



New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report


September 29-October 3, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- This was a very busy week with all of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink (TETWP) event activities. TETWP is now going to be one of NMSU's 10 official events, along old standbys like Homecoming and a new event "Founders Day" which will be celebrated in this spring. The Pink group has raised enough money to date to fully fund the promised \$1.5 million endowment. Outstanding work! I attended the style show where cancer survivors modeled some very nice apparel. There was plenty of energy in the room as each was applauded for their modeling and their success in overcoming cancer. The Pink game against Georgia Southern did not go as well due to 4 interceptions but our team continues to improve.
- I spoke to the Aggie Experience Open House where we welcomed several hundred potential students and their parents. A great recruitment event-each college met with the students and their parents to convince them that NMSU is the place to attend college. Kudos to Valerie Pickett and Bernadette Montoya, their team, and all of the deans and their colleagues from each college.
- I attended a breakfast with our President's Associates Excellence Scholarship students, all outstanding scholars from all over New Mexico. I told them of a recent email I received from a former P.A. scholar Nick Jackson who had just completed testing for a series of finance licenses, receiving some of the highest scores his major national company had seen in years. While Nick is very bright, as are all of the P.A. gang, he attributed his success to a number of fine professors in the College of Business who represented the best of "a caring community" transforming lives.
- The Interim Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee of the State Legislature met on campus. I had an opportunity to speak to the committee, as well as privately to Senator Carlos Cisneros and Representative Jim Trujillo, the two folks tasked with writing the capital outlay bill for the legislature. I was pushing our priorities which include money for the two-year colleges as well as funding to complete the Jett Hall/Jett Hall Annex/Rentfrow Hall remodels, design for the remodel of Dan Williams Hall, and several million for repairs to our utility tunnels. All requests now and for the near future will feature remodeling or repurposing NMSU buildings and replacing infrastructure.
- Dr. Renay Scott, President of DACC, and Kathy and I sponsored a very well attended reception and fundraiser for the Bridge, the organization credited with starting the Early College High School program on our campus. The going-in deal was that the public sector (NMSU, DACC, and the three county public school systems) would seed the organization but the private sector would sustain it. The Bridge has also received substantial grant funding.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- I met with Lon Streib, the Superintendent of the Silver City School System, and Dan Lere, the superintendent of the Deming School System, to discuss the impending changes in the admission



requirements for NMSU. These meetings are two of a series that I am holding across the state with superintendents of school districts. Much of our discussion focused on the Aggie Pathway to the Baccalaureate and the new requirement for two units of intensive writing English. It is important to understand that two units of intensive writing does not mean two units of English composition. Instead, an intensive writing course can be any English course (literature, creative writing, poetry, etc.) that includes multiple writing assignments, which involve feedback and revision.

- The Aggie Capstone Graduation Challenge is a new initiative in the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management that is being managed by Marissa Macias. As she explained at a Provost Office staff meeting last week, the program targets former NMSU students with 94 or more credits who have stopped out of school for one or more semesters. The purpose of the program is to encourage these students to re-enroll at NMSU and finish their degrees. Although many factors play roles in decisions to stop out, the most frequent problem is financial. Marissa works closely with the Financial Aid Office and the Accounts Receivable Office to help students obtain the financial resources necessary to finish their education. This is an important program and I commend Bernadette Montoya and her team for their good work in developing and implementing this program.
- On Wednesday, October 1, I attended the New Mexico Global Education Summit held at the Farm and Ranch Museum. The purpose of the summit was to bring NM institutions of higher education together to discuss internationalization and how to advance the internationalization efforts of all universities in the state through collaboration. In my welcoming remarks to the participants, I mentioned the need for American students to be more welcoming of international students and the importance of establishing teaching and research partnerships with foreign universities. One of the great needs we have in New Mexico are additional scholarship funds to support study abroad for our students. It is my understanding that this need was discussed extensively later in the summit.
- In one of my last meetings of the week, I met with the leadership of Red Sky, a business incubator company in El Paso that wants to help the institutions of higher learning in the borderplex area move their health care related intellectual property from the laboratory into the market. Red Sky has long term financial backing from the city of El Paso and is completing construction of an 80,000 square foot building that will house laboratories, offices, and a supercomputer. Red Sky is actively working with Arrowhead Center and considers NMSU to be an important and highly cooperative partner.

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

- Family and Consumer Sciences Department was awarded a grant with Michigan State University, USDA, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to assess the top behavioral health issues in Dona Ana County. They were one of ten sites selected around the U.S. to participate. Dr. Esther Devall is the PI and Dr. Elsa Arroyos from the College of Education is the Co-PI.
- At the recent meeting of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences held in Lexington, Kentucky, two county home economists received awards. Kelly Knight from Otero County received the Continued Excellence Award; and Shannon Wooton from Chavez County received the Distinguished Service Award. Cindy Davies, home economist and county director from Bernalillo County, and Sonja Koukel, Health Specialist from Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, were recognized for their service on the national board of directors.
- Shelly Bucher and Susie Samuel from the Extension Family and Consumer Sciences department recently hosted a 3-day training entitled *From Crime Scene to Trial* for 30 law enforcement officers, forensic investigators, prosecutors, and other child protection professionals. A crime scene depicting infant abuse was staged at a mock house located in Cervantes Village. The participants investigated

the crime scene, met with actors who portrayed family members and witnesses, and prepared their opening statements for a mock trial. They commented that "...this training hit it out of the ballpark" and they were "impressed with the accuracy and reality of the exercises as well as the input from the various units represented at the training."

