



# Campus Connection

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## *From the President's Office*

Dear Campus Community,

Welcome back to our beautiful campus and the beginning of a new year. I am excited about the coming semester and happy to report that we are seeing our enrollment level off a bit. We have not turned the corner completely, but our predictions were far worse than a new reality of about a 3% drop in student credit hours compared to the same time last spring. I am optimistic that we are applying some sound strategies to begin a growth pattern and feel confident that we are approaching a logical student population number relative to our service area.

I also want to thank each of you for working so hard to be a better campus for our students. I am receiving feedback from the community that has a different tone than some months ago. The questions are still difficult and remind me we have a lot of work to do in educating the community about what we can and cannot do. But, I hear a sense of pride, hope, and well wishes directed to the success of the campus that was lacking to a certain degree before. Thank you again and keep up the good work. We have amazing faculty and staff.

We are just about to experience our Higher Learning Commission site visit February 13 and 14. I am sure there will be some difficult questions about our campus. Our plan is to be honest and transparent concerning our challenges and accomplishments. The last visit revealed a serious problem with the quality of our online courses. That concern has, in a matter of three short years, been essentially eliminated to the point that we are now the campus that the system looks to for online advice. All faculty who have designed online courses that have been Quality Matter certified deserve a huge thank you. I will say one more time, the leadership that Sherrell Wheeler has shown in this endeavor has been stellar. I suspect there will be issues that the HLC team will highlight as our next challenges, and I anticipate that we will hit those head on with the same intensity that we did with our online courses.

My only request during the HLC visit is that you are available to visit with the site team to answer any questions about our challenges and goals as we move forward.

Wishing you a great Spring 2017.

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/>

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be sure to check your Financial Aid status at MyNMSU.

Log into your account, select Banner Self Service, then Financial Aid or call (575) 439-3600 and ask for Financial Aid. It is important to check your status before the disbursement date which is scheduled for the first week that classes start.

### 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.

### DIPLOMA INFORMATION

The Fall 2016 diplomas have been ordered. Students can view their diploma status online at the following link: <http://commencement.nmsu.edu/diplomas/status/>

If a diploma hold exists, the student will need to contact [Accounts Receivable](#) at (575) 439-3603 to clear the hold.

After releasing the hold, students need to contact [diplomas@nmsu.edu](mailto:diplomas@nmsu.edu) to request the diploma to be mailed.

Students also have the option to order an eDiploma online and receive it within seconds of entering payment information. For more information, please email Judy Garcia at [judgarci@nmsu.edu](mailto:judgarci@nmsu.edu) or call (575) 439-3716.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

#### A Bit of News from the Land of Education Degrees

NMSU-A has partnered up with Alamogordo Public Schools (APS) in an initiative to help folks currently employed as Educational Assistants (EA) within APS return to school and start or continue their journeys toward earning a Bachelor's Degree in either Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. As you probably know, both New Mexico and the nation currently have a severe shortage of qualified licensed teachers, so we are working to "grow our own". If you see any of these folks on campus, please welcome them to our academic community!



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### March 1 is the Deadline for Two NMSU Women's Club Scholarships

The NMSU Women's Club Scholarships are open to any female NMSU undergraduate student at the main campus or branch campuses who is returning to school after a break in her education (either after high school or after starting college). These scholarships have been set up specifically for returning students because students immediately out of high school have other opportunities, such as the lottery scholarship, available to them. Candidates must have completed at least 45 credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship application is also due March 1. The NMSU Women's Club is committed to supporting single mothers with dependent children in attaining their educational goals. This scholarship is sponsored by Susan DeMar in honor of her late mother. The Club's Scholarship Committee will recommend one candidate for the Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship. The winner is awarded \$250 and invited to attend the Club's spring luncheon.

The Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship is open to female NMSU undergraduate students at the main Las Cruces campus only. Each candidate must be a single or widowed mother with dependent children who reside with her and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Below are links to the respective scholarship applications. Instructions for completion and where to submit are included in the application.

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

<https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/files/2013/11/2016-17-Ruth-Mary-Webber-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

For more information, contact the NMSU Women's Club President, Susan DeMar, at [sdemar@nmsu.edu](mailto:sdemar@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-3509. For more information, visit <https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>.

## CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

### Career and Technology Division

The Career and Technology Division will be busy on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> with the Career Technical Education Expo at Alamogordo High School. Students at the high school were polled, regarding their areas of interest. The top eight areas are: Law Enforcement, Auto/Dealership, Welding, Health Sciences, Culinary, STEM/Engineering, Business, and Computer Programming. The C & T division will provide the following experts for the "Ask the Expert" session:

Auto/Dealership	Rich Hernandez, Mike Furphy, and a student
Welding	Jim Busalacchi
Health Sciences	Becky Ross, Jennifer Obbard, Karen Armstrong-Sadowski
STEM/Engineering	Julia Morgan and a student
Business	Susan Cook and Trish Livingston
Computer Programming	Steve Holmes and Mike Eydenberg

Along with the "Ask the Expert" sessions, organizations can request tables to provide information to students. The Small Business Development Center, Allied Health, and Automotive have requested tables.

## TIPS FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### The Importance of Getting Involved in Student Organizations

The spring semester is in full swing, and hopefully all of our students are adapting to their busy schedules and finding the balance between family, work, school, and personal time. So, when students are asked to consider joining student organizations such as Student Government or the Social Science Club, it is no surprise to us that the first response we often hear is, "I'm sorry, but I just don't have time for that this semester!" Believe us, the last thing we want is for your grades to suffer because of additional responsibilities. We would, however, like for you to consider the following list of just a few of the benefits of serving in a student organization.

- You can be as involved as you want to be. Be honest with yourself and with the advisors and others on the organizations you are interested in. If you want to participate, but can only attend meetings occasionally, say so. If you can attend meetings but cannot commit to weekend activities, be honest. Find an organization that has the right amount of activities to fit your interests, schedule, and needs. There are many out there. If not, start your own! Judy Garcia in Student Services can help you get started with that. You can email her at [judgarci@nmsu.edu](mailto:judgarci@nmsu.edu) or call her at (575) 439-3716.
- You can have some fun while providing service in your community. Give back to your community by helping those in need. It is an awesome feeling and a great use of your time. Service increases the feeling of self-confidence and can make everyone happy. It also reduces stress, helps bring people closer, and promotes a "pay-it-forward" attitude. You can make a difference, and you can have fun doing it.
- You will gain networking experience. Make connections and build relationships with other students on and off campus and with professionals in the community. This is important not only while you are a student, but it could also help you later when you are looking for a job.
- You can gain leadership skills. For many college students, serving as an officer in a student organization is the first opportunity one has to be in a leadership role. This can be the perfect environment to learn, practice, and sharpen these skills.
- You will build your professional resume. Without a doubt, serving in organizations and on committees looks awesome on your resume. It shows potential employers that you are responsible, that you can handle multiple assignments, and that you are willing to work hard and go the extra mile. When a large number of people apply for one job opening, having student organization experience listed on your resume will help set you apart from other applicants.

There are many other reasons to consider joining one of the student organizations at NMSU-A. Check with your instructor for information about what student organization opportunities are available on campus this semester, or contact Judy Garcia at [judgarci@nmsu.edu](mailto:judgarci@nmsu.edu) or (575) 439-3716.

**NMSU-A. Discover Your College. Discover Your Future.**



## ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSITION PLANS FROM FACILITIES

### Accessibility/Transition Plan

Responsible person for plan execution:

Project Description: Restroom renovations Henry Campbell Art Building

Duration of Project: February–April, 2017

Identify any physical obstacles caused by this project that will inhibit accessibility: The restrooms will be repaired and modified.

Describe what will be done to make building/location accessible: The Art Center restrooms will be closed completely. All pedestrian traffic will be redirected to the ProTech restrooms which are less than 500 feet away.

Create a schedule detailing timeline for project and transitions for accessibility: February – April 2017.

### Accessibility/Transition Plan

Responsible person for plan execution:

Project Description: Renovation of the Student Union Deli

Duration of Project: January 12 – June 1, 2017

Identify any physical obstacles caused by this project that will inhibit accessibility: The kitchen area will be demoed and the kitchen and dining area will be remodeled. New kitchen equipment will be installed, establishing a commercial cooking facility.

Describe what will be done to make building/location accessible: The Student Union Building will be closed. The Smoke gazebo will be closed. The route on the east side of the Deli running from the CB Building to the Library will be closed off. All pedestrian traffic will be redirected to the west side of the Student Union Building. Smokers will use the Smoke gazebo located behind the Science Center or the picnic table located behind the Faculty Office.

Create a schedule detailing timeline for project and transitions for accessibility: January 23 – June 1, 2017.

For more information, please contact Nancy Wilkson at (575) 439-3798.



