, and Randy Curley, president of the Christian student group Walk By Faith.
- **NMSU partners with the State of New Mexico** – ICT is working closely with the New Mexico’s Department of Information Technology (DOIT) in an exchange of data center space and associated resources that will ultimately enhance both organizations’ disaster recovery capabilities. DOIT will house servers and data storage devices in NMSU’s computer center while ICT will, from the computer center in Las Cruces, operate backup servers and data storage devices located in the state’s data center in Santa Fe. The collaboration will result in cost savings and enhanced capabilities for the State of New Mexico as well as NMSU by leveraging existing



technology resource investments to the betterment of both organizations and benefit to their constituents.

- **Financial Aid Remodel** – The remodel project at the Financial Aid Entrance is nearing completion. A walkthrough was completed and inspections by the State Inspector and testing of the fire alarm system by the NMSU Fire Department have been scheduled.
- **CFTA Landscaping** –The Grounds shop completed the landscaping on the East side of the Center for the Arts. This created an area that could be used for gathering before scheduled performances or by organizations throughout the year.
- **ICT's Student Technology contributes to New Student Orientations** – Chasity McNeil, NMSU student and Student Technology team member, staffed the Student Technology information table in the first of a series of New Student Orientations at Corbett Center Student Union. Chasity welcomed students and their parents and provided them with information about the student technology services offered by ICT. Ms McNeil handed out great SWAG to our new students and gave them a jumpstart in using my.nmsu.edu and learn.nmsu.edu (Canvas). Great job Chasity!
- **NMSU's Firefighters are always on duty!** – Deputy Chief Louis Huber spent the Spring Holiday weekend with the student firefighters, drilling alongside them on a simulated fire with a rescue at Monagle Hall. 14 full-time students are employed at the Fire Department. These drills help prepare the student firefighters for emergencies as well as teach them how to work as a team.



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

Travel on Official Business

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

- Dr. Montoya recognized the academic achievements of 83 graduates from Military and Veterans Programs at the Cord Ceremony on April 29. These students set a great example of service and achievement and honor us with their attendance at NMSU.
- Dr. Montoya attended her first NMSU Foundation Board of Directors meeting this past weekend in Santa Fe. She is serving an appointment by President Carruthers as an Ex-Officio member of the Board.
- The SAEM Advisory Board met this week and gave Dr. Montoya great ideas regarding employee engagement and communications.
- On April 30, Dr. Montoya attended the NMSU Staff Service Awards to honor over 30 SAEM employees who have been with the university for 5, 10, 15, and 25 years.



Dr. Montoya with Hondo at the NMSU Alumni Ring Ceremony.

University Registrar

- Military and Veterans Programs held the first Spring Graduation Cord ceremony. Military and Veteran students can be identified at commencement by the red, white, and blue cords commemorating their service to our country.
- Jacobo Varela traveled with Dr. Gregory Fant, Deputy Provost, Dr. James Libbin, Associate Dean of ACES, and Dr. Sonya Cooper, Associate Dean in Engineering to Fort Bliss to meet with base Educational Service Officer, Mr. John Kirby. There are plans to offer courses at Ft. Bliss beginning Fall 2014.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- TRiO Student Support Services Participant and Communications major Rosa Reyes, has been selected to be a part of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's (CHCI) 2014 Summer Congressional Internship Program (CIP). She is one of 42 finalists and will intern this summer in a Washington D.C. congressional office and receive leadership training from CHCI.




Rosa Reyes will also participate in a group community service project and attend leadership sessions while in D.C.

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek

- The Office of the Dean of Students and New Mexico State University Police Department co-sponsored the Second Annual Aggie Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, April 30 to remember all students, staff, and alumni who passed away in the past year.
- ASNMSU swore in the new President of ASNMSU, Wesley Jackson, and Vice President, Jeremy Witte, as well as the new senators on May 1. Student leadership will transition between outgoing president David Maestas and the incoming president between May 1 and May 16.

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

- On April 26, Chicano Programs held the last regular session of the Generaciones Mother–Daughter Program. Dr. Alba Chavez, an NMSU alumna, spoke to the Mothers and Daughters about her origins in a small village in Mexico and her current work as a Marine Biologist.
- On April 26, the American Indian Program held its Spring Graduating Student Recognition Luncheon. Distinguished guests were Miss Native American NMSU Savannah Lee, State Representative Sandra Jeff, and Ms. Rose Graham of the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance.
- On April 28 and April 29, Justin McHorse, Director, and Michael Ray, Student Program Coordinator of the American Indian Program attended the College Board's Native American Student Advocacy Institute (NASAI) in Albuquerque. Highlights included a plenary session on Indigenous Knowledge led by Dr. Daniel Wildcat from Haskell Indian Nations University, as well as a visit by Governor Susanna Martinez.
- On April 29, Black Programs Department hosted the Eighth Annual Clara Belle Williams Graduation Ceremony. Provost Dan Howard welcomed over 140 students, and 24 students received Leadership Diversity stoles.



