



# Campus Connection

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## *From the President's Office*

Dear NMSU-A and Friends,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual NMSU-A Health and Wellness Fair was an excellent event this weekend. The day was such a positive one, and it was the ideal time for the experts to help others understand the value of health and wellness. The weather was perfect, the attendance was great, and everyone I talked to said they thoroughly enjoyed the event. Again, thank you to Dr. Baca and the committee who worked so hard to bring this important experience back for another year.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs' search committee has completed its task of narrowing a very strong field of applicants down to the final four. We will bring these folks to campus for face-to-face interviews within the next couple of weeks. Please meet and visit with our candidates in this very important process. A schedule of interviews will be published as it becomes available. The four candidates are:

Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert, Cecil College, Maryland

Dr. Mickey Best, South Arkansas Community College, Arkansas

Dr. Mark Cal, New Mexico State University Alamosordo, New Mexico

Dr. Ronald Sloan, Ivy Tech Community College, Indiana

I will ask for your vote concerning the summer schedule within the next few days. As you may recall, the campus went to a four-day workweek during the summer months last year. Closing the campus over a three-day weekend did save money on energy costs. I personally do not mind either way but I will let the campus decide and, like last year, I believe it should be at least 2/3 in favor for it to pass.

It is hard to believe we are turning the corner to the midway point of the semester. Keep up the good work, and if you need anything please let me know.

Ken Van Winkle  
President  
New Mexico State University Alamosordo

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

### Scholar Dollar\$

Scholar Dollar\$ is the singular online scholarship application and awarding system for New Mexico State University. Students from any campus can apply for all NMSU scholarships.

Scholar Dollar\$ is open from October 1st to March 1st each year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and annually.  
<https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>

### FAFSA® Changes for 2017-18

On Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) process that will impact millions of students. Starting with the 2017-18 application cycle, the following changes will be put in place:

- **Students will be able to submit a FAFSA® earlier.** Students will be able to file a 2017-18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA earlier every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The FAFSA became available January 1 as in previous years.)
- **Students will use earlier income information.** Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

### Golden Gears Car Club of Alamogordo Scholarship

Amount: \$250

Criteria:

Student must be seeking a degree in Automotives

Must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher

Must provide 3 references

Applications available in the NMSU-A Financial Aid Office

Deadline is April 15, 2017

### Scholar Dollar\$ Workshop

Have you completed your Scholar Dollar\$ application for 2017/2018?

Scholar Dollar\$ is an online scholarship application for all branches of NMSU.

Did you know the deadline date is March 1, 2017?

Come to the Scholar Dollar\$ Workshop at Student Services Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to receive assistance in submitting your scholarship application. Assistance will be available all day during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8-6, Friday 8-5).

Cookies and Café au lait will be served **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.**

Come apply for scholarships and celebrate Mardi Gras with us! Faculty and staff are also welcome to come by to support students and enjoy some cookies and coffee!!

### Scholarship Opportunity

New Mexico Legislative Endowment Scholarship

Amount Varies

Criteria:

Must be degree seeking at NMSU-A

Must be at least half time (6 credits or more)

Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better

Must be a New Mexico resident

Must show financial need by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Must not be eligible to receive any other New Mexico State Scholarship

Preference given to a continuing or returning student

Applications available at the NMSU-A Financial Aid Office

**Deadline is Friday, March 31, 2017 for 2016/2017**

## MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

What are three things you can do to help your chances of getting a scholarship?

1. Apply
2. Apply
3. Apply



### Albuquerque Community Foundation

Student Aid Applications are OPEN! \$160,000 to be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year. Apply at <http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/>.

### SeniorHomes.com Scholarship

Caregiving is a full-time job unto itself. When you add the challenges of being a full-time student in addition to managing your own life, you are facing three full-time jobs yet you cannot walk away from any of these responsibilities. SeniorHomes.com understands what you are facing and would like to support you in achieving your goals of graduating while providing the best care possible for your loved one.