## FACILITIES UPDATE

### Facilities Update

This spring, we will be doing some minor renovations to the Art Center restrooms. The restrooms will be closed during this time. All foot traffic will be redirected to the ProTech restrooms.

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Bids are in and demo work will begin shortly in the Deli. Several new pieces of kitchen equipment have been ordered and are already on site. Anticipated completion date for the renovation is June 1, 2017. The building and the smoke gazebo will be completely closed. The area behind the Deli will be the staging area for the construction project and will therefore be closed off for safety reasons. The sidewalk from the Library to the CB Building on the east side will be closed down. Please use the sidewalk on the west side (near Student Services) to walk between CB and Library. In addition, please use the smoke gazebo behind the Science Center or the picnic table behind the Faculty Office to smoke until the project is completed.

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We are excited that GO Bond C passed in November and that we can begin designing for several new roofs. We are in the process of hiring an architect. The plan is to replace the roofs of the ProTech North, the Art Center, portions of the Adult Education and possibly the Physical Plant. We must go through three layers of approval (BOR, HED, SBOF) before the construction documents can go out to bid. We are planning to replace/repair all roofs simultaneously between May and August, 2017.

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Reminder: All inventory surplus must go through Brenda Ramos's office for documentation processes prior to PPD being contacted.

## FIRST Tech Challenge

Congratulations to all of the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams who competed in the December 21st robotics tournament at the Tays Center hosted by NMSU-A. This was the first time that Alamogordo has had the opportunity to host an FTC tournament. Nine teams competed; 5 local teams, 2 from Mexico and 2 from elsewhere in NM. More than 70 volunteers made the event run smoothly for approximately 100 students who competed or volunteered. The event attracted close to 100 spectators, in spite of a rainy blustery New Mexico day.

The event opened with brief comments from NMSU-A President Dr. Ken Van Winkle, Holloman Air Force Base Colonel Houston Cantwell, and U.S. Representative of New Mexico, Congressman Steve Pearce. The event was led by Alamogordo FIRST Robotics FRC Team 5613 ThunderDogs and FTC Team 8895 R2D2 with help from the Coconuts FRC 2486 from Flagstaff, Arizona. A special thank you to the behind-the-scenes help from the staff at NMSU-A for their work with setup and with audio visual.

We wish the qualifying teams who are competing in Flagstaff on February 24-25 the best of luck, and we look forward to another wonderful event next year.

For more information on FIRST, check out: [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org). For more information on local teams or to become a volunteer, contact Cindy at 921-3293.

### Alamogordo Qualifying Tournament Results:

Congrats to the 2 teams that advanced to the AZ/NM Championship from the Alamogordo Event:

11296 – 3rd Phase Airship Pirates

11587 – IDA Starry Knights

### Award winners:

Inspire Award – 11296 3rd Phase Airship Pirates

Think Award – 11587 IDA Starry Knights

Connect Award – 9351 Botregos Jr. Delta

Rockwell Collins Innovate Award – 12275 High Country Robotics

PTC Design Award – 11576 Zombies

Motivate Award – 7649 Botregos Jr.

Control Award – 10348 Gear Masters

Judges Award – 12338 Muscalero Apache Chiefs



Participants congratulate each other after the FTC event.

Photo courtesy of Cindy Strong.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

### Department of Health

Healthy Eating Active Living, along with Valentine's Day,

February marks American Heart Month.

Otero HEAL invites you to a **Community Walk** for Heart Health Awareness

Thursday, February 9th at noon at GCRMC

**Meet at the main door**

Get out and get active! Step up for Heart Health Month!

For more information, call Maureen Schmittle at (575) 437-9340, ext. 5 or email [Maureen.Schmittle@state.nm.us](mailto:Maureen.Schmittle@state.nm.us).

### Take Back the Night Alamogordo



The next Take Back the Night Alamogordo Committee Meeting will be Saturday, February 11th, 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

In an effort to promote the community, a group of Alamogordo residents has planned to do a massive Mannequin Challenge in Alamogordo's Historic Downtown. The group has hopes to set a Guinness World Record and has applied for the title of "Most Community in a Mannequin Challenge (frozen pose)". They will attempt to set this record during their event.

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017. Participants will line up in their pose starting from the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 N. New York Ave., all the way to the "Colors of Our Past" mural on the corner of Ninth Street and White Sands Blvd.

Anyone who wishes to participate can sign up on Feb. 19 before 9 a.m. at the MC booth by the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, email Rhonda Napoleon at [napony1express@msn.com](mailto:napony1express@msn.com), or join the group's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/alamomannequinchallenge/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/alamomannequinchallenge/).