Did you know: System-wide, NMSU has over 600 certificate and degree programs in our STAR degree audit system. Students can run an audit that will match the classes they have taken against the classes they need to graduate in any of these programs. In 2013, over 300,000 audits were run: 193,000 by faculty and staff and nearly 128,000 by students.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

International Networking Visit


- On Friday (05.02.14), Jorge Ramos and Griselda Martinez received a group of approximately 30 visitors from Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico as part of a commercial mission visiting Las Cruces. The visit to Arrowhead provided the visitors information on the resources available at the university and how Arrowhead Center can assist in making those resources available to businesses for expansion purposes.

Entrepreneur-in-Residence Visit

- Arrowhead Center hosted its new Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Brad Gordon, for a series of meetings with staff, students, and Enterprise Advisors. Highlights included Arrowhead student end-of-semester presentations, followed by a luncheon (catered by Studio G client Jarrett Williamson's startup sushi business) and a question and answer session. Brad also met and held a discussion with Arrowhead Center's Enterprise Advisors. In addition, Brad served as a judge for the annual Innoventure competition on May 2, 2014.

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Mike Proctor, VP for Global Initiatives from University of Arizona visited Vimal Chaitanya to hold discussions with David Hanson and other faculty from ACES. In attendance was Cornell Menking, associate Provost of IRB at NMSU.
- The Energy Research Laboratory hosted a meeting of the Algal Bioenergy Project funded by the New Mexico Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Program "Energize New Mexico". Participants came from the University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, and the New Mexico Consortium (Los Alamos) to discuss inter-institutional collaboration projects and organize teams for future National Science Foundation (NSF) grant proposal submissions. The group was welcomed to NMSU by Vimal Chaitanya.
- NMSU faculty Ou Ma and Steve Stochaj, engineering students Taylor Burgett and Gerardo Martinez will be accompanying Dr. Hynes to NASA Ames Research Center to tour 4 labs, and to Planet Labs to tour their small satellite manufacturing facilities.
- Doña Ana College and Southwestern Polytechnic Institute will participate in the NASA Space Grant Community College/Technical College Program, just initiated by the NASA Education office. The aim of this program is to grow collaborations with the Community College and Technical schools in New Mexico.
- The NM WRRRI has scheduled its 59th Annual New Mexico Water Conference for November 18-19, 2014 in Santa Fe. The conference is expected to attract about 350



participants and will focus on initiatives supported by the 2014 New Mexico State Legislature including the development of a statewide water budget.

- A Statewide Water Budget Steering Committee, directed by the NM WRRRI, met and plans are underway to implement short and long term goals associated with a statewide water budget.

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

Travel to Santa Fe for Foundation Board Spring Meeting

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.


- I attended an MOIC meeting held in Orlando, FL. This is an NCAA Committee meeting which focuses on issues impacting women and minorities. The discussions at last week's meeting included national policy issues around NCAA championships and current policy that does not allow states that fly the Confederate flag (Mississippi and South Carolina) to host post-season sporting events at predetermined championship sites. The debate is focused on the outlier possibilities that would allow those states to host in a de facto possibility with higher seed teams to host which happens to be University of Mississippi or South Carolina. The NCAA rules change altered the format of the women's basketball championship which will allow South Carolina and Mississippi to host next year. The committee also debated the Native Indian mascot policy and implications for the membership.
- Very proud of our men's golf team for winning their second consecutive WAC Men's Golf Championship, seventh WAC title in nine years. Coach Mike Dirks was honored as the WAC Coach of the Year. Congratulations!

Student Development /Academic Support –James Hall, Associate AD

- The department of athletics celebrated its 2nd Annual Aggie Awards event Monday, April 28 in the Corbett Center. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) coordinated an outstanding event. Over 400 student-athletes attended the event. Athletic administration, coaches, staff and faculty members were present to acknowledge the great accomplishments of the student-athletes. The formal event was highlighted by a sit down dinner and student created videos capturing team spirit and athletic camaraderie. Student-athletes and teams were awarded top honors for highest team GPA and additional honors were given to student-athlete nominated coaches and student-athletes such as Mr. & Ms. Aggie, Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year, and community service team and individual of the year awards. Dr. James Peach was awarded most valuable professor. The culmination of the event was awarding the Joe & Van Bullock Female & Male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Aggie Athletics Club-Fred Heinrich, Associate AD

- Planning continues for Aggies in Paradise—the volunteer committee met on-site with all vendors to finalize plans—Islands are being sold, people are having fun naming the islands, tickets are being sold, auction items are being received, our




emcees are in place (they are from BravoMic Communications, which is owned by Ned Bennett)—this is shaping up to be a very nice event, as long as the weather is good, which the NMSU President’s office is in charge of!

