



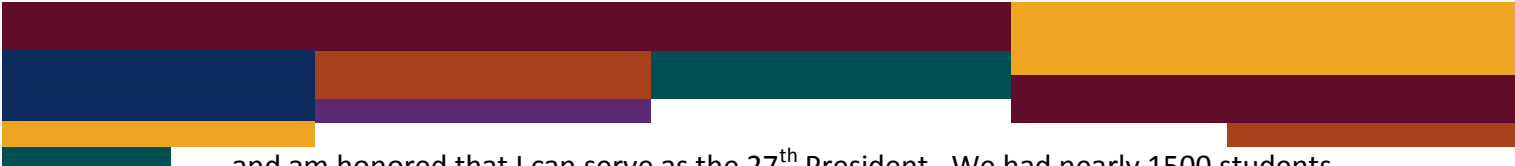
New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report

December 9 – 13, 2013

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- This will be the last activities report for 2013. I hope you have enjoyed reading about NMSU and the activities in each of our units. I know it can be long but we just want to share news of all of the good work that goes on, often times behind the scenes, at our great university. I wish each of you a very Happy Holiday Season and I look forward to our getting off to a quick start in 2014. Enjoy the family, the community, the season, and the never ending football bowl games!
- I have just completed my midterm conversations with the top executives at NMSU and have worked with them to begin to align their activities with the Vision 2020 plan. Strategic Planning is very important to our success and will involve everyone before the spring semester has ended. Given the opportunity, join in the fray as we plot our path to greater success!
- I attended and briefly testified before the Legislative Finance Committee in their session in Santa Fe. It is the time of the year when they put their budget together. While there is still some disagreement between the Higher Education Department and the higher education community regarding the funding formula, I feel confident we can work it out before the session begins in January. Our top priority continues to be a 3% increase in faculty/staff salaries plus the .75% contribution to the Educational Retirement Board.
- The Human Resources Department has released the draft of the new procedures for compensation of exempt employees. They will be out for comment in the spring and we expect to finalize these procedures for the fall of 2014. Please take this opportunity to make your comments.
- It was great to recognize Dr. Jerry Landrum, our Honorary Doctorate Recipient, for his role in “discovering” several new elements in the periodic table. Two of the new elements have been recognized by the appropriate governing body and others are pending. Jerry is a Fort Sumner High School graduate who majored in chemistry at NMSU and went on to become a world class scientist. NMSU is a caring community transforming lives through discovery – certainly the case of Jerry Landrum. And it is special that he grew up in a small town in New Mexico, like so many of our students who go on to great success.
- Thanks to Ben Woods for conceiving the Legacy Wall for all former Regents and Honorary Doctorate Recipients. The wall was dedicated during the Regents meeting. NMSU has been blessed with great Regents and it was time to remember them with this recognition.
- Commencement ceremonies were once again special. I always enjoy the energy of graduation and the joy of the students and families as they complete this part of their life journeys. I appreciate all who attended the Investiture event and reception



and am honored that I can serve as the 27th President. We had nearly 1500 students walk during the ceremony which suggests that we may have to split the ceremony into two sessions next fall as we always do in the spring.

- I visited with the Long Range Planning Committee of the Faculty Senate regarding faculty salaries and the new Diversity Council regarding their organization and plans for future projects to advance the cause of diversity among students, faculty and staff.
- I met with the Kitchen Cabinet (current Chair and former Chairs of the Faculty Senate) regarding issues ranging from linearizing tuition, increasing admissions standards, and the lottery scholarships. The Cabinet will serve as a sounding board for ideas I may have regarding changes at NMSU in program or policy.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- At the Deans Mini-Meeting last week, Dean Slaton described a very successful intrusive retention program in the College of Arts and Sciences. Under this program, the Advising Center of the College contacts students when their overall GPA drops below 2.0. Advisors work with students one-on-one, developing an individual plan for academic success. The meetings become more frequent if students continue to struggle. This intervention program has proven to be very successful in reducing the number of students receiving academic sanctions in the last year. Academic warnings have been reduced by 42%, Probation 1 reduced by 79%, Probation 2 reduced by 70%, and Suspension reduced by 85%.
- At the same meeting, Associate Dean of ACES Jim Libbin, described a new program designed to build community among the first year students of the college. All first year students take AXED 111, a one credit orientation course. The end of the course is marked by a picnic at which each student is inducted into the Sam Steel Society and each receives a t-shirt branded with a lazy S.
- Dean of the Library, Elizabeth Titus, and I discussed the question of whether it would be possible to construct a cafe in the Zuhl Library without NMSU funding.
- The Associate Deans of Research, Vice President for Research Vimal Chaitanya, and I discussed a variety of issues at a meeting of CADRE, including:
 - ICT fee structure and its impact on departments with large numbers of graduate students.
 - The need for flexible, open, wet and dry lab space at NMSU.
 - The question of whether centers should be located inside or outside of colleges.
 - The need to build research teams at NMSU that build on our strengths and position the university to take advantage of strategic opportunities
- The Investiture and Commencement Ceremony on Saturday was the highlight of my week. Few things are more fun and emotionally satisfying to a lifelong academic than watching students walk across the stage of the Pan Am Center and be acknowledged for their academic accomplishments. Go Aggies!



