




New Mexico State University Weekly Activity Report

July 7 - 11, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- We are preparing for the upcoming Regents Strategic Planning meeting and subsequent Board meeting. The Strategic Planning session will focus only on the Vision 2020 plan, the performance metrics, and how we are implementing the plan. I will present a chart on how to access all of the unit strategic plans even though some are not complete. It is my expectation that all plans will be completed and on the website by December 31, 2014. In the next budget cycle we will be aligning our budget recommendations with all strategic plans. Thanks to all who have worked on these plans.
- As a reminder, the Presidents Academic Council recently reviewed the Vision 2020 plan and agreed it was ready for Regent approval. In addition, I will report to the Regents that the PAC is recommending that we establish priorities as follows:
 - Improve compensation for faculty and staff members,
 - Improve enrollment/retention/graduation,
 - Increase research expenditures,
 - Create new revenue streams through asset development,
 - Increase graduate student enrollment and completion, and
 - Improve efficiency of our great university.
- The announcement of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine project, to be hosted on NMSU's Arrowhead Park (across from the Early College High Schools), was very well received by the medical community, our own university community, top political officials such as the Governor and two U.S. Senators (Udall and Heinrich), and many friends all over New Mexico. (One friend from Socorro suggested that if UNM was the Flagship, NMSU was the Crown Jewel of New Mexico Universities.) This will be a new dimension for NMSU and should lead to an increase in enrollment of those students aspiring to be physicians and/or health professionals. You will be seeing more of these NMSU/private partnership arrangements in the near future as it is the best way for NMSU to serve our students, employees, and the citizens of our State.
- I attended two going away parties for Dean Tilay Adera, who is leaving NMSU to become the Provost at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri. Tilay has been an exceptional leader while here and I am sure he will be a top flight Provost. He has been especially successful in developing an outstanding professional/academic/management team in HSS. Via con Dios Tilay!
- I notified you of some tweaks to the administrative structure and job responsibilities recently and noted that the Sun News characterized as a "Shake up". It was really a very congenial and collegial realignment of duties in which all seemed very satisfied with their new reporting lines and administrative duties.
- I met with the Regents Real Estate committee in preparation for the upcoming Regents meeting. Our focus was on the establishment of the Aggie Development



Corporation, to be founded under the University Research and Economic Development Act for the purpose of beginning to develop our land and water resources for the benefit of NMSU. Ben Woods will be the President and CEO of the Corporation, subject to Regents approval. It is from this organization we will develop other appropriate public private partnerships, like the College of Osteopathic Medicine.


Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- Vice President Montoya and her recruitment team met with me on Tuesday July 8, to go over recruitment materials that are being sent to prospective students. Much of our discussion focused on the importance of helping prospective students understand the exciting opportunities to grow academically and personally at New Mexico State University. Few universities in the country can match the undergraduate scientific training programs available at NMSU, or the willingness of world-class faculty members in all disciplines to work one-on-one with students. All of us agreed on the importance of improving our messaging, not only to students, but to their parents, who play an important role in choosing a university. We also discussed the re-initiation of our National Merit and National Hispanic Scholar Program. This was a very successful program that was discontinued about four years ago as part of the budget cuts associated with the Great Recession. Re-establishing the program sends the clear message that NMSU is for all students, including the most accomplished.
- Vimal Chaitanya, Kevin Boberg, Patricia Hynes, and I met on Friday, July 11 to discuss space science at NMSU and the role the space industry will play in the economic development of this region. No one's crystal ball is perfect with regard to future development, but there was a general consensus that with our programs in Astronomy, Balloons, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Aerospace, as well as strong partners in White Sands, the Spaceport, and Holloman Air Force Base, we are well positioned to be a player in the space industry. Now it is time to more precisely define our role and develop a coherent strategy for moving forward.
- The Balloon Contract is the largest government contract at NMSU and one that has helped to make the Physical Science Laboratory at NMSU the world's leading center for balloon launches and an important player in high altitude research. Performance on the current contract has been excellent and there is good reason to believe that PSL will win the competition for a new contract that is now underway. Nevertheless, it is important to understand the implications for the university, and for PSL, should non-renewal occur. Vimal Chaitanya, Steve Hottman, and I met so that I could be thoroughly briefed on the current competition, our chances for success, and the road ahead for PSL, with and without the balloon contract.