Media Productions/Learning Games Lab

- ACES faculty spoke with key leaders from universities in the Western U.S. about ways to increase technology use in the Extension Service. Because of their multi-state work on developing apps, videos, games and websites, Dr. Jeanne Gleason and Dr. Barbara Chamberlin proposed regional collaboration as they drew on lessons learned. The topic of the summit was to celebrate the Smith-Lever Act 100th anniversary and to focus on learning innovations to help create a 21st Century Extension System. Dr. Jon Boren (Director of NMSU Extension), Bruce Hinrichs (Eastern District Director), Dr. Esther Devall (Department Head of Family and Consumer Sciences) and Rick Richardson (Interim Department Head of 4-H Youth Development) represented NMSU at the Summit, which was streamed live via the Web so other Extension employees could participate.

Animal and Range Sciences

- Dr. John Campbell, Dr. Laura White (Horse Show) and Dr. Adam Summers were involved in animal judging contests at the Southern New Mexico State Fair this week. Our students, Clayton Gardner, Joslyn Beard and Lyndi Ownsby helped with the showing of animals.


Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science

- Melise Taylor, NMSU-ACES graduate student pursuing a master's degree in Ag Biology and Integrated Pest Management, competed in the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America and received first place. She won for her research that deals with how a type of stink bug lay eggs. Her work has important implications economically, since it impacts effective management techniques of this pest species; and on a basic biological level, because the observed behavior of the bugs is unusual for these insects. Melise will graduate in December 2014 and is hoping to obtain her Doctorate from NMSU in the future.




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

- Associate Dean Enrico Pontelli and I met with the college Planning and Budgeting Committee to discuss budget cut scenarios and to learn more about their budget priorities for the college. The committee focused on three major areas: recruitment, support for research, and expansion of undergraduate research.
- I met with Anthropology Department Head Rani Alexander and her colleague Dr. Fumi Arakawa to discuss responsibilities and priorities for the Director of the University Museum in Kent Hall. Dr. Monte McCrossin, who has served admirably as the director for several years, has chosen to return to full-time faculty in Spring 2015.
- Director of Development Patrick Knapp and I met with Andrea Tawney to discuss fundraising efforts in the college and support provided by the Foundation.
- The Physics Department hosted "Coffee with the Deans." Several undergraduate students also attended the early morning gathering for informal discussion among faculty, staff, and students across the college.
- Janie Merchant, Director of Financial Aid, informed me that the university will be providing 10 new scholarships for Army ROTC and 10 new scholarships for Air Force ROTC to help with recruitment



efforts and to attract more students from STEM disciplines.

- The associate deans and I hosted lunch with the Arts and Sciences faculty senators. We discussed senate agenda items, possible budget cuts, and ways to be more proactive in addressing issues facing higher education.
- Staff, Associate Deans, and I attended several Tough Enough to Wear Pink events throughout the week, including the Pink Gala at Double Eagle, the Fashion Show Luncheon at Pan Am Center, and the Tailgate on game day. The college also sponsored a Door Decorating Contest to raise awareness of breast cancer research and to demonstrate our solidarity with the Las Cruces TETWP campaign. Eighteen doors were part of the competition, which was judged by representatives of staff, student ambassadors, and Dean's Council. Winners were: 1st Place - English (\$1400); 2nd Place – Criminal Justice (\$700); and 3rd Place – Aerospace Studies (\$400). The college is also sponsoring a Facebook contest. The door with the most “likes” receives \$250. To cast a vote by October 9th, go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NMSU-College-of-Arts-and-Sciences/194310067249032>
- Associate Dean Jeff Brown and I met with the provost and representatives from SPA to discuss the status of the Arts and Sciences Shared Services Center. After identifying all the responsibilities currently held by various offices on campus, the next step is to identify areas for greater collaboration and less duplication of effort. We also met with Principal Investigators in the college to update them on the Shared Services Center and to receive their input on ways to improve support for researchers. It was a very productive and worthwhile meeting.
- Associate Dean Brown met with Kathy Agnew and Jessica Ulmer to discuss the role of HR in the Shared Service Center. He attended the Alliance for Minority Participation conference; took part in the AMP Advisory Board Meeting; attended a Principal Investigator Certification workshop; and also met with border health disparities researchers at a meeting called by Dr. Jill McDonald (H&SS).
- Associate Dean Ken Van Winkle and I attended the provost's information session on Program Review. The Departments of Anthropology, Geology, and Computer Science are participating in the review that began this year. They have had several meetings to discuss the process and time frame for the reviews and to learn from each other as they work through the various stages of data collection and analysis.
- The college hosted hundreds of high school students for the inaugural Aggie Experience. All 24 departments participated. Students were given pink cowbells and pink bracelets to support TETWP week.
- Hwiman Chung (Journalism & Mass Communications) attended the New Mexico Press Association and reported that NMSU senior Kyle Chancellor won the best news writing award for a story that he wrote for the Gallup Independent while he was working as an intern.
- Computer Science student Jon Beck placed eighth place out of 681 programmers worldwide in the Vox Codei contest from CodinGame and was the only one in the top ten students who was from the United States.
- Geography graduate student Rebecca Martin provided essential mapping assistance for a summit meeting of United States and Mexican mayors held in Silver City. Her work was arranged by the Arrowhead Center and the Department of Geography.
- Edwin Fohitung (Physics) received a three-year award of \$378,468 from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, including first year funding of \$139,933. Enrico Pontelli (Dean's Office) received \$264,165 from NSF for the GARDE project. Ralph Preszler (Biology) received \$380,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Nancy Chanover (Astronomy) received \$10,223 from the Jet Propulsion Lab. Glenn Bedell (affiliated faculty, Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$10,000 from Wildes Exploration LLC. Shelley Lusetti and Kevin Houston (both from Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$18,000 awards from the Cowboys for Cancer Research Foundation. The