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

- Agricultural Experiment Station (AES), Associate Director Loring participated in a conference call with Vayugrid to discuss possible collaboration between NMSU and College of ACES on the viability of growing and using Pongamia trees to conduct biofuel research.
- Dean Catlett and Associate Deans along with NMDA met with the Agriculture Legislative Planning Committee.
- The Hort 240 Design class held an Artists Reception and student auction in Skeen Hall Rotunda.
- Department Heads met with Catlett on December 12th for end of semester discussion.
- Dr. Dave Thompson met with Research Directors and Dr. Chaitanya regarding research.
- Dr. Jim Libbin met with ACES Academic Department Heads.
- Dr. Jim Libbin attended the Hispanic Caucus and Chicano Programs Stole Ceremony.
- Associate Dean Boren conducted a teleconference with Ron Brown regarding Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) Programs subcommittee.
- Dean Catlett met with parents of graduating students and potential students.
- Associate Dean Boren met with the Cooperative Extension Director's Advisory Group.
- ACES Academic Departments held receptions for their graduating seniors and their families.
- Dean and Associate Deans along with Department Heads attended ACES Sam Steel Ceremony in the Music Center Recital Hall.

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

- Attended Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra at NMSU, outstanding performance of Serge Prokofiev and Sergei Rachmaninoff with guest pianist Ilya Yakushev.
- Met with English Department faculty to discuss Quality Initiative proposal for the university.
- Jeff Brown and I met with the provost to discuss start-up funds for searches in Biology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, and Computer Science.
- Partnered with Vice President for Research to support his trip to India and to provide funds to support travel for Professors Jeff Arterburn and Brad Schuster.
- Held a dinner at Si Bistro with Chemistry/Biochemistry faculty and associate deans in honor of College of Arts and Sciences alum Jerry Landrum and his wife Velma. Landrum was awarded an honorary doctorate at the Fall 2013 commencement.
- Made a presentation at the Academic Dean's Council on successful program in our Advising Center to reduce the number of students on academic warning and probation.
- Patrick Knapp and I visited donors and distinguished alumni in Albuquerque and



Taos.

- Beth Pollack, Patrick Knapp, and Lori Kelehar attended the Alumni Association's Outstanding Senior Luncheon that honored Kevin Culver from Philosophy and Sociology.
- Met with president, provost, and deputy provost to discuss dual credit issues for high school students.
- Attended my 8th NMSU commencement. Fall 2013 commencement was the first time students in the Bachelor of Individualized Studies and Bachelor of Applied Studies were awarded degrees in Arts and Sciences.
- Attended the investiture of President Carruthers and the reception and dinner in his honor. He is NMSU's 27th president and 1st Aggie president.
- Received a surprise holiday concert in Breland Hall by Music Professor Nancy Joy and her French horn students. The entire office was treated to this spectacular performance outside our offices.
- Associate Dean Jeff Brown attended the Criminal Justice honors society banquet and the History honors society potluck; met with Kevin Andrew and took part in a group telephone call about the potential role of NMSU internships/co-operative education students in meeting the needs of Sandia and other labs; chaired a 90-minute IRB Task Force meeting at Anderson Hall.
- Jon Holtzman received a \$19,142 Space Science Institute supplement.


Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- Two Finance faculty candidates and one Management (Entrepreneurship) candidate visited the campus during the week. At this point the College has filled one position (in Accounting) with four more to fill for next fall.
- Bruce Huhmann and Kathy Brook represented the College of Business at the semi-annual meeting of the Daniels Fund Ethics Consortium in Fort Collins. The consortium is completing the fourth year of five years of funding so the Daniels Fund will soon be reviewing performance and considering how to proceed beyond year five. Plans are underway for the ethics case competition in April 2014 and an ethics summit focusing on social media in Fall 2014.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

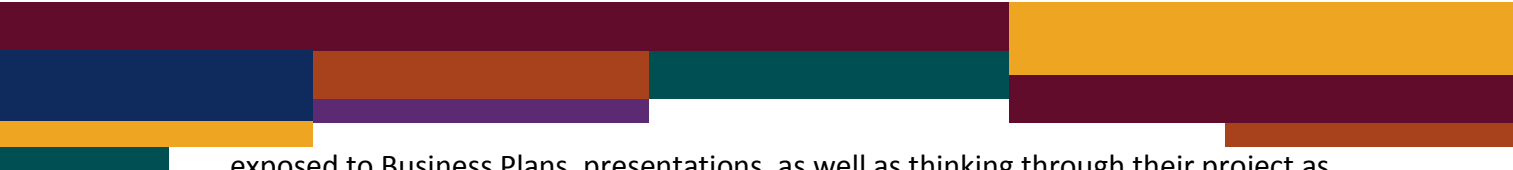
- Deans weekly meeting with Dr. O'Donnell/Schwarz/DeNecochea', we discussed upcoming activities for the week, strategic plan, future annual reports, promotion and tenure, budget planning for next year, research proposals, future legislation.
- Discussed with Provost Howard my three year evaluation.
- Reported to HPDR on the three year review for Dr. Bob Wood, this included a discussion of the findings.
- Discussed with a student sponsorship of the pajama and book drive.
- Reviewed a report from Dr. Hernandez on the preparation for the Kidd Literacy conference in the spring.