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

Plant and Environmental Sciences

- The Multistate Research Project "Microirrigation for Sustainable Water Use (W-2128) received the Western Region Award of Excellence for Multistate Research at the Western Region Joint Summer Meeting of academic, research, and extension deans and directors held in Lake Tahoe, NV. Three current Plant and Environmental



Sciences faculty (Manoj Shukla, Mick O'Neill, and Daniel Smeal) and one retired faculty (Ted Sammis) were part of this multistate project. The project also was nominated and selected for the National Award of Excellence in Multistate Research; project Administrative Advisor Steve Loring (Agricultural Experiment Station) will attend the APLU meeting in Orlando, FL, to receive the national award on behalf of the group. The awards have received national publicity from RFD-TV, Ag Is America, and KGlobal.

Media Productions/Ag Communications

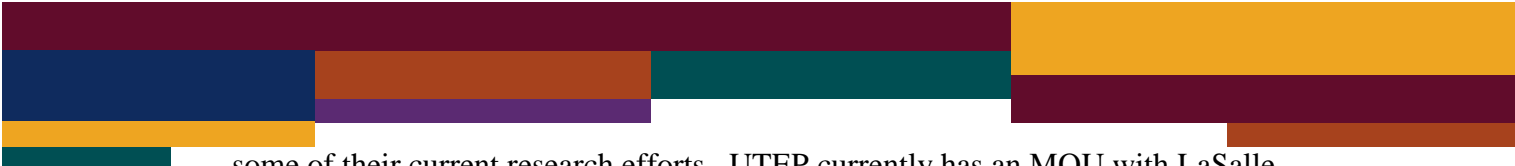
- Jeanne Gleason received the "Award of Excellence for Instructional Design" at the 2014 Annual meeting of the Association for Communication Excellence in Portland, June 24-27. The citation recognized Dr. Gleason for "building a nationally recognized production studio for creative videos, multimedia, distance outreach and educational game production...She is active in international work, most recently in the Middle East and China. Her documentaries have been featured at the Smithsonian Institution and carried on PBS Stations in the USA, the Australian Broadcasting Company and the Israeli Discovery Channel." The citation also noted that Dr. Gleason has received USDA's Diversity Award for her instructional design of educational media for non-English speaking audiences.

Cooperative Extension Service

- Grant County 4-H Shotgun Team Youth Represent NM at National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational: New Mexico was represented by the Grant County 4-H Shotgun Team at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational held in Grand Island, Nebraska June 24-28. The Grant County Shotgun Team consisted of Austin Moore, Trevor Jensen, Dustin White, and Mike Deloff. The team was coached by Rob Bates and Elvin George. Also traveling with the team was Ty Dalton who helped the Grant county team qualify for the national contest by competing on the state winning team but was ineligible to compete at the national contest due to national contest age limit requirements. The Shotgun team competed in three different shotgun disciplines during the national shoot. These disciplines consisted of Sporting Clays, Trap, and Skeet. The New Mexico team placed 15th overall in the nation as a team. Congratulations to the Grant County New Mexico Shotgun Team on all of their accomplishments at the state and national levels!!

