



Campus Connection

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From the President's Office

Dear Campus Community,

Spring is in the air and the wind is here to prove it. Although the wind is annoying at times, I like spring because I know graduation is right around the corner. Our commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at the Tays Center. Please mark this day and time on your calendars and plan to attend. It is so important that we support our students as they make their way across the stage to celebrate their accomplishments. I am asking that we also encourage all students who are graduating either this spring or summer to participate.

Carlos Sanchez, one of our most popular and caring employees, passed away on February 22. He was a wonderful person who had a deep love for his family, was a friend to everyone he met, and had a passion for the Green Bay Packers. Carlos had an infectious smile and was one of the most warm, caring individuals with whom I have had the pleasure to work. He will be missed and words cannot describe the loss to our campus.

It is my pleasure to announce that Kathy Fuller has accepted an offer to work a second year as Interim Vice President for Student Success. Kathy has shared her leadership and higher education experience with us, and continues to give guidance in attaining our strategic plan goals. Her work at Holloman has been crucial to the growth of our presence on base, while she has continued the development of a caring attitude and helpfulness to the Student Services area. I also want to thank Anne Ricksecker for her leadership in Student Services while Kathy has been spending more time at Holloman. She will continue in her role as Assistant Vice President for Student Success for the duration of the spring semester.

The committee restructure for our campus has completed its cycle of development. Now comes the next critical step, and that is the task of implementation. It is now time for us all to make our new committee organization work. It is in that context that I encourage everyone – administration, faculty, exempt staff, and non-exempt staff – to step up and participate in your campus by working on committees. The only way that shared governance can work for us is by all of us participating.

March on!

Ken Van Winkle
President
New Mexico State University Alamosa

FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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.

Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship

Amount: Awards ranging from \$500 to \$3000 per winner.

Criteria:

- Spouse or dependent of an active duty Air Force personnel stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range or on a remote assignment from either; or
- Spouse or dependent of active duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, retired, POW/MIA, or deceased Air Force personnel, and currently residing in Otero, Lincoln, or Dona Ana County; or
- Spouse or dependent of retired Air Force personnel whose sponsor currently resides in Otero, Lincoln, or Dona Ana County; or
- others: spouses or dependents of military personnel who do not meet the criteria above, may request an eligibility determination by contacting the Scholarship Chair, Teresa Ferenczhalmy, at HOSCscholarships@gmail.com.
- Individuals who previously won a scholarship from the Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club (formerly known as the Holloman Officers' Wives' Club/HOWC and Holloman Officers' Spouses' Organization/ HOSO) are ineligible to apply for another HOSC Scholarship. Any scholarships awarded to Military Academy appointees will be forfeited to alternate winners.

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

MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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/>.

The Albuquerque Community Foundation has 7 separate student aid programs for current college students to help New Mexico students attain their educational goals.

Each program is different; however, if you are...

- New Mexico resident?
- Currently in college?
- Attending college in-state?
- Attending college full-time or part-time?
- Attending a community college or public college/university?
- Returning to college after taking a break?

You may qualify for one or more program!

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/>.

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
- 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

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.

Scholarships for High School Seniors

Deadline: Friday, June 9th, 2017

Andrew Piech Memorial Scholarship: Providing assistance to students in the field of Automotive Technology and related Applied Technologies. Students must pursue a degree or certificate from a nonprofit, public, automotive or technical vocational institution including community college. Apply Online: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/?SA=SNA&FID=35027

American Advertising Federation-New Mexico Scholarship : Providing assistance to deserving men and women who intend to enter advertising, marketing, strategic communications, graphic design, fine art, photography or illustration while maintaining a career focus in marketing/advertising. Apply Online: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/?SA=SNA&FID=35029

Trythall Family Scholarship for Excellence in Continuing Education: Providing assistance to individuals who are employed while attending a nonprofit or public educational institution part-time or full-time. Applicants must live in the Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan area (includes Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia or Torrance counties). Apply Online: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/?SA=SNA&FID=35030

Youth in Foster Care Scholarship: Providing assistance to young adults who have been in the New Mexico foster care system who want to develop a marketable skill or continue their education at a post-secondary school. Apply Online: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/?SA=SNA&FID=35042

Rae Lee Siporin Scholarship for Women: Providing assistance to women who are continuing or returning to college/university to complete their first undergraduate degree and need financial assistance for their senior year of school. Apply Online: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/Default.asp?SA=SNA&FID=35043&SESID=529&RL=

