

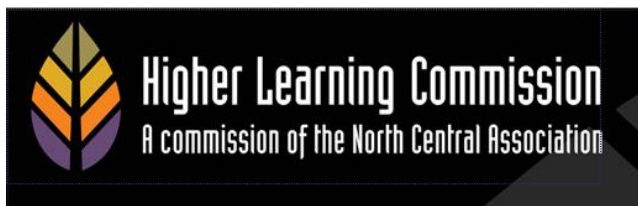
*From the President's Office*

*I am extremely pleased to read the first publication of "Campus Connection," and I want to thank Brenda Campbell for organizing and publishing our campus newsletter. Please know that all divisions, units, faculty, staff, and students may submit pertinent information to the entire campus through this medium. "Campus Connection" will be published twice monthly and may change over time to best serve our campus.*

*Just a reminder, the United Way NMSU-A campaign kickoff will be on Friday, October 16, at 10 a.m. in the Rohovec Theatre. The session will be informational, entertaining and, best of all, snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there.*

*We are working on a campus calendar that will include all academic dates, event dates, and student activity dates so everyone on our campus and in the community can see all that is happening at NMSU-A. There are some bugs to be worked out, but nothing that we cannot overcome. The calendar will be located on our website. We will notify everyone on how to submit to the calendar shortly.*

*Enjoy Campus Connection!*



HLC Comprehensive Visit: Accreditation requirements and expectations have changed. Instead of one comprehensive visit every ten years, the campus will have a visit at the 4 and 10 year points. This applies to all schools in the Standard Pathway and is not a requirement for only this university.

The next Standard Pathway Comprehensive

## Brown Bag Discussions

The Learning Signature Task Force will be organizing several Brown Bag Discussions throughout the year. Brown Bag Discussions are designed to be loosely structured conversations for the NMSU-A campus community—faculty, staff, administrators—about a wide variety of topics.

Each discussion will be led by a colleague or colleagues, but the content of the conversation will be largely determined by the participants and will include open time for questions and answers. Participants can bring their lunch, join in at any time, and leave at any time. So, even if you can only come for part of the conversation, please come!

If you have a topic of interest and are willing to lead a discussion, please contact one of the Learning Signature Task Force members. The Learning Signature Task Force members are: Glenda Elser, Co-Chair, Vandeen McKenzie, Co-Chair, Jim Gallagher, Rob Klinger, Miguel Viscarra.

Evaluation is scheduled for February 13-14, 2017, and will include an emphasis on comparative data on distance persistence, retention and completion and an embedded interim report on implementing Phase 1 of quality matters. In preparation for this visit, our HLC Liaison (Dr. Linnea Stenson) will visit NMSU-A on Friday, January 26, 2016.

The “**Self-Study**” has been replaced with an online Assurance Argument, which is basically a self-study with succinct documentation and evidence to address compliance and challenges associated with the Criteria for Accreditation. Faculty and staff may be asked to contribute information and/or evidence in support of the Assurance Argument. If you have any topics or concerns you think are pertinent to the Criteria for Accreditation, please email them [ghillis@namsu.edu](mailto:ghillis@namsu.edu). The Assurance Argument is scheduled to be completed in early Fall 2016.



Scholarship News for Students: The All-USA Community College Academic Team Scholarship and the Coca-Cola and All-State Academic Team Scholarships are open to all NMSU-A students. Candidates are usually second-year students with at least a 3.5 GPA and are engaged in campus and community service activities and leadership.

If a student wants to apply, he should sign in as a Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society member or register online at <https://www.ptk.org/Scholarships.aspx> and then complete the eligibility quiz. If he is eligible for the scholarship, then he will complete the extensive application form. The NMSU-A *internal deadline is November 9, 2015*. The All-USA Scholarship Selection Committee here on campus will choose the top two candidates and work with them to produce the best applications for final submission in early December.

In 2011 and 2012, our students received Gold and Silver Scholarship Awards as part of the Coca-Cola Academic Team and All-New Mexico Community College All-Academic Team. Last year, Heather Kangas, received the designation of a New Century Scholar, receiving the top score in the state of New Mexico. For more information, email Dr. Jim Gallagher, [jgallagher@nmsu.edu](mailto:jgallagher@nmsu.edu).

#### HSSE Division Update

Interim Division Head: Mary Ellen Keith, Associate Professor of Legal Studies

Assistant Division Head: Kathy Roark-Diehl, Professor of **English and Women's Studies**

The HSSE Division is currently scattered across campus since the Faculty Office Building is being renovated. The telephone numbers remain the same. The staff is located in the following locations:

Classroom Building 702

Mary Ellen Keith, Wilma Noriega, Beth Grundhoffer, **John Haley, Erin O'Neill-Armendarez**

Classroom Building 603B

Karen Reid, Jose Gonzalez-Gonzalez, P. Frank Webb, Andrew Ricksecker, various adjunct faculty

Quiet Room off the Deli

Kathy Roark-Diehl, Kim Lopez-Gallagher, Tanya Allred Pro Tech (go look)

Sonja Devargas, Jim Gallagher

Tays Center

Ernestine Baca

A vertical poster with a dark red background and white text. The title 'Scholar Dollar\$' is at the top in a large, serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is 'One application. All NMSU scholarships.' Further down, it says 'Opens October 1st' and 'Closes March 1st'. At the bottom, there is a white rectangular box containing the text 'Apply at scholarships.nmsu.edu'.