Academic Programs

- Leaders from International and Border Programs and Faculty from ACES met last week with the Director of International Programs a Faculty member from LaSalle Polytechnic Institute, Beauvais, France, and the Director of UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management to discuss a potential MOU between NMSU and LaSalle Beauvais. The MOU could extend to student exchanges at the undergraduate level, faculty exchanges, research collaboration, and joint graduate programs. Dr. Marie Lummerzheim and Dr. Romain Armand presented a program to a group of 12 NMSU representatives that described the role of LaSalle Beauvais in the French higher education system and discussed their interests in joint programs in plant breeding and cropping systems, animal science, human nutrition, food science, and culinary arts. Drs. Rich Pratt, Mark Uchanski, and Kulbushan Grover showed the French visitors and Dr. Bill Hargrove of UTEP the ACES Student Education and Research Gardens and the Fabian Garcia Agricultural Science Center, and discussed



some of their current research efforts. UTEP currently has an MOU with LaSalle Beauvais in geology and hydrology. ACES will work with LaSalle Beauvais and UTEP to develop a three-way partnership to enhance international opportunities for students and faculty of all three universities.

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

- The College of Arts and Sciences Staff and Associate Deans conducted a two-day intensive department head training for incoming Department Heads Bill Storm (Theatre) and Son Tran (Computer Science). Department Heads Dom Simon (Psychology) and Joe Lakey (Mathematical Sciences) will be serving as mentors to the new members of the Dean's Leadership Team.
- Jeff Brown and I attended luncheon interviews of the candidates for Dean of the Honors College. It is an excellent group of candidates who have a strong track record of accomplishments and service to New Mexico State University. Kudos to Dean Beth Titus for chairing this search.
- The college registered 78 new Arts and Sciences freshmen in the New Student Registration that was held during the week.
- History professor Elvira Hammond was one of a small number of American former study-abroad students who were hosted at a reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on July 10, U.S. time. Secretary of State John Kerry attended the reception.
- The National Parks Service will provide Fumi Arakawa (Anthropology) funding for 2015 and 2016 field research at Alkali Ridge National Historic Landmark through the Desert Southwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (DSCESU) cooperative agreement. Kenneth Van Winkle (Arts and Sciences) received \$25,000 from the UNM Health Sciences Center for Pharmacy Program scholarships. Charles Bruce (Physics) received a U.S. Army/Edgefield Chemical and Biological Center award through Physical Sciences Inc. for \$112,500.
- Brad Shuster (Biology) received \$217,000 from NSF to study G protein regulation of the actin cytoskeleton in the cleavage stage embryo, and Immo Hansen (Biology) received \$365,000 from NIH to study amino acid transport and signaling in the mosquito fat body.
- Enrico Pontelli, Jennifer Hodges, Jarod Gonzalez and Nancy McMillan represented the A&S College in meetings concerning the deployment of the UDirect advising platform.

Dean, College of Business, Dr. Jim Hoffman

- Jim Hoffman and Kathy Brook participated in an interview with an external consulting firm to assess the preparedness of the college as we enter the university fundraising campaign.
- Introductory meetings continue for Jim Hoffman, who has been meeting the faculty in small groups, department heads to discuss their strategic plans, founder and Dean of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. George Mychaskiw, Tara Gray of the Teaching Academy, Ricardo Rel of Government Relations and Ben Woods, VP of External Relations.

- The Associate Accountant position was filled this week by Lory Nunez, who attended NMSU a number of years ago and graduated from the College of Santa Fe. She subsequently worked at the College of Santa Fe and for several private businesses in Santa Fe.
- Associate Dean, Kathy Brook; Administrative Assistant, Yolanda Sanchez; Domenici Institute Program Manager, Sara Patricolo; and Assistant Dean Development and Alumni Relations, Anthony Casaus conducted interviews to fill the Development Assistant vacancy.
- The Editor of *Human Resource Management Review* awarded Steven Elias the Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing ‘in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the quality of the journal.’ Steve has been on the HRMR Editorial Board since 2011.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

- Attended and presented at the Southeastern NM Educational Resource Conference in Ruidoso, NM to over 85 educators this week.