## NISOD CONTESTS

### Student Art Contest

**HURRY! Contest Ends January 27!**

The NISOD Student Art Contest provides an opportunity for one student to achieve international exposure for his or her original artwork! The winning design will be featured as the front cover of the Conference Program for NISOD's 2018 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence. In addition, the winning student artist will receive five poster-size copies of the winning artwork and up to \$400 in airfare, three nights lodging, and a complimentary registration to attend NISOD's 2017 conference in Austin, Texas, where the student artist will be formally honored during the grand unveiling of his/her winning design. The winner's sponsoring college also receives a complimentary NISOD membership.

<https://www.nisod.org/membership/student-art-contest/>.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

The next meeting of the NMSU-A Student Government has been scheduled for Friday, February 17th at 2 p.m. in CB201.

Topics of discussion will be elections, approved budgets, Purchase Order Requests, process to use student organization funds, and upcoming events.

Student Government meetings are open meetings. All students are welcome.

For more information, please contact Judy Garcia at [judgarci@nmsu.edu](mailto:judgarci@nmsu.edu), or (575) 439-3716.

## Student Essay Contest

in honor of Scott Wright

Community College Week and NISOD are proud to offer the annual **Scott Wright Student Essay Contest**



#### PRIZES!

- Three winning student authors will each receive a \$1,000 check
- The faculty members, staff members, or administrators featured in the winning essays will each receive a \$1,000 check
- And much more!'

#### TOPIC

Describe a faculty member, staff member, or administrator who encouraged you to complete a course, finish a semester, or graduate from college, and describe how that encouragement helped you reach a goal

#### DEADLINE

Essays are due by 11:59 PM CST on February 3, 2017

\*Visit [www.nisod.org/SEC](http://www.nisod.org/SEC) for additional information, including the complete list of prizes and the submission form.

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### 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 6:00.

Join us as we celebrate our students' accomplishments.

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

### TEXTBOOKS

The deadline for students to charge books is January 28! Order your textbooks online now at <http://nmsu-lascruces.bncollege.com>.



## SPECIAL SESSION FOR TEACHERS IN OTERO COUNTY



**Calling all language arts teachers!**

**Are you buried under paper? Overwhelmed with your workload?**

**Come to a FREE session on**

### **Teaching with Technology**



Bring your fellow teachers, your laptops, tablets, and cell phones. Featured speaker Melanie Bussiere from Tularosa High School will show you free time-saving apps and tools to help you keep track of your students and to support your work.

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 201 from 1-3:30 p.m.

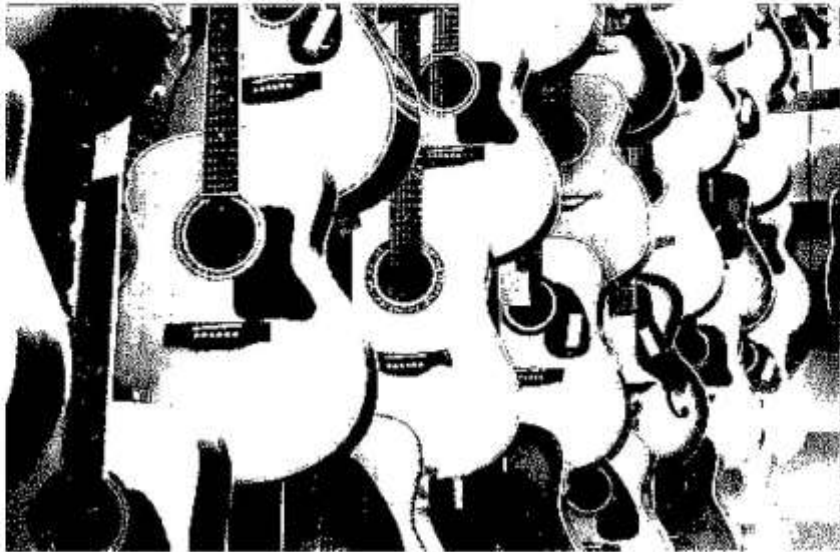
**Program Schedule:** 1:00 p.m. Teaching with Technology  
2:00 p.m. Breakouts  
3:00 p.m. General discussion and refreshments

**Location:** NMSU Alamogordo Science Building, Alamogordo, NM

To register, just email [oneill@nmsu.edu](mailto:oneill@nmsu.edu) or call 575-439-3678 with a message on the number of teachers in your party. **Join us!**