NIH-INBRE grant awarded Pilot Research Projects to Timothy Wright (Biology), \$36,500; Patricia Lodato (Biology), \$109,500; Mingzhou Song (Computer Science), \$36,500; and Kevin Houston (Chemistry & Biochemistry), \$109,500.

- The Department of Astronomy hosted Dr. Nick Nelson (LANL) as its weekly Colloquium Speaker on the solar magnetic dynamo, which deals with the physical process by which the Sun (and other stars) internally generates its intense magnetic field. Dr. Nelson talked with graduate students and faculty about his and their science and possible collaborations, and he engaged in a round table discussion with graduate students during which he described his career path and other aspects of making the transition from grad student to post doc.

Dean, College of Business, Dr. James Hoffman

- Jim Hoffman had the opportunity to participate in a radio interview for KOBE 1450's "Speak Up Las Cruces" show on September 29.
- In continuing our collaboration with the Arrowhead Center, some of us attended an Entrepreneurship in Action networking event on September 29 which featured remarks from Scott Maloney, Arrowhead Center mentor, and a student entrepreneur. Both are members of the Arrowhead Innovation Network.
- Jim Hoffman was the guest speaker for the University Communications and Marketing Services Leadership breakfast on September 30.
- Jim Hoffman was welcomed into Nancy Oretskin's BLAW 527 Business Negotiation course (September 30) where he was able to share his mediation experience.
- We are very pleased to report that the College of Business will be receiving a grant in the amount of approximately \$800,000 to deliver our MBA Program in an executive style format to current and aspiring school principals. The financial support for the program is coming from the State's NMLead funds. The NMLead initiative, through new collaborative partnerships, is designed to establish principal preparation programs that train new school leaders in significantly different ways than current traditional programs and produce effective school leaders. The CoB's funding is part of a large grant submitted in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management, and Las Cruces Public Schools. The total amount of the grant is approximately \$2,300,000. Thank you to Steven Elias, the grant's PI, for his efforts in making the proposal a success. In addition to his efforts on the proposal, Steve had to negotiate with each of the partnering institutions, a process that was very time consuming and labor intensive. The expectation is that the Program's first cohort will begin Fall 2015.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

Michael A. Morehead, Dean

- Dean Morehead and Dean Chaiken met to discuss the dean's search for the college of education. It was determined that the college would provide several pieces of information for the finalist including budget and staffing reports.
- Dean Morehead met with other deans in the Education College to review the 1, 3 and 5 percent proposed cuts for the college. We discussed the significant impact that a 3 or 5 percent reduction would have, if it became permanent. During Dean Morehead's seven years with NMSU, this is the fourth year that some type of cut was instituted by the university. This makes it very difficult to sustain programs and to provide appropriate services for students and faculty.

- Dean Morehead met with Cheryl Harrelson, the Vice President for Advancement to discuss strategies for increasing external giving to support student scholarships, faculty and college initiatives. Discussion occurred about digital media and its future use to highlight successes on the NMSU campus.
- Dean Morehead met with Mona Menking, Jeanette Haynes Writer, Herman Garcia and David Rutledge to plan for the summer 2015 implementation of the first online master's program in Curriculum and Instruction, offered in Spanish.
- Glen Cerny, Director for KRWG TV indicated an interest in partnering with the college to better integrate public television programming, and instructional curriculum in the K-12 system and college. Planning to consider this proposal will continue during the fall semester.
- Dean Morehead and Dr. Bob Wood, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach conducted meetings with first year faculty. This year's theme for our first year faculty program will be focus on research and the development of an agenda and production by first year faculty.

James O'Donnell, Associate Dean

- Attended a three day conference in Washington DC regarding CAEP accreditation updates.
- Hosted three colleagues from the Elementary and Special Education Teacher Education Programs.
- Held a conference call with the Public Education Department regarding a recent grant award.

