

From the President's Office

Dear Campus Community,

We look forward to hosting the NMSU-A Volleyball Camp July 5th through the 9th. I want to thank Ernie Baca in advance for her work in organizing the camp and also to all who have volunteered to help run the event. I am looking forward to this camp being the first of many events to come that will provide high school students with positive, productive activities during the summer months. Please come by and check out the volleyball camp if you are around the 5th through the 9th.

I hope you had a chance to drop by the Tays Center to see the Tays family art show last week. I enjoyed my visit and had a nice conversation with Melvin Tays. A huge debt of gratitude goes to Nancy, Rick, Billy, Doug, Dean, and Craig for building temporary walls that worked perfectly for displaying the art. Everyone was pleased, and we were happy to host the event.

As I have mentioned before, I keep running into folks who completed or started their college education at NMSU-A. It is encouraging to meet those who value the dedication and expertise of our faculty and staff, appreciate the education they received, and are proud to express their gratitude.

Please join us on the evening of the 4th of July as the City of Alamogordo sponsors a fireworks extravaganza from our campus. I know it will be an evening of great entertainment and a wonderful way to celebrate our independence.

Stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer.

*Ken Van Winkle
President, New Mexico State University Alamogordo*

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The NMSU-A Text Messaging Service delivers priority alerts and other significant messages to NMSU-A students, faculty, and staff.

This service is an opt-in communication method that allows our students, employees, and faculty to stay up-to-date with Student Services activities that require their attention, as well as important administrative alerts related to student success.

Current students can take advantage of this service:

**Text NMSUA to
24587**

Prospective students or community members who would like to be kept informed about campus activities and events can **text NMSUANEW to 24587**.

Students who need to contact the Accessibility Services Department can **text ASD to (575) 201-7775**.

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NMSU-A Spotlight: Renewable Energy

Instructor, Clay Blevins

Clay Blevins is NMSU-A's longest-standing Renewable Energy Instructor. He began working at NMSU-A as a math tutor and instructor in 1999. Since then, he has been working with the NMSU-A Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Project, and has developed most of the important curricular elements of the campus renewable energy program, including the Renewable Energy Systems Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree and two embedded certificates; the Certificate in Photo Voltaic Entry Level Grid-Tie and the Certificate in Advanced Photo Voltaic Installation.

In addition to the curricular development, Mr. Blevins has donated his own time and effort to select and oversee the purchase, set-up, and maintenance of more than 5.5 million dollars of state-of-the-art renewable energy instructional and laboratory equipment and supplies for the campus' STEM and Title V grants. These purchases include cutting edge technology such as:

- ❖ wind, solar, and electronic trainers
- ❖ a transportable home energy efficiency and auditing laboratory
- ❖ both photovoltaic and solar thermal troubleshooting trainers for solar water heating

Mr. Blevins has also participated in the design and construction of:

- ❖ a roof-on-wheels for on-the-ground rooftop solar system installation practice
- ❖ a full-sized learning canopy upon which students practice safe installation at normal roof height

Mr. Blevins has managed to make NMSU-A the only university renewable energy program that actually ties into the PNM grid. To do so, he negotiated work and materials with them, saving the campus an additional \$10,000 in purchasing this service.

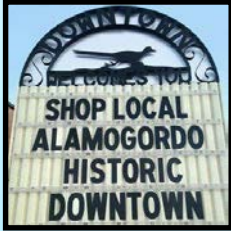
He is currently overseeing the design and construction of a 60 foot wind turbine tower for the program. The tower will fold down to a concrete pad, facilitating access for all NMSU-A Renewable Energy students. Again, Mr. Blevins has managed to negotiate with PNM's assistance in the installation at no cost to the campus.

Aside from his numerous accomplishments in the design, development, and setup of the Renewable Energy Laboratory at New Mexico State University Alamogordo, Mr. Blevins enthusiastically presents at events and meetings throughout the region, promoting renewable energy, recruiting for the program, and sharing his love of technical engineering endeavors. He also works as a volunteer and networks with other specialists in renewable energies throughout the region.

You can find Mr. Clay Blevins, in room number 179 in the entrance of the Alternative Energy Laboratory. This is located in the west wing of the Tays Center. You may reach him at (575) 439-3897 or cblevins@nmsu.edu.



A big thank you to Cathy Aguilar-Morgan, Michelle Nelson, Gaby Muñoz, Daron Patton, Rob Klinger, and Katie Pacelli, who all helped out at the NMSU-A table during the Alamogordo Downtown Merchants Association Art Walk on Friday, June 17th. It was a lot of fun, and we had many people stop by to talk with us! Our volunteers are the BEST at chipping in and talking to our community about the programs and opportunities at our college.



The Art Walk is held on the 3rd Friday of each month from 6-8pm on New York Avenue, between 9th St and 10th St. We need volunteers to help hand out information and goodies, and to answer questions. This is a great venue for boosting registration and promoting your program!

Come join us! There is a sign-up sheet in Katie's office in Student Services. Please help us by volunteering, even if it is only for one hour each month.

Thank you!