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

# *Guitar Lessons!*



## *Beginning Guitar*

## *Intermediate Guitar*

*With Carl Bernstein, a professional musician and guitar teacher for over 50 years, has traveled extensively performing and teaching – from classical guitar to folk and jazz. He has studied in Spain, Mexico, and Italy.*

### **Classes on Mondays**

Feb 6 - Mar 13

#### ***Beginning Guitar:***

4:00-6:00 p.m. Cost \$90

#### ***Intermediate Guitar:***

6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost \$90

- 14 years and older
- No experience necessary
- Instructor works with all levels of experience
- Bring one playable 6-string acoustic guitar with nylon or steel strings

### **To Register:**

**Visit** <<http://nmsua.edu/continuing-ed> **Call** (575) 439-3842 **Visit** CB 401, Admin Bldg., NMSU-A

Academic programs at NMSU-A are available to all students without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. New Mexico State University ofrece programas educativos, actividades, materiales sin discriminación basada en edad, color, discapacidad, identidad o expresión de identidad sexual, origen nacional, raza, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, o estado de veterano Title IX and 504. Coordinator: Call: 575-439-3854 For more information.

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available on the NMSU-A campus website at <http://nmsua.edu/esicome>.



## Q&A on Android and Windows Cell Phones

This class addresses questions about Windows, Android and connecting the two together. Intended to be a class to answer questions and speak to areas of interest. Students will have access to a Windows computer and should have their Android device (phone, tablet, etc.) with them. Areas that might be of interest: risks & security, use, connecting Android to Windows, etc.



(Discussions and presentations based on student interest.)

Date: Feb 4, 2017; 9-11 am  
Ages: Anyone with a Cell Phone  
Only \$30!

To Register, visit <http://nmsua.edu/continuing-ed> Call (575) 439-3842 Visit CB 401, Admin Bldg., NMSU-A

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES, CONTINUED

# COMPARING RELIGIONS II

Date(s): **Mar 7, 14, 21, 28**

Ages: 18 & up

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

Cost to student: \$85

Part 2 of John Ely's "Comparing Religion" sequence focuses on Hinduism, arguably the world's oldest and most diverse religion.

Hinduism has some features similar to Judaism (with its emphasis on law and structured ritual), Islam (with its emphasis on devotional practices), and Buddhism (with its emphases on meditation, karma and rebirth, and a large monastic community). Hinduism is characterized by an archaic religious canon (the fourfold Veda) that was reinterpreted by successive cultures (Brahmanas, Aranyakas, Upanishads), a stunningly diverse pantheon wherein each deity has His/Her own complex collection of mythologies (Puranas and Epics), a body of transgressive practices related to yoga and alchemy, and a highly sophisticated theology (Vedanta). Hinduism witnessed a global diaspora beginning in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is now well-established all over the world. In this segment of Comparing Religions, we will explore the history, philosophy, practices, evolution and worldview of this great world religion.



Damien Keown (2013). Hinduism: A Very Short Introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Oxford University Press. Amazon \$8.34 (New), \$3.61 (Used).

### Pocket Outline:

Week	Date	Chapter	Expanded Topics	Supplementary Materials.
1	7 March 2017	1, 2, 3	Mohenjo-Daro; <i>Shruti</i> , Vedas, & Brahmanical Religion; Dharmashastras & varnashramadharm	Video/slides of Harappan Civ; quotes from Vedas;
2	14 March 2017	4, 5	Shramana movement; Brahmanas, Aranyakas and early Upanishads	
3	21 March 2017	7, 8	<i>Smṛti</i> , Epics, Bhagavad Gita, and Puranas	Ch. 2 of BG
4	28 March 2017	6, 9	Saivite Religions, Yoga, neo-Hinduism and Western gurus	Video of temple ritual and home Agni ritual

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES, CONTINUED



# **RIDIN' THE RANGE**

## **WITH NEW MEXICO'S COWBOYS**

Instructor: Pete Eidenbach

The historic New Mexico cattle industry was a recent development, beginning with the Goodnight-Loving Trail in 1866. As range and weather conditions deteriorated in West Texas, many ranchers began to relocate westward into southern

New Mexico where above average rainfall had produced a wealth of ungrazed grassland. The proverbial western cowboy was born here during the short period between the end of the Civil War and the beginning of the new 20th century. Join local



historian Pete Eidenbach and visit New Mexico's early ranches, meet some of these unusual cowmen, and learn about their impact on western music, cuisine, politics, and education. Class will include extensive slide show presentations.