We are offering two \$1,000 scholarships for caregivers who are actively enrolled in a U.S. college or university.

To apply, student caregivers may submit their story through a 1,200-word essay or a 5-minute video that tells us of your journey being a caregiver and student. Your submission should answer the following questions:

Who is the individual you are caring for, and when did you begin caring for them?

How has caring for this individual affected your path in life or your career choice?

How would this scholarship be beneficial for you in your role as a caregiver and student?

Your #SeniorHomesScholarship story should be submitted to us **by March 30th, 2017**. Winners will be announced by April 25th, 2017.

To apply, go to <https://www.seniorhomes.com/p/seniorhomes-caregiver-scholarship/>.

### Nola Jones Scholarship

The Nola Jones Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors at Alamogordo High School, Academy del Sol, Cloudcroft High School, Mescalero High School and Tularosa High School who intend to enroll in an institute of higher learning during the 2017/2018 academic years. One recipient will be chosen from each high school. Each scholarship is for \$300.

Applicants must submit an original, typewritten essay of 500 words stating "What is Your View of the Political Party System in the United States."

Applications are available in the NMSU-A Financial Aid Office.

**Deadline is April 15, 2017.**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

### NMSU Women's Club Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the NMSU Women's Club

The NMSU Women's Club Scholarship Award is a \$500 annual scholarship awarded to a woman who, after a break in her education, returns to pursue an education in her undergraduate degree at New Mexico State University. This break can occur between high school and college, or during the student's college career. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher after completing a minimum of 45 credit hours and must attach (unofficial) transcripts with application.

Application can be found here: <https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/files/2013/11/2016-17-WC-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Send application to::

Susan DeMar

New Mexico State University

PO Box 30000

MSC MAP

Las Cruces, NM 88003

[sdemar@nmsu.edu](mailto:sdemar@nmsu.edu)

or hand deliver to Susan DeMar in room 137 of Breland Hall

**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

### NMSU Women's Club Scholarship Award

In Memory of Ruth Mary Webber

The NMSU Women's Club will award a \$250 scholarship to a woman pursuing an undergraduate degree at the main campus of New Mexico State University. This scholarship is sponsored by Susan M. DeMar in honor of her late mother, Ruth Mary Webber, who believed in the ability of her children and grandchildren to be their best.

Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher AND be a single or widowed mother with dependent children who reside with her.

Attach a current copy of your unofficial transcript and a one page description of yourself and your goals.

Send application to or request more information from:

Susan DeMar

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**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED



NMSU Women's Club



### FOR UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN WHO HAVE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

The NMSU Women's Club is committed to identifying returning female UNDERGRADUATE students who merit scholarship support to assist them in attaining their educational goals. The Club's Scholarship Committee annually recommends one (sometimes two) scholarship candidates and awards a \$500 scholarship. The successful candidate(s) will be invited to attend the Women's Club Spring Luncheon in March or April where the award will be presented.

#### Qualifications:

- ✱ Female UNDERGRADUATE student returning to school after a break in her education
- ✱ Must have completed at least 45 credit hours
- ✱ Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5

For more details and to download an application, visit our Web site at: [womensclub.nmsu.edu](http://womensclub.nmsu.edu)

*and click on Scholarships*

**Application Deadline: March 1 each year and awarded at each Spring business meeting**



### QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about financial aid or about scholarship opportunities, we can help! Give us a call at (575) 439-3600, send an email to [finaidnmsua@nmsu.edu](mailto:finaidnmsua@nmsu.edu), or come in to Student Services. We are here for you!