Ron Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment


- Dr. Dziwenka continued running new reports on data collection and organization for all 4 Programs in Tk20, including reports number 002, 015, 016, 060, 067 and LTI 001.
- He completed the data collection for the 2014 EARS Report, and submitted that report.
- He participated in a Go-To Meeting with a Tk20 representative on implementing the Field Experience functionality for certain key assessments for the ELED Program, began collecting the data from the ELED Program Coordinator to input into this new functionality, and began creating the field experience binders in Tk20 for these key assessments.
- He directed and worked with his GAs to collect permanent email addresses for the SP14 TEP graduate cohort groups (UG & GR) to use to send out the Fall/Spring Undergraduate Completer Survey and the Fall/Spring Graduate Completer Survey.

Michelle Valverde & Karen Trujillo, Community Outreach

- Worked with 20 NMSU students and prepared for the COG project (with 240 8th graders).
- Submitted the COG IRB application.
- Provided input in the IDEA committee (outreach, extension, and service strategic planning effort being facilitated by Dr. Boberg).
- Met with Vicente Vargas to discuss the RPSP and visited with two rural Alliance districts in the western part of the state.

Advancement Team

- Met with the Dean and Ashley to discuss strategy session about Homecoming and Aggies for Kids.
- Met with Tony Dorhmann regarding serving on the BOA. Great conversation. He is doing great things in his business and with Arrowhead. He wants to support the research that is happening in HPDR. He accepted our invitation.
- Met with Dr. Cahill - working on a conversation for Aggies for Kids.
- Met with Andrea – discussed travel, portfolio, reporting etc.
- Pink Luncheon with Donors and Board members.
- Looking at travel and getting our RE in order for Meeting with Development team in late October.
- Reviewing all of RE inputs and notes.
- Meeting with Hanna Cole regarding *Look Who's Dancing*.

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- Targeted recruitment initiative, Adelina Rodriguez, sent an electronic newsletter to all Advisors of Future Educators Associations Chapters across the nation approximately 259 contacts.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- Jessica P. Houston, associate professor of chemical engineering, won the Basic Research category of the 2014 Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity Poster Session with her poster entitled “Developing time-resolved flow cytometry for fluorescence decay-dependent high throughput cancer cell counting and sorting”. Houston has been developing a new flow cytometry technology to isolate populations of cancer cells either for diagnostic or therapeutic cancer-fighting applications. Flow cytometry is a widespread tool for single cell analysis and works by measuring fluorescent light emitted from individual cells as they rapidly flow through a focused laser source. Houston is greatly expanding the capabilities of flow cytometry by introducing new parameters that are dependent on the decay-kinetics of fluorescent species within cells. Houston applies this emerging technology using yeast cell cultures expressing fluorescence proteins. The long-term impact of this work is the ability to separate heterogeneous populations of cancer cells for cancer immunotherapy.
- Chemical engineering student Varayini Pankayatselvandred has been selected as a recipient of the \$1,000 American Institute of Chemical Engineers’ 2014 Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer Scholarship Award. AIChE will honor Pankayatselvandred with this recognition at the 2014 Annual Student Conference in Atlanta on November 16.
- The College of Engineering welcomed Colin Cahoon, patent lawyer and partner at Carstens & Cahoon, LLP, as the second speaker in the fall Verge Fund Lecture Series in Innovation, Ventures and Entrepreneurship. His presentation entitled Starting the Start Up was held on September 12 and attended by approximately 60 students and faculty members. Cahoon focuses his practice in the energy, telecommunications, aviation, manufacturing, food processing, and chemical technology industries.
- The Chemical and Materials Engineering Department is developing a pre-law track through the bachelors of chemical engineering degree program to be offered in 2015-2016. The track will provide an emphasis on writing and persuasive argument and will be of value for those students who wish to study chemical and materials engineering for a career focused on intellectual property. Colin Cahoon (BSCHE ‘83) is assisting and will be asked to serve on an alumni committee to help maintain the relevance of the degree track.
- Civil engineering master graduate student, Lu Lin, received the Best Poster Award at the 29th Annual WateReuse Symposium in Dallas in September. Her presentation is titled “Sorption of Metals and Metalloids from Reverse Osmosis Concentrate on Drinking Water Treatment Solids”. In addition, her hard work is well rewarded by her recent Water Resources Research Institute student grant of \$6,000.

Interim Dean, College of Health and Social Services, Dr. Donna Wagner

- Associate Dean for Research, Joe Tomaka, Ph.D. met with Collin Payne, Mihai Niculescu, and Steve Elias of the College of Business to discuss marketing the Survey Research Center; they developed direct mail marketing materials to be sent across campus next week. He also met with Bill Hargrove regarding a potential Survey Research Center project involving health impact assessments in local communities including Sunland Park, Chaparral, and Anthony. Portions of this Pew Foundation-funded project will be conducted through the Southwest Survey Research Center. Dr. Tomaka submitted all documents for NIH grant application to examine the effectiveness of our innovative Coping-Enhanced PNF intervention for reducing college drinking and related problems.