- Continued reviewing promotion and tenure applications.
- Met with Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Valverde to discuss future plans for the Alliance and our initiative to increase partnerships with community agencies that support children, developed a next steps action plan.
- Attended the Naming Committee meeting and the University Advisory Council meeting and reviewed policy proposed changes and new exempt staffing recommendations.
- Participated in the provost/deans meeting, discussed retention efforts from A&S, building of culture and pride examples from ACES, enrollment projections for the future in higher education.
- Prepared promotion and tenure letters/recommendations to four faculty.
- Requested a report from staff on Golden Apple Teacher selection in NM.
- Reviewed a webpage that markets online programs.
- Reviewed minutes from the PDS meeting with LCPS and CoEd members.
- Evaluated candidates' folios applying for the VP for Advancement.
- Discussed with Glen Haubold and Vicente Vargas strategies to support the Rentfrow capital funding as it progresses through the legislative process.
- Met with Kevin Boberg, Linda Spencer, Marlene Salas Provance, and Jon Schwartz to discuss an entrepreneurial Audiology project in collaboration with the Allied Early College HS, also discussed a future project for the college that could produce a College of Education Inc. in collaboration with Arrowhead.
- Celebrated the graduation of Kimberly who has been a work study student for the past three years.
- Chaired the College of Education Administrative Council meeting, topics discussed, deans three year evaluation, EMD name change, enrollment management funds, CoEd opening spring program, information from university meetings.
- Participated in the Bridge of Southern NM meeting, heard presentations on the Bond Issue, and from Matt Montano from the Public Ed. Department.
- Met with HR director Andrew Pena to discuss HR support for the college and departments.
- Attended the Hispanic Faculty Caucus recognition ceremony for graduates.
- Conducted an exit interview with Dr. Martinez, we discussed next steps strategies and how we could improve in assisting the next foundation officer.
- Attended the Community Leader Education Meeting, this was to explore our college's commitment to expand outreach to community agencies that support children and families.
- Met with a donor who is planning to give part of estate to the college of education for scholarships.
- Reviewed research on class size and impact on student achievement.
- Presented at the Dean's Academic Excellence Award, where we recognize the outstanding senior and the students with highest honors in each undergraduate program.

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- Presented at the Dean's Doctoral Tea, where we recognize the doctoral graduates for their accomplishments.
 - Interviewed by the national AACTE organization related to teacher education accreditation.
 - Participated in graduation ceremony and investiture activities for the president.
 - Met with Don and Mrs. Kidd the donors who helped establish the endowed chair in reading.
 - Reviewed research on award recognition programs for teachers.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- The College held its end-of-semester Order of the Engineer and Sociedad de Ingenieros graduation ceremony, last Friday December 13th. This event was the largest so far, with approximately 500 attending, including over 3/4 of our graduates. The College also recognized distinguished graduates and our Eminente, alumnus and Dean's Council representative Arthur Hurtado.
- NMSU has been invited by the Epicenter (Stanford University and the National Collegial Innovation and Inventors Alliance) to participate in a NSF funded initiative entitled Pathways to Innovation. NMSU College of Engineering will be one of ten universities nationwide to participate in a cohort to identify national and regional transformations to the engineering curriculum beginning in January 2014. Dr. Ed Pines (Industrial Engineering) and Patricia Sullivan will be leading the initiative for the College. Core Team members include two Arrowhead Center Launch recipients, Dr. Phillip DeLeon and Dr. Jessica Houston as well as Luke Nogales from Engineering Technology and Surveying. Additional faculty input will be provided from the Aggie Innovation Space Advisory Committee.
- The Aggie Innovation Space in the College of Engineering is up and running with our grand opening set for February 20, 2014. The Space is modeled after the Make Space concept created at Stanford University. We have acquired 3D printers, robotics kits, computer stations with engineering software, and acquiring 3D scanners and other items after the New Year. We have a group of faculty that are guiding the educational curriculum of the Make Space including offering Pop-Up classes (non-credit) on everything from developing an App to sizing a pipeline. Alumni and industry partners are on board to team in the development of weekend design competitions to expand student experiences with a planned competition scheduled for February 15th by Sandia National Laboratories.
- Intel has signed on as a sponsor of the Aggie Innovation Space by providing seed funding for the acquisition of equipment, materials and supplies. The funds were augmented by funding from the NMSU President's Performance Funds.
- The Aggie Capstone Angel Fund has been established for students enrolled in the senior capstone projects in the respective engineering disciplines. The fund is supported by Aggie Alums and corporate partners and will be managed by Dr. Ed Pines. Students will be required to present a Business Plan to seek support for their capstones (non-industry sponsored projects). The objective is to get students



exposed to Business Plans, presentations, as well as thinking through their project as a business rather than just a class project.