Alamogordo Campus  
College of Education  
Campus Visit for  
Advising



(ALL EDUCATION MAJORS/STEP AND TEP PORTFOLIOS)

Dr. Margo Trevino-Torres

March 2, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment

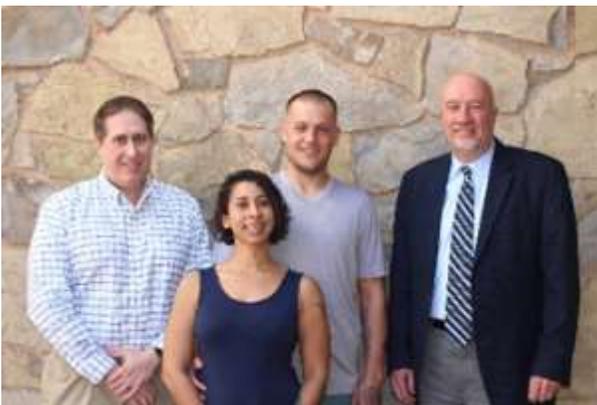
Call Student Services

575-439-3600

## Studio G

### Studio G Grant Winners

NMSU-A wishes to congratulate James and Melissa Richardson, the husband and wife team who were selected for a Studio G, Arrowhead Center, Hunt Business Start-up Sponsorship. James and Melissa are both General Engineering majors at NMSU-A, and they have developed an antimicrobial wristband that dispenses hand sanitizer. The primary market for their product is people who work in the health care industry; however they hope to expand into government contracts so their wristband will be included in survival kits that can be used by people who are affected by natural disasters, as well as soldiers going into the field. The Richardsons will receive a one-time payment of \$4,250 as well as the assistance of the Arrowhead Center to engineer and market their product.



L to R: NMSU-A Interim VPAA, Dr. Mark Cal, Melissa Richardson, James Richardson, and NMSU-A President, Dr. Ken Van Winkle.

Photo courtesy of Beth Hillis



L to R: Melissa Richardson, James Richardson, and NMSU-A President, Dr. Ken Van Winkle.

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## CAMPUS LIBRARY

This week the Townsend Library has chosen to highlight a statewide service provided to us through the New Mexico State Library that many of you may not know exists.

If you or someone you know has a visual impairment, physical disability preventing use of print books, or reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction, this announcement is for you. Our State Library offers a comprehensive service that addresses these needs through the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH). Please go to their website, <http://www.nmstatelibrary.org/direct-and-rural-services/lbph>, for specific details and eligibility requirements. One program that began in 1969 in which they participate is the Radio Talking Book which was the first radio reading service in the world. There is also a thriving audio and braille book exchange and magazine subscriptions on digital media. These materials are all delivered by postal service directly to the patrons' homes with no-cost return mailers included. The New Mexico State Library offers personalized readers' advisory services to patrons eligible for these programs at no additional charge. The LBPH periodically requests volunteer help in several areas, specifically for the recording and audio production of local digital books (there are lots of local authors in New Mexico)! Below is complete contact information for the LBPH.

Phone: 505-476-9770 or 1-800-456-5515

Fax: 505-476-9776

Address: 1209 Camino Carlos Rey  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

E-mail: [sl.lbph@state.nm.us](mailto:sl.lbph@state.nm.us)

### Important Announcement from Dr. Jenkins

Hello there potential patrons,

I was recently contacted by a faculty member about the availability of a film to show for their classroom activities. Because of the short time frame, I had to use an alternate means to obtain it than I had hoped. Please keep in mind that recently revised copyright laws took some things out of public domain that you might think you could show freely. Do not - at least not without a proper performance rights license. **Alexander Street Academic Videos Online**, to which the library subscribes, will (with sufficient notice) obtain a license for *any* film for us - *if it's available* - and load it onto their platform for us to download, just like any of their other videos! It's a great service and very useful.

Thank you,

Dr. Jenkins

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### Black History Month Exhibit

The library has put up our exhibit for Black History Month. If you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and see it! There is also a link to a list of resources on our home page (<http://nmsua.edu/library/>) called Resources for Black History Month. Please take the time to check it out.