David R. Woodling Memorial Scholarship: Providing assistance to students attending an accredited nonprofit or public educational institution in pursuit of a certificate or degree in metals technology program with a concentration in machine tool technology and welding. Apply Online : https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_3382/Default.asp?SA=SNA&FID=35028&SESID=8997&RL=

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

Continuing Academic Tuition Scholarship for 2016/2017. Applications available at the NMSU-A Financial Aid Office or at <http://www.hollomanosc.com/scholarships.html>

All applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than Friday, March 10, 2017

Criteria

- Must be a continuing or re-admitted NMSU-A student with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and must have earned 12 or more NMSU credits (must not have earned 70 or more credits including transfer credits)
- Must enroll in a minimum of 6 credits or more at the NMSU-A campus
- Must be a New Mexico resident

Second Semester Renewal Policy

- Must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must enroll in a minimum of 6 or more NMSU-A credits

Re-application Policy

Students may re-apply for the following year provided that they have maintained a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and have not earned 70 or more credits including transfer credits.

Applications available at the NMSU-A Financial Aid Office.

Deadline varies – scholarships available until fund is depleted

National Military Family Association Spouse Scholarships

NMFA awards an average of \$500 for career funding and \$1,000 for degrees. Up to \$2500 is available for clinical supervision towards licensure in the mental health profession. Spouses are also eligible for funding, typically \$1,000, to build their own businesses. This includes entrepreneurs, LLCs, direct sales, franchises, contractors, and other for-profit ventures. Non-profit organizations, please check back in our May application round. Any spouse with a valid military ID is eligible. Apply from October 1st through January 15th, and May 1st through June 30th.

Who is Eligible:

You can apply for a spouse scholarship if you:

- are a military spouse with a valid military ID
- are married to an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, medically retired, wounded or fallen service member (must be a service-related wound, illness, injury or death that took place after September 11, 2001)
- are a dual service military spouse
- are a divorced spouse, but ONLY if you receive 20/20/20 benefits or 20/20/15 benefits
- are married when we ask for verification paperwork, usually a month after the applications close

Who is Not Eligible:

- Surviving spouses who are remarried, unless they are remarried to a service member
- Children (Check the Defense Commissary Agency Military Children Scholarships at www.fisherhouse.org)
- Spouses of former service members, unless they are retired or medically retired

See more at: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/scholarships.html#sthash.zo9M5Uxc.dpuf>

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, or come in to Student Services. We are here for you!

STUDENT SERVICES

A Message from Interim Vice President for Student Success, Kathy Fuller


GREAT things are happening at NMSU Alamogordo, and some of them are coming from Student Services! For starters, we would like to welcome Dr. Ken Van Winkle as our newest Advisor. Dr. Ken hails from the great city of Alamogordo, NM and is well-known for his musical – and administrative – talents! He has a quick smile, a good head on his shoulders, and is pleased to be working directly with our students. If you are nearby on a Tuesday afternoon or a Friday morning, be sure to stop by and say "Howdy!"

MARCH is a super-busy month for us with all kinds of activities. March 13th we will have area high school students on campus with the *Junior Leadership Otero* program. They will be visiting the various departments and touring our campus for the day. Also on the 13th, we are hosting *Transfer Day!* Are you about ready to complete your associate's degree and move on? If so, come hang out with us on the patio! March 15th is *PTK's Eat & Complete* – free pizza on the patio during lunch! March 16th – our next *Sundae Thursday* treat in Student Services! Join us for FREE ice cream and a chance to meet the NMSU-A Team Awesome Advisors! AND, March 31st will see the culmination of much hard work as we celebrate scholars and scholarships at the *Celebration of Excellence* (Tays Center, 6 – 8 PM). Whew! I think we will be ready for Spring Break after all of this!!

FINALLY, a HUGE thanks to Doris Valdespino, Aidee Covarubias, and Katie Klinger for hosting a fabulous **Scholar Dollar\$** day on February 27th. Twenty-nine students beat the deadline in getting registered for Scholar Dollar\$: your NMSU connection to scholarships!