- The NMSU Outreach Core (lead by Dr. Rebecca Palacios, Department of Public Health Sciences) of the U54 NMSU/FHCRC Partnership, received two additional NCI supplement grants. One is to support evaluation activities of the Culturally Tailored Colorectal Cancer Education for Hispanics (\$99,993; \$70,917 direct costs, 9/1/14 to 8/30/15) and the other is for Expanding Cancer 101 Train the Trainer program to NMSU CES County agents (\$64,354; \$45,641 direct costs, 9/1/14 to 8/30/15).
- The Child Welfare Scholar Program in conjunction with the School of Social Work has begun offering a licensing preparation program for all BSW and MSW students, which is aimed at providing students with exam-taking strategies designed to increase their success with the national Social Work Licensing exam, to obtain their professional licensure. A Social Work Content Pre-Assessment was administered at both Main Campus and the ABQ Center for social work students on September 19 and 25, respectively. A total of 24 BSW's and 33 MSW's participated across both campuses. Students will return for their Exam Results in October. The Social work Licensing Preparation program will conclude with multiple two-day licensing seminar offerings in May 2015.
- The proposal presented September 26 by the School of Nursing to the Nursing Education Advisory Committee, regarding a satellite BSN program at NMSU Alamogordo was approved. The proposal has been submitted to the NM Board of Nursing for final approval. In addition, the School of Nursing will be celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness and "Aggies Nurses Tough Enough to Wear Pink" throughout the month of October.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. Miriam Chaiken

- I was asked by Provost Howard to Chair the Search Committee and process for the selection of the next Dean of the College of Education. As part of that process I met with Dean Morehead to discuss his vision of the role, what qualities should be in the job advertisement, and likely places to disseminate the job ad once it had been finalized. I worked with HR to locate the job description for the Dean's position, and I reviewed other job announcements on the Chronicle of Higher Education web site that are for education dean's posts.
- The students who are in the process of applying for Fulbright Awards were all interviewed this week, and we discussed strategies to strengthen their statements and applications. We have six students applying for Fulbrights this year; two for a program to teach English as a second language (Damaris Lewis for Cote d'Ivoire and Samantha Ruiz for Spain), and four for research grants (Arthur Tilbrook for Korea, Rajaa Shindi for Oman, Katie Young for Malaysia, and Lauren Svejchar for Australia). All have strong proposals and are certainly contenders, perhaps especially those applying for nations that are a little less popular than Europe and Australia. Our Associate Dean Mark Andersen set up the interview schedule, and Tim Ketelaar, Cindy Murrell, and Tracey Miller-Tomlinson also kindly volunteered their time to serve on the screening panel and give feedback to the students. The campus will now provide rankings for our students and process the submission of these proposals electronically next week. The proposals are screened first at a national level, and the students should hear in January whether they made the first level cut. If they succeed beyond the national screening committee then the host country becomes involved in the screening process and will determine the final outcome.
- I met with Amanda Bradford of University Communications to discuss several press releases and publicity items that we have in the works.


- Our web site is truly dreadful, not dynamic, poorly organized, and out of date. I spent a couple days going through our site page by page and we have now re-envisioned the web site with an organizational system that will be more user friendly. Our student worker and computer guru Richard Stanton is beginning to do the reorganization of the site. Once the overall reorganization is complete we will look to update content, add photos, and improve the appearance of the site, as well as its functionality.
- I had meetings with three of my graduate students concerning their work for my class and their MA projects.
- One of the candidates who interviewed for the position of Associate Director of the Teaching Academy, Larkin Hood, is an anthropologist by training. My colleague Rani Alexander (Anthropology Department Head) and I were asked to meet her as part of her campus interview process. She was a lovely and energetic person and we would welcome her to campus if she was selected for this position.
- Wednesday was the closing date for applications for the position of Dean of the Graduate School, and there are now 63 applications to review. I began reviewing the first files, this will be a time consuming process because most applications (letter and CV) are 30-50 pages long, and require careful and consistent evaluation. I reviewed approximately one third of the applications.
- On Saturday I staffed a table early morning at the Pan Am Center for the Aggie Experience, which invited hundreds of high school kids to visit campus and learn more about NMSU. We had a lively group come to my table to learn more about the Honors College. In the afternoon I hosted a second session where students and their families were invited to attend an informational session about the Honors College. The students were keen to learn about the curriculum and small classes, their parents seemed more interested in our Living/Learning community in RGH Hall, as it is a nurturing environment that supports students who are serious about their studies. Two of the students I spoke with are National Merit Finalists, and we hope they will choose NMSU for their studies.
- On Saturday I also attended a lovely brunch at the Presidential Residence for the current Presidential Associates Scholars, the high achieving students who have the most prestigious awards from the university. It was an ideal day to sit on the patio and have conversations.

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- Participated in an Association of Research Libraries webinar on Academic Libraries and IPEDS data reporting for academic libraries.
- Met with the NMSU Library Task Force on Digital Measures Chair for an update and conversation on questions for the Dean regarding implementation of Digital Measures for library faculty.
- Attended a meeting on Program Review Information.

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

- IBP had the honor of hosting the first New Mexico Global Education Consortium Summit at the Farm and Ranch Museum on October 1-2. Eight New Mexico colleges and universities were represented, along with numerous individuals from NMSU. Talks about the importance of the internationalization of higher education were given by President pro tempore of the Senate Mary Kay Papen, NM Senator Cisco McSorley, President Carruthers, Provost Howard, Associate Provost Menking, Jerry Pacheco of the NM International Business Accelerator, Vice President for Economic



Development Boberg, VP for Advancement Cheryl Harrelson, Nigel Holman, and Deborah Widger. Lots of discussion by the delegates from around the state resulted in a commitment to NM working together to improve student access to global education.