- An Aggie Innovation Space fund has been established at the NMSU Foundation and engineering alumni are making gifts to support the ongoing activities and staffing of the facility. A faculty advisory committee has been established to oversee educational programming in the facility. In addition to engineering faculty, representation is also included from Physics, Arrowhead Center, and the College of Business (Marketing).
- An entrepreneur minor has been developed between the College of Engineering and the College of Business with the first offering available in fall 2014. Recent collaborations with the faculty in the Department of Marketing have resulted in additional course offerings being added to the entrepreneur minor course listings. The Consumer Behavior Laboratory and the Aggie Innovation Space are well positioned to support the new minor and will enhance opportunities for students to advance their projects into Studio G at Arrowhead Center.
- Alvy Ray Smith (NMSU Alum) and Steve Blank (serial entrepreneur from the Bay Area) has been instrumental in supporting our engagement in the Epicenter Pathways to Innovation project. With support from the Halliburton Foundation, the College of Engineering is sending five NMSU engineering and engineering physics faculty (Phillip DeLeon, Jessica Houston, Luke Nogales, Rolfe Sassenfeld, and Stephen Kanim) to the Lean Launchpad Educators Course at Berkeley in late January. The course is a flagship curriculum endorsed by NSF for the integration of innovation and entrepreneurship into the university curriculum.

Industrial Engineering

- Entrepreneurship minor was presented to Associate Deans Council (ADAC) and is going forward for Fall 2014.

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

- Dean Adera was appointed as an ex-officio board member to El Paso Children's Hospital.
- Applicant interviews are ongoing for College Assistant Professor in Nursing.
- Nursing is reviewing the final draft of Self Study for the Doctor of Nurse Practitioner (DNP) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation.
- Dr. Deblieck and Dr. Summers were interviewed by Fox 11 News & NMSU Press this week for their Student Success Keeper application that they created for student success.
- Dean Adera, Dr. Schultz and Jennifer Cervantes traveled to Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver City to view facilities and discuss partnership opportunities.
- School of Nursing held their Recognition Ceremony on Friday, December 13 to honor and congratulate the nurses of tomorrow.
- The Alumni Associated awarded the outstanding graduate awards to students on Friday, December 13th. Our outstanding student, Ryan Garcia, brought his mother, aunt and uncle, sister and cousin to the event. They came down from his home town



of Aztec to attend the luncheon. President Carruthers seemed pleased to discover that there was a student award winner from his own home town.

- The college finalized agreements for \$80,000 gift to School of Nursing from a private donor.
- Completed year-end stewardship, including Christmas cards, gifts to board and year end appeal letters to endowment donors.
- Hosted donors, retired nursing faculty, and representatives from the Art Department to discuss and plan the Nursing Wall of Excellence generously supported by Memorial Medical Center.

Interim Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

- Undeclared graduate student advising n= 147.
- Participated with AMP, RISE activities.
- Doctoral/Master degree certification in process.
- Submitted final report to Council of Graduate School funded research project.
- Coordinated and participated with graduate school honors ceremony.
- Participated with university graduate assistantship allocation team.
- Transitioned certification functions from admissions to graduate school.
- Coordinated and work Graduate Student Council informal mentoring system.
- Policy alignment graduate school, financial aid, admission, and registrars on undeclared graduate students regarding undeclared graduate students.
- Addressed over three graduate student complaints/grievances.
- Online education white paper development.
- Approved 60 appointments to graduate-faculty.
- Met with Library and making progress toward Electronic Thesis and Dissertation at NMSU.
- Provided advisement to seven potential PhD IDOC students.
- Attended administrative meetings: Provost Dean Meetings, Administrative Council, and ADAC.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

- Dean Eamon attended and presented a paper at the "La médecine dissidente" (Dissident Medicine) in Geneva, Switzerland on December 5-7.
- On Thursday, December 12th, the Honors College held its Fall 2013 Graduation Recognition Ceremony and Reception, five students graduated with University Honors, the ceremony was well attended by friends, family, faculty and staff.
- The Honors College opened its exhibition of photographs by Darren Phillips, "Faces of NMSU", with an opening reception on December 6th. The exhibition is a 12 year retrospective of work by university photographer Darren Phillips. The exhibition may be seen in the Conroy Honors Center Art Gallery.
- Twenty honors students were awarded Books Scholarships for the Fall 2013 semester to be used for the Spring 2014 semester.



Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- Attended the Naming Committee meeting where the request to name the Pete V. Domenic Conference Room, the Pete V. Domenici Viewing Room and the Pete V. Domenici Research Room was approved. It was also approved at the University Administrative Council meeting held on the same day.
- Attended a meeting with Benjamin Woods, Sr. VP Ext Rel/Chief of Staff and a library team to discuss a digitization project of the NMSU Board of Regents minutes from their earliest years to date.
- Attended a meeting with the ASNMSU President, the Graduate Council President and the Associate Dean of the Library to discuss a proposal to be submitted from the library requesting a student library fee.
- During exam week in collaboration with the NMSU Alumni Office provided free coffee and free snacks to all late night library users. The library was open until 2:00 a.m. for those studying for exams and writing papers during exam week.

