

## From the President's Office

Dear Campus,

The end of this week will be very busy with multiple events taking place at the same time. The Governor's Summit on Higher Education will be held in Albuquerque on Friday, September 23, the same day that the annual Community College Roundup (hosted by Doña Ana Community College) begins. I know we have a variety of staff and faculty attending one or the other, so Friday may be more quiet than usual on campus. I am pleased that we are actively participating in both events.

Note that the NMSU-A "Eat and Complete" luncheon will be held Wednesday, September 28 from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm. This is a time in which we will recognize students who are beginning their journey, support those in the middle of their journey, and celebrate those who have completed their journey. Please stop by and help us reinforce the efforts of so many of our students.

Lastly, please mark October 7 on your calendar for our second annual open house for high school students. Juniors and seniors tour the campus from 9:00 am to 11:00 am; freshman and sophomores take their turn from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We are expecting students from Cloudcroft, Mescalero, AlamoGordo, Academy Del Sol, and Tularosa High Schools to visit us that day. Thanks to John Barnes and the folks in Student Services for organizing the event. I hope faculty and staff will make themselves available for students to meet and to answer questions about our programs, degrees, and certificates. We have a beautiful campus but our true value is in our people.

Dr. Ken Van Winkle

President



**NM STATE UNIVERSITY ALAMOGORDO**

<b>CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>CCAF ACCREDITED COURSES</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE DEGREES</b>	<b>ONLINE/HYBRID COURSES</b>
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING</b>	<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>
<b>CORE CREDITS FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES</b>	<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION</b>

**Contact: NMSU-A Advisor**  
**Holloman Education Office: 575-479-4318**  
 Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Chaos Bistro will be in the NMSU-A Faculty Parking Lot from 11am-2:30pm every Wednesday.

Be sure to check your email and our Facebook page for their weekly specials, and don't miss our live broadcast on Facebook every Wednesday morning at 11:45 announcing the NMSU-A special! It could be a free soda, a free lunch, a backpack, NMSU football tickets or other great prizes! You don't have to be a student to participate, but you have to Like and Follow the New Mexico State University AlamoGordo Facebook page to know about the specials each week! Don't miss out!





You can still submit an application for a degree until October 2<sup>nd</sup>; however a \$25 late fee will now apply. The deadline to apply for a certificate for fall 2016 is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The application is free for certificates. To start the process, see your academic advisor to verify all requirements have been met. Then, login to MyNMSU, select Banner Self Service, select Student, then select Student Records and Degree Application. If you need assistance, contact your academic advisor.

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

### Eat and complete September 28

For more information, contact John Barnes (575) 439-3727.

### The Townsend Trumpet News from the Townsend Library

Banned Book Week is Sept. 25 through Oct. 1, and we invite all defenders of Intellectual Freedom and the First Amendment to participate in a **Virtual Read-Out**.

Come to the library from 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon. through Fri. and we will record you reading a short passage from a Banned or Challenged book. We will compile the recordings, stream them from the library website, and show them in our lobby on a continuous loop during Banned Book Week.

If you cannot think of a book you would like to read from, there is a wonderful set of lists at <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks> on the website of the Office of Intellectual Freedom. Here are a few titles from our display at the library:

- Fun Home: A Family Tragicomedy.
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
- The Kite Runner
- The Glass Castle
- The Hunger Games
- Looking for Alaska
- The Bluest Eye

Why would anyone want to challenge someone's right to read, you ask? That is a good question! Come over or call the library and together we can arrange something great! Be part of the **Virtual Banned Book Read-Out!**

Sharon D. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
New Mexico Library Association President  
Director of Library Services, Townsend Library

Greetings, NMSU-A Pokémon trainers and beyond! Have you downloaded the new game update yet? If you have not, do not forget that this update includes the ability to assign a "buddy" character. The Buddy Pokémon are sort of like eggs. The more you walk, the more Pokémon-specific candy you will receive for your companion. Personally, I have selected a ghost Pokémon as my "buddy."



In other NMSU-A news, the Pokémon Gym in Student Services has been overtaken! Team Mystic, of which I am a member, is holding strong with five gym leaders!

Happy Pokémon hunting, and as always, play safe.

- Miguel Viscarra, M.A.

Due to anticipated changes in workflow demands, we will require those of you who need Media services at the Townsend Library to please schedule your events a minimum of *two weeks* in advance. Please use the same form as before, but you must plan a bit farther ahead. You will also be able to reserve equipment through the same form with which you schedule an event. Thank you for your cooperation.



You may call the Townsend Library at (575) 439-3650 to make arrangements to send in your video readout if you are unable to get to the library.

Let us support the Freedom to Read and our First Amendment rights by participating in this national Virtual Readout Event during Banned Books Week.