- IBP hosted a visit by Giovanni Anzola Pardo, Director of the Office of International and Institutional Relations at Universidad de La Salle in Bogota Colombia. Meetings with numerous faculty and administrators were held to discuss upcoming projects and the execution of the Partners in the America grant that NMSU won with that university.

International Student and Scholar Services

- Fall 2014 enrollment is 1,217 international students, including 572 graduate students, 552 undergraduate students and 93 non-degrees.
- 1,140 students are enrolled in programs on the Main Campus and 77 at the Branch Campuses.
- International students this semester are from 83 countries.
- The top five countries represented are Mexico (209 students), Kuwait (146), China (124), Saudi Arabia (121) and India (113).
- Two recruiters represented NMSU at a student recruitment fair in Juarez on October 1.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink**
 - Housing and Campus Life along with many other departments and volunteers helped to host NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink throughout the week through educational events, fundraisers, and just plain fun!
 - **Fashion Show Luncheon:** The annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink Luncheon proved to be another very successful fundraising and community engagement activity with over 800 guests. Sodexo Campus Dining donated the full luncheon for the event which included creamy ricotta cheese, seasoned chicken salad stacks and key lime bistro cake.
 - **In Light of the Pink:** Facilities & Services is lighting up the A on A-Mountain every night throughout the month of October. Pink bulbs are being used in support of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign.
 - **Pink Support:** The Barnes & Noble Bookstore actively participated in many events, sponsoring the Relay race and helping with dorm decorations. They were very generous in donating products for events such as the Student Silent Auction and Dinner in the Taos Restaurant.
 - **The AF Pink Team:** The Administration and Finance Leadership Team purchased a table at the Fashion Show Luncheon and had a drawing to give away the seats to 10 lucky A&F employees.
- **Corbett Center Student Union** – Building renovations continue with the first phase of moves beginning October 6. For updated information on the renovation and availability of space, check the Corbett Center website at <http://ccsu.nmsu.edu/renovation/>.
- **ICT Hosts Cyber Security Month.** This year, as part of national Cyber Security Month, ICT is making computer and data security awareness its top priority, spreading the message, “Security is Everyone’s Responsibility”. Kicking off the month, ICT’s Information Security office is conducting presentations for staff and faculty and manning security information tables around the NMSU Las Cruces campus. ICT will be reaching out in various ways to spread the word about information security and compliance. Visit <http://infosec.nmsu.edu/security-awareness/> to find the times and locations of the presentations and information tables. Remember --- *Security is everyone’s responsibility!*

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

Office of the Vice President, Dr. Bernadette Montoya

- On Monday, September 29, attended a reception for the members of the Legislative Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee. The reception welcomed legislators to NMSU's campus.
- On Wednesday, October 1, met with Fred Heinrich, Director of Development in Athletics to discuss options to better support NMSU's cheer team. In collaboration with Lori McKee from University Health and Wellness, solutions were reached.
- Participated in monthly conference call with the Association of Public Land-grant Universities Council on Student Affairs to prepare for the annual fall meeting that will be held November 2 - 4. I will be named co-chair of the Council for the upcoming year.
- On Friday, October 3, met with Charles Sallee, the Deputy Director for the Legislative Finance Committee, along with Ricardo Rel of NMSU Government Relations. The discussion centered on NMSU's efforts in recruitment and retention and some of the general issues facing higher education in the State of New Mexico.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- The fourth week of New Mexico College Days kicked off this week in Albuquerque and central New Mexico. Recruiters visited schools in Albuquerque, Los Lunas, Belen, Moriarty, Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe.
- Recruiters participated in the National Association for College Admission Counseling Greater (NACAC) College Fair in Phoenix and attended college fairs at high schools in Phoenix and Laveen, Arizona.
- Recruitment visits were also made to the Native American Community Academy, Mayfield High School, Oñate High School, and the Las Cruces High School Parent Night. Recruiters represented the institution at the South East College Fair program held in Roswell. NMSU also hosted a visit from the Gear Up program in Roswell.
- This week's phone calling campaign focused on our upcoming Aggie Experience open house. Aggie Ambassadors called over 500 students in the local area inviting them to attend this event.
- Recruiters visited graduate fairs at University of Texas-El Paso, New Mexico State University, and the University of New Mexico.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- On October 1, the 16th Annual Graduate & Professional School Fair, coordinated by the Office of Career Services and co-sponsored by the NMSU Graduate School, hosted 80 institutional representatives from graduate and professional schools across the country. Professors from NMSU and Pacific University offered four workshops on graduate school preparation.
- As a result of outreach to faculty, the Campus Tutoring Service in Corbett Center is providing free tutoring to an increased number of students this semester. Peer tutors have been invited to speak in classes and provide information about the services and benefits of seeking tutoring assistance. Dr. Ramesh Chinnasamy, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, assisted tutors in understanding a challenging content topic for his Chemistry 111 course.