The Beautiful Townsend Library on the Campus of New Mexico State University Alamogordo.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

### Department of Health

Otero Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) committee is requesting your assistance, by taking this SHORT survey to gauge local Otero perspective about healthy options at restaurants. This only takes about 3-5 minutes, and will be very useful in planning future health outreach efforts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EatWellOteroConsumer>

### Take Back the Night Alamogordo



The next Take Back the Night Alamogordo Committee Meeting will be Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Patron's Hall on New York Avenue (next to the Flickinger Center). This meeting is open to the public. Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss the Take Back the Night Alamogordo purpose statement, fundraising efforts and to continue planning the 11th annual Take Back the Night Alamogordo March and Rally, which will take place on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at the Tays Center from 6-9 p.m.

Please RSVP on the Take Back the Night Alamogordo Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TBtNA/>) so we can let Patron's Hall know how many people we can expect.

Thank you!

### Mannequin Challenge

Did you participate in the Mannequin Challenge on February 19th? If so, did you take pictures? Would you like to share them? We would love to see them! Please send them to Rhonda Napoleon at [napony1express@msn.com](mailto:napony1express@msn.com), or through the group's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/alamomannequinchallenge/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/alamomannequinchallenge/).

## STUDENT SERVICES

### PokémonGo

Greetings, NMSU-A Pokémon Trainers!

I hope this update finds you all well in our spring semester. It is a very exciting time. Classes are in full-swing, and PokémonGO has added 80 new characters! These characters may be most familiar to you from the Gold/Silver games, and I could not be more excited for new opportunities and adventures.

I hope you all took advantage of the 30-minute Lure I activated yesterday in the Science Center. In preparation for the new update, there was a glitch in the game, so that Lure lasted for 6 whole hours!

Best of luck in your training, and as always, be mindful of your surroundings, and stay safe.

- Miguel Viscarra, M.A.

### Celebration of Excellence

Please mark your calendar to attend the Celebration of Excellence event rescheduled for Friday, March 31st at the Tays Center, starting at 6 p.m..

Join us as we celebrate our students' accomplishments.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Holder at [lholder@nmsu.edu](mailto:lholder@nmsu.edu), 575.439.3615.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

The next Student Government Meeting is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 24 at 2:00 pm in CB201.

For more information, call Judy Garcia at (575) 439-3716.

### CHAOS BISTRO

**Are you hungry?** The Chaos Bistro food truck will be in the NMSU-A Faculty Parking Lot (behind the Allied Health Building) on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**The week of February 22nd, the special will be Fried Ravioli with Marinara!**



As always, each week we will add a special of our own...but you have to keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out what that will be. Mark your calendar! We will go live from the food truck on Wednesday at about 11:45 a.m. to tell you about our special surprise. Who knows what you may win? It could be Rohovec Theater tickets, an NMSU-A backpack, or a Satchel of Student Services' Secret Stash of Smarties! Tune in to the New Mexico State University Alamogordo Facebook Page to find out!

**Come on over and Order Some Disorder!**

## SUN PATH

On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Director of Allied Health Becky Ross shared information regarding the SUN PATH grant to Leadership Otero, and provided a tour of the EMS and nursing labs. SUN PATH faculty, Jennifer Obbard, shared with the group the importance of simulation for our students and our community. Both presentations stressed the importance of ensuring that our students in the Allied Health and EMS programs are well trained, starting with each mannequin having a name, and is treated like a real patient. This guarantees our students are prepared for workplace standards following completion of the certification and courses.