<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek/events/virtualreadout>

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# Academic Support Center

## FALL 2016 HOURS

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

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

**ASC:**  
(575) 439 – 3853

**Testing Center:**  
(575) 439 – 3852

Mon: 9AM – 8PM

Mon: 9AM – 7PM

Tues: 9AM – 8PM

Tues: 9AM – 7PM

Wed: 9AM – 8PM

Wed: 9AM – 7PM

Thurs: 9AM – 8PM

Thurs: 9AM – 7PM

Fri: 9AM – 4PM

Fri: 9AM – 3PM

Sat: 9AM – 4PM

Sat: 9AM – 3PM

Sun: CLOSED

Sun: CLOSED

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## Annual Diversity and Inclusion Information Fair

Join us on

Tuesday, October 4

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

NMSU Alamogordo Patio

Information!

Exhibitors!!

Pizza!!!

Ice Cream!!!!



Sponsored by NMSU-A Accessibility Services Department  
Gary Bond, Interim Coordinator and staff

New Mexico State University  
Adult Education



## Family Literacy Day 2016



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

FUN ACTIVITIES!

GAMES!

PRIZES!

FOOD!

VENDORS!



AE provides assessment, High School Equivalency preparation, High School refresher classes, EIA and citizenship classes. The Adult Education Program offers classes at the Tays Center and Mesalero Empowerment Center. The TABE assessments and curriculum are used for preparing and teaching the students enrolled in our classes. The classes will run from January until May 2017.

Registration is required before entering into the classes. This applies to High School Equivalency, EIA (English Language Acquisition), Citizenship classes. To register, visit the Adult Education office located at the Tays Center or call (575) 439-3812.

October 5th, 2016, 4 to 6 p.m.

NMSU-A Adult Education  
Tays Center  
2400 N. Scenic  
Contact [abe@nmsu.edu](mailto:abe@nmsu.edu)  
1-575-439-3812



NMSU-A Theatre on the Hill Presents

## Steel Magnolias

By Robert Harling



November 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 pm  
November 20 at 2 pm

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

Admission—\$8

Advance Tickets Available at The Blue Stone and Books  
Revisited in the White Sands Mall

Call 439-3670 for more info.

### FIRST Tech Challenge

The FIRST Tech Challenge, sponsored by NMSU-A, in cooperation with OteroSTEM, will be holding its first annual competition event on Saturday, December 17th from 7am-6pm at the Tays Center. We are in need of approximately 30 volunteers interested to help with judging, checking in of teams, transport of score sheets and other opportunities. Training sessions will be provided for judges. Please contact Sarah Cerra ([scerra@nmsu.edu](mailto:scerra@nmsu.edu); 439-3763) if you are interested. This is the first event of its type in the state of New Mexico. Teams of high school and middle school aged students are expected from New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

### FIRST LEGO League

Also, the FIRST LEGO League, sponsored by NMSU-A, in cooperation with OteroSTEM, will be holding its First Annual State Qualifier Event on Saturday, January 21st from 7am-6pm at the Tays Center. We are looking for approximately 60-70 volunteers interested in helping with judging, check in of teams, and other opportunities. Depending on the job, the hours will vary (judges will not be needed for the full 11 hours, but will require some training prior to the event- FLEXIBLE). Please contact Sarah Cerra ([scerra@nmsu.edu](mailto:scerra@nmsu.edu); 439-3763) if you are interested.

### **Aggie Cupboard**

There is an Aggie Cupboard Alamogordo food distribution at the Tays Center Kitchen located near the Adult Education building:

**Wednesday, September 21 from 4PM to 6PM**

Distribution is open to any NMSU-A or NMSU student or employee who has an NMSU-ID number. Persons 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.

We are also in need of non-perishable food and/or financial donations. Money can be donated through the NMSU-A Foundation. Contact Mary Fechner at (575) 439-3696, [mfechner@nmsu.edu](mailto:mfechner@nmsu.edu).

If you have any questions, please contact: Greg Hillis, Institutional Research Office, New Mexico State University Alamogordo, Phone: 575-439-3624, [ghillis@nmsu.edu](mailto:ghillis@nmsu.edu).

The 2016 White Sands Balloon Invitational took place this past weekend, and once again, NMSU-A was there to sponsor a balloon. This year, we sponsored the cat-shaped "Cutie Dink" balloon piloted by Trudy DeGrasse, out of Albuquerque. Rob and Katie Klinger and their friend Jeff Burrows volunteered on Trudy's Chase Crew. It was hard work, but it was well worth the effort, as their reward was a ride in the balloon. If you have never gone out to White Sands National Monument to watch the balloon launch, it is definitely something you should add to your calendar for next year. It is truly a spectacular sight.



Jeff Burrows with "Cutie Dink" in the background



NMSU-A Professor Rob Klinger soaring high over White Sands



View from high above the 2016 White Sands Balloon Invitational

**It's 2016!**

**Now is The Time...**

**Let Us Help Build Your Future**



New Mexico State University Alamogordo

# Open House

**Friday, October 7, 2016**

**NMSU-A Campus  
2400 N. Scenic Dr**

**High School Juniors  
& Seniors  
9 am—11am**

**High School Freshmen  
& Sophomores  
1 pm—3 pm**

Tour the campus; Visit with students; Meet faculty and staff;  
Learn about our programs; Get information on Dual Credit,  
admissions and advising, financial aid



## FINANCIAL AID

### 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 as early as October 1 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.