Mariah Fleming (writing on the board) and Jessie Velasco (right) lead a group tutoring session for Chemistry 111.

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek

- On Wednesday, September 26, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council officially welcomed the new members of the Greek family at the New Member Presentation. Mark Bacceti, Assistant Dean of Students and David Maestes, former Student Body President, both spoke at the event.

- Thirteen new student organizations were recently chartered. These organizations provide opportunities for our students to take part in the NMSU community. Also, ten other organizations re-chartered after being inactive for two years or more. The new and renewing organizations include service, professional, social, and religious organizations.
- One of those new organizations to recently become chartered is the Aggie Activity Council (AAC, formerly the Union Programming Council). This group will will organize entertainment for the student body, primarily at Corbett Center. Morgan Busch, Coordinator for Campus Activities, worked with the group of executives to have the organization chartered.

Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee

- NMSU Outdoor Recreation hosted the 1st Annual Las Cruces Climbing Festival September 25–28, 2014. The four-day event included a gear demo and slideshow presentations, a downtown street festival, and other events.
- The Campus Health & Wellness Centers participated in Tough Enough to Wear Pink events. Health & Wellness provided education outreach at the lighting of the luminaries and Pink Dinner. The Activity Center also hosted a glow in the dark volleyball tournament and Zumba event.



Climbers participate in the climbing competition at NMSU's Activity Center.

University Registrar

- Denise Esquibel and Kim Eiland plus staff from Registrar Offices from around the state met with NM HED (Higher Education Department) on September 30 at NMSU's Albuquerque Center. The discussion centered on changes to residency documentation, tuition for foster students, reporting requirements, course equivalencies, and scheduling regular meetings in the future.

Student Diversity Programs

- This week, Dr. Spencer presented "Living in Two Worlds: First Generation and Minority Students in College" to Exito class of freshman. The Exito class is part of the ENLACE program, which provides outreach and support to primarily Hispanic students before and during their university experience. Enlace and Chicano Programs collaborated since the inception of the ENLACE funding from the Kellogg Foundation several years ago.



Health & Wellness provided information on breast cancer prevention at the student pink dinner.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

Scott Maloney Studio G Fireside Chat

- Studio G hosted a fireside chat on Monday with Scott Maloney, CEO and co-founder of Seed Worthy, an internet tech business that provides an innovative launch platform for program developers. Mr. Maloney also serves as an Enterprise Advisor to Arrowhead Center. From Mr. Maloney's comments and answers to questions, students learned about best practices in entrepreneurship and took away invaluable advice.

Arrowhead Center College of Business Mixer

- On Monday, Arrowhead Center hosted a mixer with administration and faculty from the College of Business. The mixer was designed to showcase Arrowhead Center and continue to expand its relationship with the colleges across campus. Luke Smith, an NMSU graduate student and Studio G client, gave a brief talk sharing stories about his experience with Studio G as he works on his entrepreneurial endeavors. The highlight of this mixer was a short talk given by Arrowhead Enterprise Advisor Scott Maloney, who commented on the unique energy and support offered by the Arrowhead Team.



Las Cruces Startup Weekend Press Release

- This week Arrowhead Center received a lot of notoriety in the press as a story on the upcoming Las Cruces Startup Weekend event was circulated in 6 different news sources around the southwest, including in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. On October 24th Arrowhead Center will host the 2nd Annual Las Cruces Startup Weekend event with special guest judge Jared Tarbell, co-founder of Etsy. Startup Weekend is 54 hours of exhilarating hand-on business development, culminating with a product pitch before actual business executives. For more information on Startup Weekend Las Cruces check out the link below:

<http://www.up.co/communities/usa/las-cruces/startup-weekend/4145>

Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

No Activity to Report

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

- Received a \$25,000 gift from Bayer Crop Science in support in Plant and Environmental Sciences.
- Agriculture Day in conjunction with the first home football game was a huge success. The College of ACES with NMDA support raised more than \$20,000 to assist in the overall event.
- The College of ACES will be a partner with Anna Lyles and the Mesilla Valley Maze to support the 3rd Annual Rootin Tootin Rib Cook-off. The event proceeds go to support the Lyles Family Farm Scholarship in Plant and Environmental Sciences. The goal is to raise \$10,000 at this year's event.
- VP Harrelson visited Foundation Board members in Santa Fe and Albuquerque area on October 1 – 3, 2014.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- We held our first Athletics Council meeting for the academic year. Kevin Melendrez will continue to serve as Chair of Athletic Council. We discussed the Division 1 Governance Model specifically as it relates to full cost of attendance.
- Athletics hosted Alan Gooch, Executive Director/CEO of the Cure Bowl during the TETWP football game. The Cure bowl provides opportunity for bowl eligible teams while creating awareness of and raising dollars for Cancer Research. Commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference Karl Benson advised Alan to attend based on the attention and significant dollars that the Tough Enough to Wear Pink event has received over the last several years.