Please know that your success is important to us, and we are here to help you in every way we can. You can contact us by email at ssnmsua@nmsu.edu, by phone at (575) 439-3600, or you can stop by the Student Services Building at 2400 N. Scenic Dr. in Alamogordo. We are here Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kathy Fuller
Interim Vice President for Student Success
New Mexico State University Alamogordo



STUDENT SERVICES

Here are a few helpful hints from our Admissions Department. We are always here to help you! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. If your last name begins with the letter A-K, contact Angelica at (575) 439-3701. If your last name begins with the letter L-Z, contact Alicia at (575) 439-3702. You may also send an email to admissnmsua@nmsu.edu.

Admissions Helpful Hint: Tentative Admission

Admitted Tentatively?

- Yes- Get in touch with admissions
 No-See your advisor

E-mail Admissions(from myNMSU) to: admissnmssua@nmsu.edu

Deadline to submit needed paperwork is fast approaching

Not sure if everything is in order to Register for Upcoming Semesters:

Call-575-439-3600

E-mail-admissnmsua@nmsu.edu

Stop By Student Success /or HAFB Education office if you are at Holloman AFB

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 hholder@nmsu.edu, 575.439.3615.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

The next Student Government Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10th at 2:00 pm in CB201.

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

GRADUATION FAIR

New Mexico State University Alamogordo
Graduation Fair

DATE:

THURSDAY MARCH 30TH, 2017

TIME:

10 AM – 3 PM

LOCATION:

GLASS HOUSE

GRADZILLA:

GRADUATION REGALIA AND ITEMS



ALLIED HEALTH

Allied Health students have been busy practicing their skills on each other and community members in the last few weeks. This practice helps students in their skills and confidence in the field once they have completed their certificate courses.

At the Health Fair on Saturday, February 18th, students from the Phlebotomy and Nursing Assistant courses obtained blood pressures and glucose readings from community members.



Students in the ECG class have had staff and friends of NMSU-A come in for practice EKGs. This practice not only allows the student to practice conducting an EKG, but it also allows the student to troubleshoot technology issues that may arise with the EKG machines.

Each of these courses allows a student to test for a certificate at the end of a semester. These certificates are recognized in our state, allowing our students to be workforce ready at the completion of the class. The students may choose to leave the course and begin working right away, OR they can continue their education, stacking the certificates in their educational career, on their way to their Associates Degree. Additional certificates in the Allied Health fields ensure they are more desirable employees once they have completed their degree.



2017 HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



Written by Dr. Ernestine Baca

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. New Mexico State University Alamogordo (NMSU-A) with corporate sponsor Blue Cross Blue Shield, held a Health & Wellness Fair on February 18th at the Tays Center on the NMSU-A campus. The theme of the fair was "Fitness is First". The intended purpose for NMSU-A hosting an event on Saturday was to capture a "family oriented event" as well as student participation from our public schools.

The event targeted health screening exams, healthy foods, exercise classes, mental health information, spiritual services and other educational opportunities. NMSU-A hosted over 40 exhibitors from this community as well as Las Cruces. Community members were given an excellent opportunity to get linked with internal and external resources that they may not have otherwise been aware of or have known existed.

Attendees of the health fair benefitted from hands-on demonstrations and learned from keynote speaker Rene Sepulveda, an elite personal trainer from ClubSport in Northern California, about many types of exercises for all ages.

This was NMSU-A second annual Health and Wellness Fairs with the newly obstacle race incorporated. There were thirty-eight community participants in the obstacle race, including young kids. Individuals found the obstacle race to be challenging, hard and fun. Skills of climbing, jumping, crawling and body strength were used.

With much feedback from exhibitors, students and community members, the Health and Wellness Fair was found to be a huge success and beneficial to everyone who attended. NMSU Alamogordo looks forward to continuing to enhance the quality of life in our local community.



ARTS AND SCIENCES DIVISION

On February 17, 2017, Robynn O'Leary took part in a virtual organization meeting as part of the Geology Common Course Numbering Subcommittee. The subcommittee will be looking at geology syllabi from public and tribal institutions of higher education in New Mexico with the goal of matching courses that are equivalent. The subcommittee includes geology professionals from CNM, NMT, UNM, UNMT, MCC, Diné, ENMU with Robynn O'Leary representing NMSU. They have been instructed by the New Mexico Higher Education Department to review syllabi, write a common course description and construct common essential student learning objectives by March 17 and will meet again in late March.