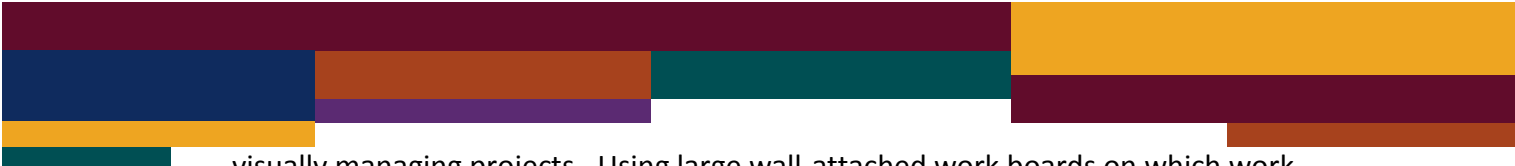
Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

Auxiliary Services

- More than 22,000 people attended Saturday's State High School Championship Game between Las Cruces High School and Mayfield High Schools at the NMSU Aggie Memorial Stadium.
- The Taos Restaurant in Corbett Center Student Union hosted the Stress Buster Celebration for students on December 5th with ice cream sundaes, burgers, hot dogs and prizes.
- The Finals Pancake Supper was held on December 10th with 1,104 students attending along with 25 faculty/staff volunteer servers. Some students also donated canned food which produced over 450 pounds of canned food for the Aggie Cupboard.
- Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU began their textbook rental returns and the textbook buyback program this week for the Fall 2013 semester.
- Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU hosted Anne Hillerman on December 8th for a book signing of her new book Spiderwoman's Daughter.

Information and Communication Technologies

- ICT met with the Student Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) and Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT) in a joint meeting to discuss NMSU's information technology needs. The meetings provide valuable insight into the technology needs of the students and faculty at NMSU, guiding ICT in the development of its goals and strategies.
- The number of connected wireless devices reaches a fall semester high at NMSU Las Cruces Campus. The number of unique wireless devices, which include phones, laptop computers, personal data assistants and games, connected to NMSU's network in fall 2013 semester rose by 30%, over the same time period in 2012.
- ICT adopts the Kanban method. In an effort to improve efficiency, ICT's Enterprise Application Systems (EAS) development group has adopted Kanban, a method for



visually managing projects. Using large wall-attached work boards on which work items and resources are specified, project bottlenecks to project are easily visually identified so they can be quickly addressed.

Facilities and Services

- Carver Electric is replacing the 25-kV feeders and they are replacing approximately 12000 feet of 25-kV cable in less than one week. Circuit 3 feeds a number of large buildings such as Science Hall, PSL, O'Donnell Hall, and Central Utility Plant Chillers. Circuit 4 is the El Paso Electric – NMSU Turbine interconnect.
- In keeping with tradition during this winter holiday, the Fire Department is assisting Fireman Santa and his trusty Elf in collecting letters from all the good little girls and boys on campus. On Saturday, December 21st at about 5:30 p.m., the Fire Department will parade through Family Housing along with Fireman Santa. You will see the brightly lit fire engines and all the student firefighters that cheerfully serve our community. If your child would like to give Santa a letter, they are sincerely welcomed to do so. Firefighters will greet the children on the sidewalk and give the letters directly to our Fireman Santa.

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

- Attended State Board of Finance meeting in support of the approval of various submissions and to continue dialogue with board members concerning proposed rule changes.
- Assumed lead role in pulling together NMSU engagement in the 2014 legislative basketball game.
- Met with members of the NMSU Archives to begin discussions pertaining to the preservation and access of the original minutes of the NMSU Board of regents.
- Briefed ex officio regents on the December BoR agenda.
- Completed the effort to dedicate the Legacy Wall and receive former members of the Board of Regents back to the campus. This is anticipated to become an annual goal.
- Participated in the review and ranking of proposals submitted for professional government relations and lobbying services.
- Worked with the VP for Economic Development to create the plan and itinerary for a forthcoming visit to the university by an outside firm interested in potentially locating in the ARP.

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

- Last week and this week, Dr. Bernadette Montoya has been lauding our new graduates, who will be part of the largest commencement ceremony in NMSU history with over 1,000 graduates expected to participate. Dr. Montoya attended the Black Programs' Graduation Dinner on December 10, the Hispanic Faculty Staff Caucus's Graduation and Leadership Stoles Ceremony on December 11, and the Alumni Association's Outstanding Graduate Awards Luncheon on December 13.

- On December 13, Dr. Montoya updated the Board of Regents on enrollment. Consistent with national trends, our enrollment is down and the entire campus has been invited to participate in a campaign to contact students about registration.
- Brenda McCafferty of Inceptia visited with SAEM and Financial Aid staff on December 13 about their analysis of our institutional loan default rate. They gave us in-depth information on students with loans and students who default on their loans. Freshmen who leave before completing their degree have the highest default rates.
- Dr. Montoya met again with RoundUp staff on ways to improve circulation and increase value to readers.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant

- Janie Merchant; Timothy Smith and Jennifer Smith, Financial Aid Advisors; and Lydia Ponce, Business Operation Specialist, attended the Federal Student Aid annual training conference December 3–6 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference updated Financial Aid Administrators on recent changes.