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Scholar Dollar\$: NMSU scholarship application is now open. Complete one application at <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/> to be considered for all NMSU scholarships. Scholarship application will be open until March 1, 2016.

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Spring 2016 Registration: **Calling all students...It's** time to make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor to plan your schedule for Spring 2016. Make an appointment **now so you don't have to wait in line** to see an advisor. Spring Registration Appointments begin October 12, 2015.

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Registration Start Dates

Student with Disabilities/Veterans – November 12, 2015  
Crimson Scholar – November 13, 2015  
Sophomores – November 18, 2015  
Freshmen – November 19, 2015  
Non-Degree – November 20, 2015  
New Students – November 30, 2015

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Revised Student Code of Conduct: A revised Student Code of Conduct document was provided by NMSU-Las Cruces. The following are the sections of the code of conduct which include changes/additions: Part II Jurisdiction: Social Media, Court, Dual Credit; Part IV Interim Measures; Part V Student Rights; Part VI Definitions. Also, FERPA has been expanded from what was published in the 2015-2016 Student Handbook on page 26. The changes can be found at the following website. <http://studenthandbook.nmsu.edu/>

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Text Your Students/Organization Without Giving Out Your Phone Number:

Remind.com is a resource for educators. It allows you to set up a FREE account. Your students can then send a text message to the number 81010 with a course-specific code in the body of the message to sign up for text alerts. You can text individual students or the entire class without having to give out your phone number or gather their numbers. **You can register multiple courses, and you'll receive a unique course code** for students to use in the body of the text when registering.



**If you don't have a cell phone, you can enter messages on your computer via the remind.com site that will be sent to students' phones as a text message.** Go to remind.com for videos and additional information on this free resource.



**It's almost Halloween!!**

**Watch for information about the costume contest, scheduled for the last week of October**

Assessment Workshop: There will be an Assessment Workshop on October 22, 12:15 pm in CB 801. **The workshop will cover "Item Analysis of Test Results".** The presenters will be Dr. Rita Eisele and Dr. Karen Reid. No registration is needed.

Bookstore Information: The book store has begun accepting book returns from the 1st 8-week courses. And the store has the 2nd 8- week course required textbooks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Marquez, NMSU-A Bookstore Manager.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: If you are studying for a job field that New Mexico has a strong demand for, then you may want to learn more about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Signed into federal law in 2014, WIOA is about helping people find jobs, including providing funds to assist eligible students pursuing occupations that are in demand. WIOA funding is not guaranteed, nor automatic, but students seeking training in jobs that New Mexico needs are highly encouraged to apply.

For example, registered nurse (RN) is one example of a high demand field in New Mexico. Students accepted into the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) program leading to an RN degree should contact their local WIOA coordinator for more information.

**New Mexico  
Workforce Connection**

NMSU-A is partnered with NM Workforce Connection through SUN PATH, a U.S. Department of Labor grant to improve healthcare education in the state. New Mexico connects eligible persons with this program through the New Mexico Workforce Connection under the Department of Workforce Solutions Office located at 901 Alaska Avenue, Alamogordo.



Mr. Mike Hopkin, Lead Career Development Specialist for the WIOA program, can provide additional information. He can be reached at (575) 437-9210.

<http://www.doleta.gov/wioa/Overview.cfm>

**Job Opening: Administrative Assistant, Part-time, in the Pro Tech Division**

Hours: 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Friday

For more information please visit our website at <http://nmsua.edu/protech/>

Click **on the link under "Employment"**



## Congratulations!

Quality Matters Completion:  
Congratulations to the following faculty who have successfully completed a Quality Matters external review in Year 2:

CS 110 – Karen May  
OECS 1255 – Sharon Bain  
ECED 115 – Hayley Lehoski  
ECED 235 – Hayley Lehoski  
ECED 265 – Joyce Hill  
ACCT 200 – Susan Cook  
E T 290 – Noel Romero  
GER 112 – Sonja De Vargas  
OEBM 240 – Cory Weaver  
SPAN 112 – Jose Gonzales-Gonzales

And, the following faculty who have successfully completed a Quality Matters internal review:

BOT 213/OECS 211 – Vicki Gibson  
BIOL 211G – Catherine Hartkorn  
BMGT 275/BA 202 – Sierra Duran

Dr. Jim Gallagher, professor of Communication, **was selected to teach** an honors class at the Las Cruces campus **this semester**.

Job Opportunities: Do you need a full or part-time job? Are you looking for an internship that will provide experience related to your career choice? Register at AggieCAREER Manager for these services and many others that will help with current or future employment.