SOCIAL SCIENCES CLUB

The Social Sciences Club will be holding a donation collection for COPE. It will continue until Friday, March 17th. Boxes will be set up in the Science Building, Glass House, Student Services and in the Library. COPE is in need of the following items: **pillows, blankets, towels, hygiene items such as deodorant, and would love to have some family movies on DVD.**

We meet regularly every other Monday during the lunch hour. So if you would like to make a change in your community (the NMSU-A campus or in Alamogordo), please come to our next meeting on **Monday, Mar 13 at 12:15** in the Faculty Building conference room.

If you would like more information, contact Claire Forsman (cforsman@nmsu.edu) or Miguel Viscarra (onastar@nmsu.edu), faculty sponsors.

STEAM

Looking for Participation!

On April 18-21, NMSU-A will be participating in STEAM week at Father James B Hay School. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. During this week, the teachers will be at a conference, and NMSU-A has been offered this opportunity to populate FJBH classrooms with our students in need of service learning projects, volunteers from our student groups or even faculty members who wish to share their knowledge. There is a great hope that this Community Engagement activity is just the beginning of a long-term relationship.

We are in need of students and/or instructors as volunteers, or as part of a Service Learning Project. Ages at the school range from 5-12 and groups will range from 10-12 children. You may have your students work individually or in a group. You may plan an activity that may be done in one class period or over 2-4 class periods. Volunteers must attend a VIRTUS training. VIRTUS training is required by the Diocese and includes a background check for anyone dealing with children within the Diocese. If you would like me to come to your class and discuss this idea with your students, please send me a note. -Robynn O'Leary, rooleary@nmsu.edu.

SPOTLIGHT

ERIN WEST, FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR



Erin West, NMSU-A Financial Aid Advisor

NMSU-A would like to welcome Erin West as our newest Financial Aid Advisor. Erin, who is originally from Minnesota, began her college years at Puget Sound University, moving on to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to complete her bachelor's degree. She found her first job in financial aid at UNLV as a work study. After graduating, she was hired as a financial aid advisor at UNLV.

Erin found her way to Alamogordo two and a half years ago after her husband received orders to Holloman Air Force Base. At that time, she began work on a Master's in Education Administration, with a focus on Community Colleges. She found her way to NMSU-A in the spring of 2016 as an intern for Greg Hillis. She spent time working on the 2016 FACT Book, then shifted her focus to researching and editing the Accreditation Document. In the fall of 2016, she began an internship for Dr. Joyce Hill, Director of Assessment and Curriculum, where she spent time on the ILO program. Upon completing her internship, she received her Master's in Education Administration and was hired to work for NMSU-A as a Financial Aid Advisor.

We feel very fortunate to have Erin as part of the NMSU-A family. She was a great asset as the campus prepared for the 2017 HLC visit, and has seamlessly moved with enthusiasm and professionalism into her new position in the financial aid office.

Erin's office is located in the Student Services Building, and she can be reached at (575) 439-3711 or at ewest@nmsu.edu.

NMHEAR

On February 23rd and 24th, several NMSU-A faculty participated in the 2017 NMHEAR (New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention) Conference in Albuquerque. The theme this year was "Cultivating Academic Engagement, Persistence, and Success". Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, a "foremost authority on college student success," conducted a pre-conference workshop on "*Translating Research to Practice: What Works for Retaining Vulnerable Populations*" as well as presenting the keynote address: "*New Insights from Belonging: Research as a Way to Engagement & Success*". Small group sessions ranged from "Developing an Effective Online Placement to Improve Student Performance and Retention," to "Cultivating the Next Harvest of Effective Classroom Teachers", to "Using the Coaching Model to Retain Dual Credit Students", etc. This annual event is held, "to promote improvement in NM Higher Education through outcomes assessment, to increase communication, cooperation, and sharing of resources and ideas on outcomes assessment in higher education, and to advance the efficiency of outcomes assessment in higher education in the State of New Mexico."

TOWNSEND LIBRARY

Check out these interesting and informative titles from the Townsend Library. (<http://www.nmsua.edu/library>) We're showcasing Womens' History Month during March over here with a pictorial exhibit as well as several book displays.

On March 12th at 2pm, the library is showing another film in our 2017 Cultural Film Series. "Cabin in the Sky" features an all African-American cast starring two notable women - Ethel Waters and Lena Horne. Superb musical stylings from these ladies as well as Louis Armstrong. Directed by Vincente Minelli with uncredited choreography from Busby Berkeley. "God and the Devil battle for the soul of a Gambler" from the TCM short description. Rotten Tomatoes gives this movie a rating of 80%.