Office of Student Diversity and Outreach, Ms.

Christina Chavez Kelley

- On December 5, the American Indian Program recognized graduating students at its Fall Banquet. On December 10, Black Programs hosted its first Fall Banquet. On December 11, Chicano Programs and the Hispanic Faculty/Staff Caucus held their Fall Graduating Stole Ceremony at Corbett Center.
- Outreach activities for the week took Mike Ray, Student Program Coordinator of the American Indian Program to the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Transition Fair in Albuquerque, NM. On December 9, Chicano Programs’ Dr. Laura Spencer, Director, and Mr. Adam Delval, Student Program Coordinator, presented “Preparing for College” in Spanish to the community center in Chaparral.



Ryan Garcia (center) of the Sexual & Gender Diversity Resource Center is the Outstanding Graduate for the College of Health and Social Services. SGDRC also recognized Alma Gross (left) and Ethan Williams (right) at its Recognition Banquet

Interim Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

College of Education Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Along with the Dean Morehead, Dr. Marlene Salas-Provence, Dr. Linda Spencer, and Dr. Jonathan Schwartz, the OVPED began discussion with companies to establish a new enterprise through a public-private partnership owing to the expertise and initiative. The enterprise would provide new opportunities for faculty, directed learning experiences for students, community services, and economic development.

OVPED Introductions

- The VPED has hosted several informal lunches and met separately with folks from A&S to introduce them to the purpose of the office, determine the value proposition

from the OVPED to their efforts, and their contribution to the economic development goal of Vision 2020. So far the lunches and meetings have included representatives from the Physics, Mathematical Sciences, Theater Arts, Geography, Chemistry, Biology, and Art. In some cases, specific research and assistance needs were identified and initiated, such as a startup enterprise. Other outcomes were research project challenges, such as the economic development consequences of undergraduate student involvement with sponsored research projects. Finally, the commitment of the OVPED to assist them in reporting on their contribution to economic development through teaching, research, and service. Kevin hopes to continue the informal discussions with departments about value proposition of the OVPED to them and helping them assess and report their contribution to economic development.

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Vimal Chaitanya attended the PSL organized annual Technical Analysis and Application Center (TAAC) conference, reportedly the best in the world on unmanned aircraft system (UAS), in Albuquerque
- Vimal Chaitanya presented the annual state of research enterprise report to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University.
- Peter Lammers and Wayne Van Voorhies visited Jal, NM to confer with El Dorado Biofuels about methods for treatment and recycling of water used for hydraulic fracturing, as well as water produced during subsequent oil extraction. Methods developed by the Engineering Research Lab (ERL)-NMSU group with DOE funding are being assessed to determine the feasibility of bio-based water treatment processes.
- New Mexico Space Grant Undergraduate Scholarship and Graduate Fellowship Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 awards to students in the areas of science, engineering, education, mathematics and computer science have been announced. Out of 12 awards to NMSU students, 9 were won by the College of Engineering students.
- The 14th annual Unmanned Aircraft Systems Technical Analysis and Application Center Event, UAS TAAC 2013, was held 10-12 December 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya in Albuquerque, NM. The event was well attended.

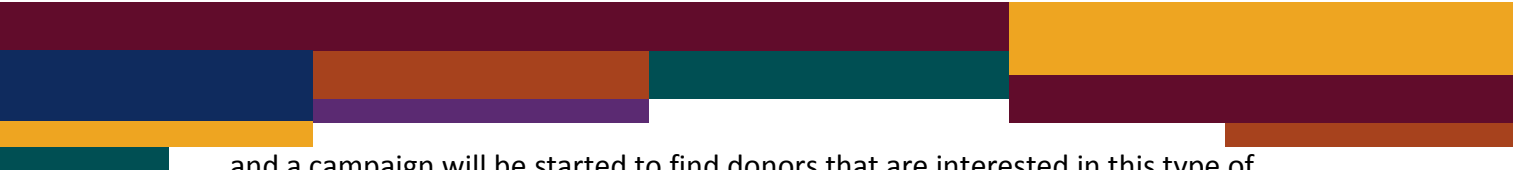


- OGC completed negotiations with Ecuador on the Go Yachay award. Provost Howard and Dr. Menking will be signing this document in Ecuador.

- Sudha Murthy participated in the Mountain West Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network (CTR-IN) internal advisory committee conference meeting.
- WRRRI staff members Erin Ward and Steve Walker conducted a two-hour Septic Maintenance Workshop for North Valley homeowners. The workshop had some 25 community members attend. This effort was funded by the US EPA under its Border Program.
- Water Resources Research Institute (WRRRI) staff bid colleague Deborah Allen a fond farewell as she retires.
- This week, eight new awards totaling \$200,000 were received and two new proposals totaling \$25,000 were submitted.