- The AD for Development is identifying captains for an Aggie Athletic Club membership drive, which will be kicking off soon, and the Development Team is finalizing marketing materials for AAC;
- The AD for Development is meeting with Head and Assistant Coaches to identify funding priorities and develop strategies for increasing support for their individual sports;
- The AD for Development continues work on getting an acceptable proposal for recognizing Mesilla Valley Transportation (Royal Jones) for the generous gift in support of the weight training facility renovations;
- The AD for Development is attempting to raise the visibility of the athletics program by attending on-campus and off-campus events (Wetherbe Spiritual Center ground breaking, Southern NM Community Foundation gala, WAC Tennis Tournament, NMSU Rodeo, LC Country Music Festival);
- The Development Team is finalizing proposals for the suite holders and terms for the Winner’s Circle memberships;
- The AD and AD for Development are making plans for a meeting with the Athletic Director’s Cabinet, which is the highest annual giving level for athletics—the AD for Development is reaching out to those members to introduce himself and begin stewarding these supportive donors;
- The AD for Development has met and conversed with representatives of the NMSU Foundation re major gift donors/prospects for athletics to begin developing stewardship and cultivation plans, as appropriate.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week’s Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News spotlighted a team of researchers in NMSU’s Department of Civil Engineering, led by Assistant Professor Pei Xu, who are working to develop solutions to the problems related to produced water. Fracking flow-back water and produced water are the waste streams generated in oil and gas exploration and production. Produced water management is a significant challenge for the oil and gas industry.
- This week’s Sunday Feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News celebrated the success of NMSU nursing students Jena Berry and Jason Bloomer. These two NMSU nursing students are among the 73 nursing students who transferred from Dona Ana Community College in fall 2012. Berry is scheduled to graduate in December, while Bloomer is planning for an August graduation. Of the 73 DACC nursing students who transferred to NMSU in 2012, eight have graduated, 19 are graduating in May, 37 are in their seventh semester, seven are in their sixth or fifth semesters and two students withdrew for personal reasons.
- KRWG invited the New Mexico Broadcaster’s Association to inspect our Federal Communication Commission required Public File. The “inspector’s” report, which



we received this week, stated that KRWG's files set a high bar for other stations to follow. Minor suggestions are being implemented to augment the final statement to the FCC.

- NMSU's Football Videographer Alex Nederhoff received the Videographer of the Year award from the Collegiate Sports Video Association. Other schools in this category included Notre Dame, BYU, Army and Navy.
- Darrell Pehr, Director of News, attended a special field day at the Agricultural Science Center in Clovis April 22 to shoot photos and videos of the event. The field day highlighted the advantages of growing canola as an alternative to winter wheat and was geared to producers in Eastern New Mexico.
- Following a national search, KRWG named Denise Tafoya as the new Development Director. Denise was a member of the KRWG staff from 1997-2002 before starting a Mesilla business venture. She replaces Anthony Casaus who accepted a position with the College of Business.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- OGR staff participated in a meeting regarding compensation with the Legislative Finance Committee staff and other higher education representatives.

Upcoming Legislative Events:

- May 5 – Legislative Council, Santa Fe, NM
- May 7 – May 9: Legislative Finance Committee, Santa Fe, NM
 - Connecting Higher Education Budgeting and Student Performance: University of New Mexico's Experiences with Results-Oriented Budgeting and Updated Student Success Programs -- David Harris, Executive Vice President for Administration; Andrew Cullen
- June 11 – 13: Legislative Finance Committee meetings, Las Cruces, NM

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

- NMDA staff met with Department of Health Officials regarding setting up a New Mexico CART (Certified Animal Rescue Team). The program would be credentialed and managed thru their medical reserve core.
- NMDA attended and participated in a mass care quarterly meeting at the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The topic of this meeting was how to mass shelter people, production livestock and pets along with ways to better keep the populations of New Mexico better informed in a disaster.
- NMDA staff attended the quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the NM Crop Production Association. Updates were provided on: Changes proposed by EPA to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard and potential implications to agriculture; Proposed changes to the definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act and potential implications; and the status of H.R. 4432 the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2014 and what it proposes to accomplish.
- NMDA was a guest lecturer for NMSU Animal Science 220 (Animal Science Career Development) consisting of 114 students. Provided an overview of who NMDA is,

the structure and function, and potential career opportunities within the numerous job functions of the department. Both student and professional positions were discussed, including current openings, and some of the unique benefits affiliated with NMDA. Provides an educational component as well as employee recruitment.

- NMDA had its annual conference, training and awards dinner. This year's awards recipients were:
 - **Service Awards:**
 - 25 year award – David Lucero
 - 20 year award - Michael Kenney, Janet Monje, Alf Reeb
 - 15 year award - Liz Higgins, Michael King, Les Owen
 - 10 year award - Tim Darden, Cindy Mendoza
 - 5 year award – Amanda Romero, Ian Strascina
 - **NMSU Research Achievement Awards**
 - Felicia Frost, Julie Maitland, Bonnie Rabe
 - Distinguished Service Awards
 - Elaine Padilla was honored as non-exempt Employee of the Year
 - Cristina Urban was honored as exempt Employee of the Year
 - **Secretary's Legacy Award**
 - Frank DuBois
 - Bob Porter
- A special thanks to Provost Dan Howard for helping to present the awards.