James O’Donnell, Associate Dean

- Met with prospective department heads to discuss the Academic Program Review Process.
- Reviewed material presently in-house for CAEP Standard 2.
- Completion of the final draft for the NM PREP Proposal.

Juanita Hannan, Director for Education Research & Budgeting

- Presented FY15 Budget proposal to Dr. O’Donnell, Dr. De Necochea.
- Met with Dr. Haynes Writer in regards the plan to finalize BAS program with Head Start Region XIX.
- Continue to work on fiscal year end closings.

Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance and BoCES

- I finished up the research design and NMSU subcontract portion of the grant proposal submitted on Tuesday to the U.S. DOJ by our K-12 partner, the Ruidoso Municipal School District.
- I accompanied Dean Morehead to the Southeastern NM Educational Resource Conference in Ruidoso and touched base with a number of school administrators and partner representatives.
- I met with the Director of Student Services in the Deming Public Schools to discuss future collaborative possibilities and the Ph.D. Program in Educational Leadership and Administration.

Advancement Team

- Met with Alumni and donors Dr. Tony and Dr. Merranda Marin. The dean and I had a great lunch with this NMSU couple. We are looking to highlight their story as an inspiration to others on campus to give.
- Met with the faculty from the HPDR department. Discussed the upcoming STARS! Fundraiser event on September 27th.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

No Activity to Report



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

- The Dean met with consultants hired by NMSU Foundation who are assessing the University's fundraising campaign readiness.
- The Dean met with Kevin Boberg from Arrowhead Research Center and his team who are working with the University on a project together.
- As Chair of the Honors College Dean's Search participated in candidate interviews with three candidates for this position on July 9th, July 10th and July 11th.

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

- Elvira Hammond, co-Director of NMSU's Confucius Institute, was part of a celebration of 35 Years of China-US Scholarly Exchange at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. The event celebrated some of the earliest and most important contributors to U.S.-Chinese exchange projects. Speakers included internet entrepreneur Robin Li Yanhong, founder of Baidu the most widely used search engine in China and the first Chinese company to be listed on the NASDAQ-100 Index. The delegation was hosted by the 100,000 Strong Foundation, a Ford Foundation funded initiative of the Obama administration to send 100,000 American students to China to study between 2010 and 2014. The meeting was concurrent with a meeting between US Secretary of State John Kerry, Treasury Secretary John Lew, and Federal Reserve Chairman Janet Yellen. Sec. Kerry, US Ambassador Max Baucus, China State Councilor Madame Liu Yandong, and basketball star Yao Ming joined them for a group photo afterwards.
- The Office of Education Abroad deepened its thorough integration into departmental goals by continuing with meetings with department heads across campus, and developing a new marketing strategy (complete with multimedia) for AY 14/15.
- The Center for English Language Programs said goodbye to 54 Colombians and welcomed nearly a dozen new students from new partner institution Universidad Uniminuto in Bogota, Colombia, as well as the first faculty that are part of an agreement with Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez.
- NMSU received a visit by Dr. Marie Lummerzheim, International Relations Director of LaSalle Institut Polytechnic Beauvais in France. Her visit included extensive meetings with faculty and administrators in ACES where promising possibilities and a future MOU were discussed. She was treated to an elegant luncheon served by Chef Maurice Zeck at the Bobby Lee Lawrence Academy of Wine, and given a tour of ACES facilities.