*Becky Ross discussing how our simulation man is able to teach our students and assist in future trainings with employer partners on infrequent procedures.*



*Jennifer Obbard explaining to Leadership Otero participants how to program the simulation man.*

FREE EVENT ON CAMPUS

New Mexico State University Alamogordo--Professional Development Session

# A PIECE OF CAKE!

## Planning, Implementing, and Making Sense of Course Assessment

Learning from Each Other

Date: March 1, 2017  
Time: 12:15 to 1:00 PM  
Location: CB 201

Presenters:

**Miguel Viscarra, M.A.**

A Freshman's perspective on making sense of assessment results

**Anne Ricksecker, M.A.Ed.**

A Sophomore's perspective on planning and implementation

Joyce Hill, Ph.D.  
Facilitator

*Cake will be served!*

March 1, 2017  
Sponsored by Office of Curriculum and Assessment  
Teaching and Learning Committee



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**ASC &  
TESTING  
CENTER**

**Spring  
2017**

**ASC  
(575) 439-3853**

**Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Testing  
Center**

**(575) 439-3858**

**Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**



## Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo

### UPDATE

Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo is still in need of canned pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, peanut butter, canned soups, packages of dry beans, pasta and rice.

Donations for the Aggie Pantry may be brought to several places on campus including Student Services, the lobby of the Library, and the Science Center. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please make checks out to the Otero Hunger Coalition as they now hold our account. Donations through Otero Hunger Coalition are tax deductible.

The dates for spring distribution are:

February – 21 & 22

March – 28 & 29

April – 25 & 26

May – 30 & 31

Thank you,

Greg Hillis

### BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO CAMPUS

There are several locations on campus where you can drop off your Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo donations.

There are Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo donation boxes located on the table in the Glass House, in the lobby of the Campus Library, and in the Science Center. There is also an Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo donation shelf in the lobby of the Student Services building. You can also bring your donations to Greg Hillis's office, which is located next to Human Resources.

We do have students in need, so please do what you can to help.



### AGGIE CUPBOARD ALAMOGORDO

On Monday, March 13, the Aggie Cupboard Team will be hosting another community meal. The Team hopes to develop the resources, both food and volunteers, to commit to providing one community meal each month, on the second Monday of each month.

In terms of resources, the food is not generally a problem, as food is donated by the Hunger Coalition and by the generosity of the faculty and staff here at NMSU-A.

*What the Aggie Cupboard needs to ensure this commitment is a strong volunteer base. We need this base to come from NMSU-A faculty and staff.*

There are a lot of ways faculty and staff can get involved.

We can always use a cooking team. This is by far the largest time commitment. Volunteer cooks generally help plan the meal based on the food provided by the Hunger Coalition and they need to arrive at the church between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in being part of the cooking team, contact Kathy Fuller (kathfull@nmsu.edu), Greg Hillis (ghillis@nmsu.edu), or Kathy Roark-Diehl (kathyrd@nmsu.edu). We can provide more details on how the meal preparation for 150 people magically happens.

We understand that this time frame is what eliminates many of our campus community from participating. Here are other ways you can volunteer:

Come around 4:30 or 5:00 to help serve the meal.

Come after 5:30 to help clean up.

Just come and enjoy the meal!

Food service begins at 5:00, but anyone who shows up between 5:00 and 6:00 is served a meal.

Why is coming to the meal and eating helpful? Many of the community members attending a community meal bring their children, some are between jobs, and others are looking for opportunities for self improvement and ways to change their lives.

Just being yourselves can be good for the guests at the meal and good for our NMSU-A community. Talking to folks, getting to know them, and finding out about their hopes and dreams can begin a life changing conversation. Sharing how a college education has changed your own life can bring hope and inspiration to individuals who have not seen education as a viable option in their own lives. We at the Aggie Pantry hope to build relationships between members of our community and the college, as we see this as the true mission of the *community part of community college*.

--Aggie Cupboard Team

If you have an article, story, or photo you would like to share in the Campus Connection Newsletter, please send it to Katie Pacelli-Klinger at [kpacelli@nmsu.edu](mailto:kpacelli@nmsu.edu) or call (575) 439-3729. Don't forget to Like and Follow the New Mexico State University Alamogordo Facebook Page and @NMSU on Twitter!