To create your account, follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu).
2. Place cursor on Student Resources.
3. Click on Student Quicklinks-under Current Students.
4. Under Other Resources click on Career Center
5. Select AggieCAREER Manager
6. Click on Click Here to Register link at the bottom of the page.
7. For Step 1, click on the Click Here link to sign the user agreement.
8. Enter your NMSU username and password then hit Submit.
9. Click on Save and Review Form.
10. Click on the Proceed to Electronic Signature button at the bottom of the page.
11. Click on the Accept and Sign button.
12. Close the current window to go to Step 2.
13. Complete your profile. Your username is your Aggie ID number.
14. Click the orange Register button when your profile is complete.
15. Log in using your username/Aggie ID and password to access job postings, career event information, and to upload your resume and other documents.



Career Center: Tim Wheeler, [twheeler@nmsu.edu](mailto:twheeler@nmsu.edu), 575-439-3726  
STEM Outreach: Ester Gonzales, [mgonzale@nmsu.edu](mailto:mgonzale@nmsu.edu), 575-439-3865

NMSU-Alamogordo phlebotomy students: The phlebotomy students **supported the Alamo Senior Center's Annual Health Fair on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The students, overseen by their instructors, provided blood pressure checks and blood sugar testing to the fair's visitors.

The phlebotomy class is one of several sponsored by a Department of Labor grant called SUN PATH designed to help residents quickly enter healthcare fields. Students can qualify as phlebotomists, learning to draw blood samples for clinical laboratory testing, in as little as one semester.

The class prepares the students to take a national certification exam and SUN PATH links them with a Job Development Career Coach to help them in their job search. For more information on SUN PATH please contact the coordinator, Daron Patton at [dkpatton@nmsu.edu](mailto:dkpatton@nmsu.edu) or 575-439-3876.



Library Hours: The library will re-open Monday, October 5th at 8 am. Regular hours will be: Monday – Thursday, 8am - 7pm; Friday, 8am - 5pm; Saturday & Sunday, Closed. There will be a grand (re)opening reception in a few weeks, so watch for the announcement.

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NM NAACP Conference: The New Mexico NAACP Conference will be held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 at the Tays

Center. This year it will be co-hosted by NMSU-A's Collegiate LULAC student organization. For information individuals can email Dr. Juan Garcia or call his office at 439-3626.

## **Annual Diversity and Inclusion Information Fair**

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Mental Health week, NMSU-A will host the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Information Fair

**October 8, 12-2:30pm**  
**NMSU-A patio**

Students and faculty who get three signatures on the food voucher will receive free pizza and ice cream. For more information, contact Viviane Ackall 575-439-3721.

The following organizations will be at the Diversity and Inclusion Fair:

Pregnancy Help Center  
Small Business Development Center  
Love INC.  
CAPPED  
NM Department of Health-Public Health Office  
Senior Center Volunteer  
Addus Home Health Care  
B+N BookStore NMSU-A  
VA/Financial Aid Advisor  
Educational Opportunity Center  
SUN PATH Grant/NMSU-Healthcare Programs  
NMSVBI - School For Blind  
NFB –National Federation for Blind  
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Otero County  
Otero County Sheriff's Office  
NMSU-A ASC  
NM Work Force Connections  
DVR–Division of Vocational Rehab  
Essential Oils  
NMSU-A Social Science Club  
The Optimist Club of Alamogordo  
Hypno therapy center  
Zia Therapy Center  
Theater on the Hill  
Art Class  
Aggie Cupboard  
Alamogordo Public Library  
Civilian Personnel HAFB  
JW American Sign Language Project

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Reminders: Please everyone watch your speed while driving on campus and smoke in the designated areas only.

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Annual Security Report: The Annual Security Report is now available. NMSU-A is committed to assisting all members of the NMSU-A community in providing for their own safety and security. The annual security compliance document is available on the NMSU-A campus website.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Annual Security Report, which contains this information, you can stop by the Office of Facilities at 2400 North Scenic Drive or you can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling 439-3611.

<http://nmsua.edu/files/uploads/sites/16/2015/09/annual-security-report-2015.pdf>

Do you have items stacked in your garage that you want to get rid of?

Reserve a table at the

**Social Science Club's Flea Market**

October 10, 9am to 12pm

Tays Center



Rent a table for \$5 or come shop for treasures. For more information contact Miguel, 575-439-3811.

Student Government officers  
Fall 2015-Spring 2016 school year  
President: John Frye  
Vice President: Troy Jones  
Recording Secretary: Katrina Schuster  
Treasurer: Elan Glendening  
Public Relations: Tommy Balderrama

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**University Alamogordo**



The Next edition of "Campus Connection" will be published on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please have any inputs to Brenda Campbell, [brendalc@nmsu.edu](mailto:brendalc@nmsu.edu), by October 15<sup>th</sup>.



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The NMSU-A United Way Campaign Kickoff is **Friday, October 16, 10:00am, Rohovec Theatre.**

United Way supports many programs important to our community. The NMSU-A campaign will run from October 16 through November 6. The kickoff will be informational and there will be snack food and drinks.

For more information, contact Anne Ricksecker.

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