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- NMSU was host to a visiting faculty from SOMEXAA (Sociedad Mexicana de Administracion Agropecuaria, AC). He was the guest of Dr. Terry Crawford and had meetings with ACES officials, Eduardo Medina, and Cornell Menking to discuss possibilities and a future MOU.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Parking Lot Maintenance at NMSU Las Cruces** – Parking lot maintenance is underway and will continue for the next few weeks. Thirty parking lots are scheduled and signs will be posted at the entrances the day before.
- **NMSU Las Cruces Fuel Station Dismantled** – Infrastructure has been permanently closed. Thanks to all departments that helped bring fuel storage tank levels to empty prior to the closure. This effort saved a significant amount of money on the project. New Mexico Environment Department Regional Inspector was onsite and cleared the facility for closure with no environmental issues.
- **The Barnes & Noble Bookstore** – The Barnes & Noble Bookstore had an active week with participation in the New Student Orientation on campus, setting up the Apple computer Back-To-School promotions, and celebrating National Sugar Cookie Day with a reading of “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” – and cookies for everyone!
- **ICT and Sponsored Projects Accounting Collaborate to Improve Post Award Process** – ICT’s Enterprise Reporting Services, in collaboration with Sponsored Projects Accounting, The Office of Grants and Contracts and Financial Information Processing developed and implemented a workflow process that will help automate the post award process. Activities that once required manual triggers, such as with notifications, now happen automatically. The speed at which tasks are completed has improved, while ensuring consistency and accuracy. This has allowed for improved operations and more reliable information.

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

- One of the more interesting weeks we have had in a while with the implementation of the reorganization of this office and the reporting units. I am eager and excited about the new opportunity being given me at this stage of my tenure with NMSU.
- We are supporting Janet Green in her integration as the Special Assistant to the Board of Regents and sense that this transition is coming along well.
- We are working to finalize the documentation and presentation that will be provided to the BoR on July 23 seeking their approval of the creation of Aggie Development Corporation. We are working on the identification of numerous tasks that will need to be accomplished to support the birth of the corporation.
- We arranged for a meeting with a broad cross section of the university to discuss the Aggie Game Day experience and how we all play a part in the events that support a home football game.
- We met with the Alumni and Archives areas to prepare for the Celebration of Traditions for Homecoming.
- Work is progressing nicely on the archiving and digitization of the official minutes of the Board of Regents of NMSU. Thanks to the NMSU Library for their efforts on behalf of the University in agreeing to undertake the leadership of this effort.

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

- Last week SAEM staff and Provost Howard discussed the Provost's vision for updating our communications to prospective students. We are striving to describe how NMSU offers excellence in education in a tone that is both exciting and welcoming. We anticipate partnering with University Marketing and Communications on this in the future.
- SAEM Strategic Planning Updates are nearly completed for July 2013 to June 2014; Staff are currently creating goals for the upcoming year. We are piloting a program review in SAEM, and over the next five to six years, we are planning that all areas of SAEM will undergo their first program review. These reviews are an opportunity to examine our practices against internal and external benchmarks so we can improve our service to our students and our communities
- SAEM is partnering with the RoundUp to reach out to new students regarding essential services on campus. A 4-page Campus Resource Guide will be featured in the 2014 Survival Guide, which will be sent to all incoming freshman and transfer students before the semester begins next month.
- Dr. Montoya and Cheryl Harrelson discussed potential partnerships for supporting student persistence programs last week. There are many opportunities for successful partnerships that will provide both social and academic support for students.
- Dr. Montoya met with Dr. Renay Scott, DACC President. We are looking forward to fully implementing successful programming related to the transfer mission. This will support the Guaranteed Admission Pathway following proposed changes to NMSU admissions requirements.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- The Student Engagement Team, in collaboration with the academic colleges plus many other programs and offices, hosted a New Student Registration program this week. There are three programs remaining for incoming students to register between now and the end of the month.