**2 class sessions, Fridays, Feb 3, Feb 10**

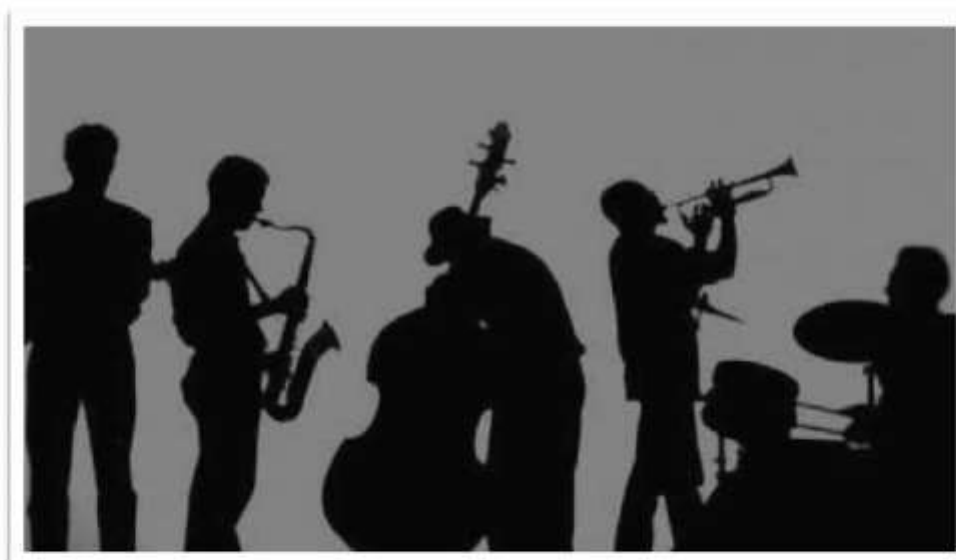
**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Only \$30!**

To Register, visit <http://nmsua.edu/continuing-ed> Call (575) 439-3842 Visit CB 401, Admin Bldg., NMSU-A

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES, CONTINUED

# JAZZ ENSEMBLE



### Dates

Wednesdays  
Jan 25–April 20  
Spring Concert April 20

### Time:

5:30–7:00 p.m.

### Cost:

\$100

### Must be able to read music

Recommended instrumentation:  
**Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone,  
Drums, Bass, Keyboard, Guitar**

**Mr. Daniel Rodriguez** is a professional trumpet player and owner of Tromba Media Group, a company dedicated to building websites from El Paso, TX. He is a graduate of Montwood High School in El Paso and earned a bachelor of music degree in 2005 and a master's degree in 2007. As a graduate assistant at New Mexico State University, Mr. Rodriguez directed the second jazz ensemble and performed in all of the major wind and percussion groups on campus. He is currently a free-lance trumpet player performing in many regional ensembles, including the Las Cruces Symphony, El Paso Opera, and the Juarez Symphony. Mr. Rodriguez is the trumpet player in "Windy City" a "Chicago" tribute band out of El Paso, TX.

To Register: <<http://nmsua.edu/continuing-ed>>, 575 439-3842; CB 401 NMSU-A Campus



## Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo

### UPDATE

Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo served 21 students on Tuesday. This is a record for one day and is good for our students in need, but it has unfortunately left the shelves bare.

We are 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 also be brought to me. Please make checks made 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

Did you know...

Each Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo distribution includes:

- 1 can of soup
- 1 can of fruit
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 can of pasta/tomato sauce
- 1 can of beans
- 2 to 3 pounds of dry pasta, beans or rice
- 15 ounces of tuna/chicken or 20 to 30 ounces of peanut butter
- 3 or 4 other items that we have available

Your donations are greatly appreciated but, as you might imagine, it does not take long to deplete our shelves.

We are in great need of packages of dry pasta, rice, beans, canned tomato/pasta sauce, and peanut butter. We can also always use canned soups, fruit, vegetables, chicken, and tuna. All items need to have a "use by" or "best by" date in the future.

The next Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo food distribution will be at the Tays Center Kitchen located near Adult Education:

- Tuesday, February 21st from 4pm to 6pm
- Wednesday, February 22nd from 4pm to 6pm

Distribution is open to any NMSU-A or NMSU student or employee who has an NMSU-A ID number. Anyone receiving food will need to complete a short information card with their name, ID number, and any food restrictions or allergies. You may also provide constructive comments to help the pantry improve.

For more information, contact Greg Hillis at (575) 439-3624.

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