On Wednesday, June 29th, current and former members of the Online Quality Assurance Team met for the first day of a working retreat. With the upcoming visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the topic of the day was the accomplishments and improvements we've made to our online course offerings and online infrastructure over the course of the last three years. Noteworthy accomplishments include the creation of online delivery standards, comprehensive training on both online design and delivery principles, creating a required template and a recommended "shell" for designing online courses, providing online support services for our online students, mentoring faculty, and conducting 178 Quality Matters reviews over the three-year period, of which 146 were external reviews. A course that meets the Quality Matters standards in an external review receives national recognition as a quality online course.

In the last three years, we've gone from being "dinged" by HLC to receiving the prestigious "Outstanding Impact by an Organization" award from Quality Matters at its 6th Annual Conference. We never would have gotten there without the hard work of our faculty and staff, with special thanks to the members of the Quality Assurance Team: Kim Lopez-Gallagher, Christine Trapp, Kathy Roark-Diehl, Gary Bond, Claire Forsmann, Sherrell Wheeler, Karen May, John Adams, and Rob Klinger.




Did you know that NMSU-A's own Hazel Wilson is a television and YouTube sensation? She and her majestic hawk, Dolly, had the opportunity to be part of the new commercial for the City of Alamogordo that was filmed by New Mexico True in April of this year. So, the next time you see Ms. Hazel, be sure to get her autograph!

You can watch the full commercial here:
<https://youtu.be/C9vp3aqr2zs>



Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo Team Makes and Serves Community Meal Feeding Over 100 People

On Monday, June 20th, a handful of NMSU Alamogordo faculty, staff, and retirees put a meal together for one of our local Community Meals.

Community Meals are served at different locations around the city nearly every evening to help support low-income families, the homeless, and the elderly in our community.

The Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo Team worked to make enough lasagna, salad, and dessert to feed over 100 people! One challenge is to determine a menu that will work within the constraints of a particular kitchen (and the team's culinary skills). Then the team does the math to make the recipe work to feed 100 to 150 people. It seems simple on one hand, but this is no exact science. The team planned and gathered the groceries with the help of Janett Quick and Donnetta Compos of the Hunger Coalition, who work with the city's food recovery program. Janett and Donnetta were able to get 15 pounds of ground turkey, eggs, cottage cheese, some mozzarella cheese, garlic bread, and desserts from area grocery stores and the Holloman Commissary.

The NMSU Alamogordo community supported the team with salad fixings. Thanks to all of you who donated produce on Monday. The salad was every bit as popular as the lasagna!

Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo hopes to prepare a meal every month. If you would like to help with a donation (cash or produce!), or if you would like to help out in the kitchen, please contact Greg Hillis, Vandeen McKenzie, or Kathy Roark-Diehl.



Don't Forget!

The deadline to apply for degrees and certificates for summer 2016 is July 11th. Application is free. To start the process, see your academic advisor to verify all requirements have been met. Then login to MyNMSU, select Banner Self Service, select Student, then select Student Records and Degree Application. If you need assistance, contact your academic advisor.

An online Certificate application is now available at <http://nmsua.edu/certificate-application/>

Due to the summer compressed work week, July payroll will be handed out on Thurs, July 14 and Thurs, July 28. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Salinas, 575-439-3601.

Academic Support Center Summer Hours are 8-6 Monday-Thursday.

Testing Center Summer Hours are 8-5 Monday-Thursday. For more information, call (575) 439-3853 or (575) 439-3852.

And, of course...

Don't forget to register for the Fall Semester!



Take a walk around our campus and look at the beauty all around us! Jeff Bacon took this picture of a Strawberry Hedgehog Cactus in bloom! See if you can find it! While you're looking, stop in and say hello to our biology instructors Dr. Jennifer Smith and Sarah Cerra!

Coming Soon...

NMSU-A Dual Credit Advisor and Recruiter Elma Hernandez will be attending Registration Days for Fall 2016 for the following schools.

Cloudcroft High School

Monday – July 18

Tuesday – July 19

Wednesday – July 20

Alamogordo High School

Thursday – July 28

Friday – July 29

Monday – August 1

Tularosa High School

Thursday – August 11

Friday – August 12

During Registration Days, Elma will be available to provide students and parents with information regarding the Dual Credit Program. She will also have Dual Credit packets to hand out.

If you have any questions, you can call Elma at 575-439-3856 or email elmah@nmsu.edu.

Going on vacation? Don't forget your NMSU-A gear! In fact, post a pic on our Facebook page showing your NMSU-A Pride, and we'll give you some NMSU-A flair to add to your collection! Email questions to kpacelli@nmsu.edu.



Astronomy Professor Rob Klinger shows his NMSU-A pride while on vacation in Cortez, Colorado this summer.

Now it's your turn! Post a picture on our Facebook page that shows us how much you love NMSU-A, and we will send you a piece of NMSU-A swag for your collection.

If you have any questions, email kpacelli@nmsu.edu

On August 30, 2016 from 12-1 pm on the patio, NMSU-A will present an International College Fair. Multiple companies specializing in study abroad programs will be here to share the process and benefits of participating in global learning. Don't miss this opportunity to speak directly with individuals who can make studying abroad a memorable and once-in-a-lifetime experience. For information, please contact Dr. Juan García at (575) 439-3626 or email jbgarcia@nmsu.edu.

The campus will be closed for the Fourth of July Holiday beginning Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4, 2016. Buildings will be locked and alarms will be on. Security will not be available. Campus will resume regular hours on July 5, 2016.

The Fire Chief has reminded us that no one is allowed in any of the university buildings, at any time, on the day of July 4th.

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!