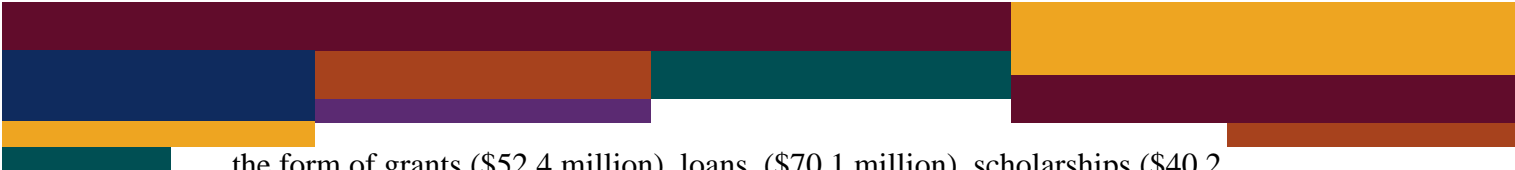
Staff from Student Engagement and University Admissions welcome incoming Aggies at New Student Registration programs.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- In partnership with NMSU Alumni Association and their regional chapter, Summer Send Off events will be held in Albuquerque and Phoenix on July 19, 2014. The goal of these events is for our new students to meet each other and the Aggie alums in their hometowns. The Admissions Staff completed the calling campaigns for these upcoming events.
- Campus visits for students applying for the fall of 2015 continue to be brisk. In addition to visitors from New Mexico, we hosted families from Arizona and Chihuahua.
- Recruiters attend a college fair for employees of El Paso Electric Company.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant

- During the 2013–2014 fiscal year, 20,065 NMSU students across the system received \$165M in financial aid to assist with the cost of attending college. This support was in



the form of grants (\$52.4 million), loans, (\$70.1 million), scholarships (\$40.2 million), and work-study awards (\$2.4 million).

- These financial aid funds, by campus, were distributed as follows: Alamogordo, \$6 million; Carlsbad, \$2.4 million; Doña Ana, \$31.9 million; Grants, \$2.7 million; and Las Cruces, \$122 million.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

University Technologies to Obtain Provisional Patents

- Arrowhead Center, Inc. held the third Intellectual Property Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting of the year on Tuesday, July 1st, 2014. Presentations were delivered by inventor Dr. Wei Tang, Assistant Professor from the Electrical Engineering department and inventor Nasser Khazeni, PhD Candidate in IEE/WERC and his team of inventors: Dr. Abbas Ghassemi, Professor and Director of IEE/WERC, Dr. Reza Foudazi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, and Dr. Jalal Rastegary, Research Engineer for IEE/WERC. The technologies presented are related to research being conducted through NMSU's Electrical Engineering department and the Institute for Energy and Environment. The IPAC committee members recommended that both technologies be submitted for provisional patent applications. The Intellectual Property Office notified the inventors of the decision and will implement the next steps in the intellectual property provisional patent process based on the IPAC member recommendations.

Air Force Research Laboratory New Mexico Economic Advisory Council Meeting

- Representatives from Arrowhead Center attended the Air Force Research Laboratory's (AFRL) New Mexico Economic Advisory Council Meeting in Albuquerque. The meeting was a great opportunity to build a relationship with AFRL to enhance opportunities for student entrepreneurs to commercialize technologies and win funding opportunities.

Partnership Presentations


- Innovation and Small Business Program manager Griselda Martinez gave two presentations showcasing Arrowhead Center to two prospective partners this week. The first presentation was with Miguel Martinez of New Mexico Workforce Connections in Las Cruces. The second presentation was conducted for Dr. Alfredo Aguilar Valdes, with the Sociedad Mexicana de Administracion Agropecuaria (National Mexican Association for Agrobusiness). Dr. Aguilar is a visiting professor in the College of Agriculture who has strong academic ties to NMSU.

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

No Activity to Report

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

- Campaign Consultant Grenzebach Glier and Associates have completed interviews that included Academic Leaders, Deans, and Advancement Staff. Looking forward to future recommendations for University Advancement.