Associate Athletic Director, Development-Fred Heinrich

- Associate AD Fred Heinrich spoke to the Sunrise Lion's Club to continue engaging the community.
- Associate AD Heinrich, together with the Foundation's Corporate and Foundation Relations Associate Director Darlene Muguero, prepared and submitted a grant request to the US Soccer Foundation for lighting at the soccer fields.
- Associate AD Heinrich met with AD McKinley Boston, Associate AD James Hall and Men's Basketball Coach Marvin Menzies to discuss a vision for MBB future and develop a plan to move the vision forward.

Associate AD, Marketing- Steve Macy

- ESPN3 will produce and distribute the two football road games this month, including the game at Troy on October 11 at 1 p.m. and at Idaho on October 18 at 3 p.m.
- NM State was able to secure a distribution partnership with SportsSouth for the Georgia Southern game, meaning that the state of Georgia was also able to receive the AggieVision feed this weekend, adding to the over 22 million households that receive AggieVision programming.

- On Saturday, there will be a special season ticket holder men's basketball practice from 10 a.m. to Noon. Season ticket holders, plus potential season ticket holders can come to the Pan Am and upgrade their seats or buy some brand new ones for the season. An exclusive practice for faculty and staff, as well as a practice just for NM State students will be held later this fall.
- The NM State football team wore pink jerseys in support of the NM State Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink annual football game.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week's Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News focused on NMSU's Bridge Inspection Program, which is in the Civil Engineering Department of the College of Engineering. The program handles a large number of inspections for the New Mexico Department of Transportation. David Jauregui, NMSU's Wells-Hatch Professor of Civil Engineering, directs the program. He was honored at NMSU's Scholarly Excellence Rally Friday, September 26.
- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted a new junk drawer robotics camp offered to 4-H students by the Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service. NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service teaches robotics camps for 4-H students across the state. Mark Howard, a mechanical engineer at Sandia National Laboratories who volunteers with the 4-H program, as well as the FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Challenge robotic competition, introduced the youth to various aspects of engineering and physics.
- At KRWG we officially recognized our first broadcast 50 years ago during the Fall FM membership drive Friday morning. Additional activities to celebrate our anniversary are planned throughout the year.
- NPR aired nationally a story developed by the KRWG news team concerning the lawsuit filed by the National Education Association New Mexico against the state's Public Education Department.
- Our Web team met with President Carruthers this week to discuss developing improvements to the NMSU website. The next step is to share progress with PAC and to conduct user testing later this month.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- October 8- Behavioral Health Subcommittee- Albuquerque
- October 8 –Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee- Mortgage Finance Authority Office
- October 9 – Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee – Albuquerque
- October 13 – Investments & Pension Oversight Committee- State Capitol, room 307
 - Proposed Legislation – Description and Discussion Regarding Severance Tax Bond Fund Contribution and Distribution Changes and Changes to SIC Enabling Law
- October 13-15 – Legislative Education Study Committee – Santa Fe
 - UNM – Redesign of the College of Education
 - Farm to Table Appropriation Distribution
 - College Board Report
- October 16 – Jobs Council
 - Workforce Development Initiatives: Collaborating to Prepare for the Jobs of the Future
 - Science Early Education Pilot Program
 - Barriers to Agricultural Products Small Business Growth
- October 16 – Courts and Correction – NMSU DACC East Mesa Campus
 - **DACC President- Dr. Renay Scott will deliver opening remarks**
- October 20- Legislative Health & Human Services Committee- Espanola, Santa Clara Hotel

- October 20-21- NM Finance Authority Oversight Committee- NMSU Barbara Hubbard Room
 - **Welcome – Dan Howard**
- October 22 - Capitol Buildings Planning Commission – State Capitol
- October 29-30 Indian Affairs Committee – NMSU American Indian Center
- October 27-28 – Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee – Albuquerque
 - Degree Plans Project
 - **Public Television – Glen Cerny will be on a panel**
 - Higher Education Endowment – Chaouk Abdallah
 - NM Tech Overview
- October 28 – 31- Legislative Finance Committee- State Capitol, Room 307

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

- I met with the NMSU Presidential Ambassadors to explain what NMDA services are offered to the constituents of New Mexico. Each of the ambassador's in attendance became honorary Chile Ambassadors.
- Staff are working events and promotions for the Eastern New Mexico State Fair in Roswell September 29 through October 4.
 - Promotion activities include the Country Store and local food activities;
 - October 3: watermelon bust
 - October 4: New Mexico's state vegetables, chile, and beans.
- NMDA staff is also working at the Southern New Mexico State Fair in Las Cruces October 1 through 5.



Chief, NMSU Police, Stephen Lopez

- The 2014 Annual Clery Act Safety and Security Bulletins were distributed for the system. For the first time, NMSU sent an e-mail to all students and employees in the system with the reports for all campuses. This helps ensure that any employees who transfer to a different campus, as well as any students taking classes at multiple campuses, receive the information required under the Clery Act.
- The Tough Enough to Wear Pink football game went off with only one disruptive individual who had to be ejected due to alcohol consumption inside the stadium.
- The Police Department is preparing to roll out "bystander intervention" training to all campuses over the course of this academic year. This training is designed to provide individuals with the tools to be able to identify when someone else might be in danger, as well as to intervene in a manner that does not increase personal risk.