NMSU-A Townsend Library Presents *Cultural Film Series—2017*

"Cabin in the Sky"

2:00 pm March 12, 2017 Townsend Library

The Internet Movie Database (IMDB®) gives this description "A compulsive gambler dies during a shooting, but he'll receive a second chance to reform himself and to make up with his worried wife." This film showcases the stellar acting talents of Ethel Waters, Butterfly McQueen and Lena Horne as well as superb musical performances by these ladies and Louis Armstrong. Shown first in 1943, it is directed by Vincente Minelli and features an all African American cast as well as choreography from an uncredited Busby Berkeley. This is another "Race Movie" in which God and the Devil use mortals in a battle between good and evil. It's a comedic, musical drama from the war years in America.



For More Information, please contact
Dr. Sharon Jenkins, Library Director at:
575-439-3650

This film is part of a series celebrating the diversity that exists in our community. NMSUA and the NAACP are joint sponsors of this event. The next film will be on April 9th at 2:00 pm.



New Mexico State University Alamogordo
2400 Scenic Drive, Alamogordo, NM 88310

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Otero County Health Council

Otero County Community Health Council/Behavioral Health Local Collaborative is open to all community members.

The mission of Health Council is to assess, promote, and enhance the health and well-being of county residents by encouraging broad-based community involvement.

You are invited! Health Council and Behavioral Health Collaborative meet together on the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 at PMS/The Counseling Center Bldg., 1900 10th Street in Alamogordo. All are welcome.

Meetings usually include a health-relevant presentation, short business meeting, and round table sharing. The emphasis is on well-being, awareness, community health, mental health, and collaboration. Additional committee happenings:

- Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) subcommittee meets 2nd Thursday each month at 11am, GCRMC. (Walk follows—inside or outside the hospital, depending on weather)
- Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF) subcommittee meets 3rd Tuesday each month at 12pm, 1900 10th St.

ALSO,

The 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>

For more information, email Maureen Schmittle at Maureen.Schmittle@state.nm.us, or call (575) 437-9340.

Take Back the Night Alamogordo



The next Take Back the Night Alamogordo Committee Meeting will be Saturday, March 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 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.

CHAOS BISTRO

The Chaos Bistro food truck will be in the NMSU-A Faculty Parking Lot (behind the Allied Health Building) on Wednesdays from 11-2:30.

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!



SUNDAE THURSDAY

Sundae Thursday



“MEET THE ADVISORS”

March 16, 2017

1:30pm to 2:30 pm

At the Student Success Building

Free Ice Cream Sundae to Attendees

All NMSU Alamogordo Students, Faculty and Staff Invited

Sponsored by the Learning Signature Task Force



ROHOVEC THEATER



NMSU-A Theatre Announces Auditions for
Eighteenth Annual Theatre for Young Audiences



The Haunted Garden

A New Family Play
by Carolyn Dittmer

Friday, March 10 at 7 pm
Saturday, March 11 at 2 pm

Rohovec Theatre on NMSU-A Campus, 2400 North Scenic Drive

Large cast. Roles available for adults and young performers.

Adult Roles: 3 females & 3 males

Young Performers: 6 females & 6 males

Children must be at least 9 years old to audition.

Production dates: May 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of 2017

You do not need to be enrolled in NMSU-A in order to audition.

No past theatrical experience is necessary.

For more information call — (575) 439-3670

Programs at New Mexico State University Alamogordo 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 Alamogordo ofrece programas educativos, actividades, materiales sin discriminación a raíz de edad, color, discapacidad, identidad o expresión de identidad sexual, origen nacional, raza, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, o estado de veterano.

BIOLOGY

Students in Biology 101GL had a blast this week dissecting sheep hearts. In this lab activity, human biology students have an opportunity to learn how blood circulates through the heart.



Jessica Johns, Paige Serbin, Pat Wills, Loretta Kirk and Kylee VanMeter

Photo courtesy of Sarah Cerra



Rebecca Cook and Alexis Romero

Photo courtesy of Sarah Cerra



Samantha Henderson and Kyrsten Horgan

Photo courtesy of Sarah Cerra



The poster features a background of a dirt path leading through green grass and yellow wildflowers towards a line of trees under a clear blue sky. Three overlapping colored rectangles contain text: a yellow one at the top left, a green one at the bottom left, and a purple one on the right side.

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

NM STATE UNIVERSITY ALAMOGORDO

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:

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 (New Beginnings, 817 Scenic Dr) 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

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