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- We have a new 1888 Society member, with a generous estate gift that will benefit the donor's existing endowed memorial scholarship in the College of Engineering.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- Realigning the interplay between Aggie Athletic Club and individual sport booster clubs.
- Debriefing with donors in ABQ regarding the Annual Lujan Dinner, with ideas to boost revenues from next year's event.
- Planning reunions and hospitality for football home and away games.
- Making fundamental changes in the way athletics' annual fund-raising is done, with support from VPUA Cheryl Harrelson and the NMSU Foundation.
- Evaluating, prioritizing and strategically developing fund-raising plans for capital projects.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted President Carruthers' message of discovery during his first year, the institution's commitment to its agricultural roots, how important it is to connect with alumni and to look increasingly for new sources of funding to make important programs possible. In the article, Carruthers said he learns something new every day about New Mexico State University.
- This week's Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News focused on David C. Johnson, an NMSU scientist and molecular biologist who does research for the Institute of Sustainable Agricultural Research. David is part of the team at WERC, a consortium for environmental education and technology development housed in the College of Engineering. His work suggests a potential solution for dealing with the carbon dioxide-related problems that seem to be causing global warming. Studies indicate increased soil organic matter in agricultural ecosystems promotes improved plant growth, soil water-holding capacity, increased macro- and micro-nutrient availability, reduced system energy requirements, reduced land preparation and cultivation costs.
- The KRWG Patron Board met Wednesday evening at the home of Susan and Glen Cerny for the annual appreciation social meeting. The gathering allows the stations the opportunity to thank community members who participate in the Patron Board and show our appreciation for their support and encouragement.
- Through the help of NMSU Government Relations, KRWG staff appeared at the Legislative Economic and Rural Development Committee meeting in Albuquerque on Monday. In addition to highlighting the partnerships the three New Mexico Public Television Stations have nurtured with communities, the presentation outlined the request for funding to replace master control facilities and infrastructure.
- On July 10 and 11, the NM State Athletics Media Relations team hosted Mike May, associate athletic director for media relations at San Diego State University, who presented and brainstormed with the group on a variety of hot topics and best practices in sports information.

- Ana Henke, AES/CES Publications Supervisor, has been appointed chair for the Publishing and Graphic Design Special Interest Group (SIG). The SIG passed the oversized editor's pen to Ana at the recent ACE (Association for Communication Excellence) Conference in Portland, OR.



Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

Upcoming Legislative Events:

- July 14-16: Legislative Education Study Committee – Farmington
- July 14-16: Indian Affairs Committee
- July 16-17: Legislative Education Subcommittee Charter School Subcommittee, Farmington, NM
- July 16: Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee – Gallup
- July 17-18: Legislative Health and Human Services Committee – Taos
- July 17-18: New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee – Ruidoso
- July 21: Land Grant Committee – Tierra Amarilla
- July 23: Jobs Council – Albuquerque
 - Evaluating Proposed Measures for Job Creation: Criteria Refinement
- July 23: Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee – Los Alamos
- July 24: Behavioral Health Subcommittee – Espanola
- July 28: Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee
 - Education Trust Board: Management of College Savings Plans Nationally and in the State
 - Feasibility of Implementing a State-Guaranteed Student Loan Program
- July 29: Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee – Santa Fe
 - Computer Coding Education
 - Cybersecurity and Data Breach
 - Broadband Telecommunications and PARCC Status
- July 31: Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee – Albuquerque
- August 1: Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force – Santa Fe
- August 5-7: Legislative Health and Human Services Committee – Albuquerque



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

- NMDA’s Agricultural and Environmental Services (AES) Division and Public Information Officer put out a press release advising people what to do to minimize mosquito problems this summer: limit standing water around their property, read and follow the labels on insecticide products, and call NMDA to check on a pesticide applicator’s credentials before hiring him/her if their mosquito problem requires outside help. NMDA oversees the pesticide laws and licenses in the state.
- NMDA will be partnering with KASA Fox 2 in Albuquerque over the next year to highlight and promote various sectors in the NM agricultural industry through monthly television segments and ads.
- NMDA continues to work on the 2nd annual Aggie Ag Day, August 28, 2014 at 3 p.m. and continuing until kickoff at 6 p.m. Dozens of groups representing all facets of New Mexico agriculture will set up fun, informative booths between Aggie Memorial Stadium and the Pan American Center.