Interim Vice President University Advancement/Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Tina Byford

- I helped flip pancakes at the Finals Pancake Supper held from 9 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Corbett Center Student Union's Taos Restaurant. It was a great event.
- Held several internal meetings working up to a strategic planning meeting. VPUA continues to refine the work plan for January 2014 – June 2014.
- Darlene Nelson, Foundation Board Relations Coordinator, and I finalized documents for the new board member orientation set for January 2014.
- NMSU Foundation welcomes Dean Michael Morehead and VP Bernadette Montoya, as new university representation on the Foundation Board.
- Attended both the Outstanding Graduates Award Luncheon held at Danny Villanueva Victory Club on Friday, December 13 and the Graduation Ceremony & Investiture on Saturday, December 14.
- Terra Winters, Director of Development for ACES, attended the Joint Stockman Meeting in Albuquerque December 5th – 7th. She had the ability to meet with many alumni and donors. Here are some of the gifts closed or discussed at the event:
 - \$5,000 gift from New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau for the ACES 111 Branding Iron Ceremony in the Fall 2014.
 - \$50,000 Scholarship in Animal & Range Science Nutrition for a graduate student.
 - Partnership with the 4H Foundation to merge all funds into the NMSU Foundation.
 - Met with two donors to discuss their continued support of the Therapeutic Riding Program through annual giving and an estate gift.
- Over \$6,000 has come in to fully endow the Aggie Cancer Survivor Scholarship founded by James Kilcrease. During the Outstanding Graduate Luncheon, an announcement was made to share this news with James Kilcrease, named as the NMSU Alumni Association Outstanding Doctoral Graduate Student.
- ACES received a nice stock gift of \$2,700+ to support the Dr. Billy & Lois Melton Professorship.
- An anonymous \$5,000 pledge has been made to support the Gerald Thomas 322 Kitchen Lab Renovation. This donation has been matched with an additional \$5,000



and a campaign will be started to find donors that are interested in this type of challenge funding. There will be a big push in the spring of 2014.

- On December 4, the NMSU Alumni Association awarded over 50 Fall 2013 graduates with their Official NMSU Ring. The ceremony takes place on the steps of Aggie Memorial Tower.
- The NMSU Alumni Association supported the DACC Student Leadership Awards Banquet held on December 4, 2013. Alumni Association Executive Council Member, Steve Duran, '95, and 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner Alfred Paul Chavez, '10, attended to present the Outstanding DACC graduate award.
- The alumni chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity gathered for their annual 1st Friday Luncheon on December 6th at Guacamole's in Las Cruces, NM.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- I met with representatives of Space Port America as well as Janet Green, Kathy Brook and David McCollum to discuss possible relationship opportunities. Athletics is particularly interested in corporate sponsorships and branding opportunities.
- I met with donors and stakeholders in Phoenix while in the area to attend the NMSU vs. Arizona game. We had a very good discussion relative to the support for the NMSU vs. Grand Canyon WAC basketball game scheduled for January 4th in Phoenix. They are willing to support an Aggie Club membership drive in association with the game.
- I attended the Las Cruces Forum's Annual Christmas Party at the Double Eagle to support the cause of business in Las Cruces and to help spread Christmas cheer from NMSU Athletics.
- Dr. Boston and Mrs. Boston hosted a Holiday Social at their home to spread holiday cheer and show appreciation to many in the community who support Aggie Athletics. Several coaches and administrators were in attendance.

Aggie Athletic Club

- Aggie Athletic Club Memberships to date are 467 members, Athletic Director Cabinet members are 9.
- Holiday Cards are being sent to 450 Aggie Athletic Club members. Personalized holiday cards are being sent out to the Athletic Director Cabinet members and Board of Advisor members.
- Quarter newsletter was sent on December 10th. This piece is sent to current AAC and AD Cabinet members. It is an enhancement to our End of Year campaign asking for end of year contributions, a recognition piece to those that have made contributions and an informative platform to keep members connected.
- We signed a contract for a Coordinator of Membership Sales, Josiah Castro. He began this week and will be responsible for increasing memberships. Josiah has already met with several community groups to educate them on Aggie Athletic Club, working with Alumni to be part of the Graduation Fair in March and preparing a 9,000+ prospective donor call list.

- Board of Advisor, Membership Committee and Aggies in Paradise committees all met this past week. Focus is on increasing memberships, membership retention and engaging members in the upcoming Aggies in Paradise event.

Academics

- The Athletic Department is pleased to announce that 25 student-athletes took part in commencement ceremonies Saturday, December 14th and are now proud Alumni of NMSU!!! The 25 graduates exemplify the outstanding academic accomplishments by the student-athletes as their cumulative grade point average together was slightly above a 3.00!!! AGGIE UP!!! Their majors ranged from Criminal Justice, Chemical Engineering, Marketing, Community Health, Management, Hotel Restaurant and Tourism Management, Education History and Biology.






Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- For the week of December 2, news stories in both local and national media totaled 159 placements. The top story covered by the media this week was the public meeting for the campus master plan.
- This week's Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted the Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center whose mission is to conduct an independent program to monitor people and the environment for exposure to radioactive materials. The facility also studies the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, commonly known as the WIPP site or WIPP facility, which is a low-level nuclear repository operated by the Department of Energy.
- This week's Sunday feature article in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted the partnership between NMSU's engineering students working with artist Bob Diven to build a high-tech Magellan the dragon, to replace the original, which was damaged after 20 years of service at Las Cruces' annual Renaissance ArtsFaire. New Mexico Space Grant Consortium sponsored the project.
- KRWG – TV interviewed Jerry Landrum, NMSU alumnus who received an honorary doctorate on Saturday. The interview will air on the “Newsmakers” program.
- Progress continues on the HD truck for the Special Production Unit. Our engineer traveled to Ohio this week to work with the team building the truck. The final layout will be determined based on these discussions.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

State-Related Activities

- Office of Government Relations (OGR) staff participated in two Council of University Presidents meetings to discuss the Legislative Finance Committee higher education hearing.
- Ricardo Rel and Judy Bosland participated in the Higher Education Department's Technical task force to discuss some proposed changes to the HED formula. It was evident at the task force meeting that many of the task force members did not have a clear understanding of the HED proposed formula. The department staff also acknowledged that the redistribution section of the formula was never discussed by the task force.
- Vicente Vargas attended the Legislative Finance Committee hearing on state revenue projections and General Obligation Bond (GOB) and Severance Tax capital (STB) outlay funding. FY15 projected recurring revenue is projected to be \$292 million dollars above FY14 recurring appropriations or 5% of FY14 appropriations. Flat-mill GOB capacity is estimated to be \$167 million and STB capacity is estimated to be \$184 million.
- Vicente Vargas attended the Legislative Education Study Committee hearing committee endorsed legislation. LESC endorsed two pieces of legislation that affect higher education. One piece of legislation would waive college tuition for a homeschooler who participates in dual enrollment; the second would amend



current statute to require teachers from another state and in state special education licensed teachers to demonstrate their knowledge of the science of teaching reading.

Federal-Related Activities

- On December 13th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a budget deal, 332-94. National higher education advocacy groups had sent a letter to the House negotiators, expressing support of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, saying that it is a positive step in reversing some of the detrimental cuts of sequestration. The Senate is expected to take up the bill on Tuesday, December 16th.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed a one-month extension of the Farm Bill authorities through January 31st. Senate conferees however, do not believe that an extension is necessary and want to keep pressure to have a bill complete in January 2014.

Upcoming Legislative Events

December 16: Legislative Council in Santa Fe.

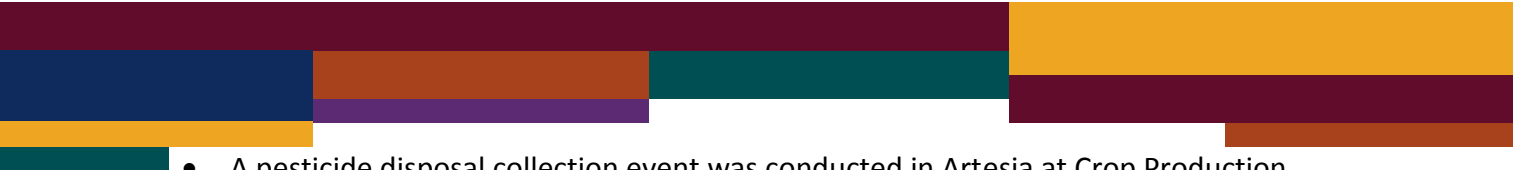
December 16: Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee in Santa Fe.

December 17-18: Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee in Santa Fe.

December 19-20: Legislative Health & Human Services Committee in Santa Fe.

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

- Last week I and several staff participated in the annual Joint Stockmen's Convention in Albuquerque. I was asked to provide the keynote address at Family Luncheon and also presented at several of the committee meetings. Staff also was asked to provide comments and lead discussion at several of the committee meetings. Over 400 people were in attendance. I also met with the board of the New Mexico Beef Council and attended the annual meeting of the Range Improvement Task Force. NMDA and NMSU were well represented at all events and have tremendous support from the organizations.
- This week I hosted a meeting with the agriculture groups from across New Mexico to discuss issues important to the agriculture industry. This event provides the opportunity for NMSU administration to meet with our state agriculture leaders and receive input about our programs.
- I also met with the board of the New Mexico Chile Association and leadership from Western Growers Association out of California to discuss issues of concern impacting agriculture in the West. This is the first time Western Growers Association has met with New Mexico producers.
- NMDA staff attended the "Food Forward: An Action Laboratory on the Local Food System and Economy Conference" convened by Bernalillo County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, on December 9, in Albuquerque. About 70 people attended the meeting including distributors, farmers, representatives of agriculture organizations, and representatives of county government. Priorities were established for supporting local agriculture in Bernalillo County.

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- A pesticide disposal collection event was conducted in Artesia at Crop Production Services (CPS) on Wednesday, December 4th. The event yielded 12,000 pounds of unusable, outdated, or cancelled pesticides. The pesticide collection events are provided at no cost to producers as they are supported by pesticide registration fees paid by manufacturers.
 - Flora “Rose” Garley (20.5 years), Yvonne Alexander (19 years), Richard “Barry” Swanson (15 years), and Roy Todd (11 years) will be retiring from NMDA on December 31, 2013.