### P.E.O. Continuing Education Grant

One \$500 grant is awarded each fall and spring semester to a deserving student based on financial need, academic excellence and career goals.

Deadline date for Fall 2016 is Friday, October 7, 2016. Applications available at the NMSU-A George Fetting Student Services Building Financial Aid Office.

### 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 of every year.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early and annually. <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>

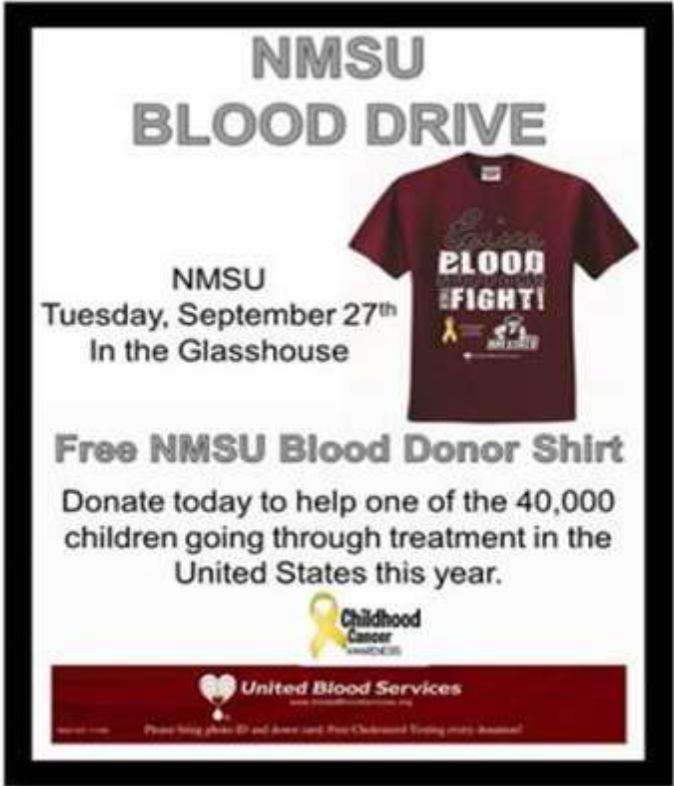
## BLOOD DRIVE

### Blood Drive at NMSU–A: Find the Hero in You

United Blood Services will be conducting a Blood Drive on the NMSU Alamogordo campus on Tuesday, September 27 from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm in the “Glass House”. The Blood Drive is sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK).

Your donation will be for children going through cancer treatment. The need for blood is great, and adequate blood supplies can make the difference between life and death. Please consider donating.

To schedule your appointment online, Go To: <http://www.unitedbloodservices.org>. Walk-ins welcome.



The poster features the text "NMSU BLOOD DRIVE" at the top. Below it is a maroon t-shirt with the text "BLOOD DRIVE THE FIGHT!" and a yellow ribbon logo. The text "NMSU Tuesday, September 27th In the Glasshouse" is positioned to the left of the t-shirt. Below the t-shirt, it says "Free NMSU Blood Donor Shirt" and "Donate today to help one of the 40,000 children going through treatment in the United States this year." At the bottom, there is a logo for "Childhood Cancer Awareness" and the "United Blood Services" logo.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The following students were confirmed as At-Large Senators for Fall 2016- Spring 2017:

Raymond Martinez  
Gabriela Muñoz  
Kimberly Nickels

#### Congratulations Senators!

The first Student Government meeting will be held on Friday, September 23 at 1:00 pm in CB201. Student Government meetings are Open Meetings. All students are welcome to attend.

## Meet Your Tutors Academic Support Center

Being a student is hard; I mean really challenging at times. Let's face it. Between the classes, the papers and exams, stress becomes our three day meal plan; not to mention the severe lack of cash flow... Ramen Noodles anyone? With all of this happening, and including this thing called life, sometimes the biggest need is just plain old help. Picture it! There you are sitting in class and the professor suddenly begins to speak in Mandarin, or some language you have never heard before. Then it hits you like a forehead slap from a sibling. You are lost. So where do you go now, what do you do, and most importantly, what does it cost? What if I told you there is a magical place, right here on the NMSU-A campus that offers help... for FREE? Well, there is such a place here on campus and it is called the Academic Support Center, or "ASC." Not only does the ASC offer free face-to-face and online tutoring services, but it is also the campus location for proctored testing. Yes, I said the T-word. There will come a time in your academic career that an exam will have to be taken, and if it is not proctored in class, then it will be at the Testing Center.

### *The ASC*

Now that you know of this mystic place of learning, what does the ASC actually offer students? The ASC is a place for students to come in to do homework or receive tutor assistance in a vast array of subjects such as: English, Reading, Writing, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Sociology, Physics, Psychology, Statistics (admit it, we all need help with this one!), History, Economics, Communications, Geology, Geography, Computer Science, and more. The best part is that all of this is done one-on-one in the face-to-face and online setting. The tutors at the ASC are some of the campus' best and brightest in their subjects, or they are degree-holding alumni in their field (did I mention this is free?). The ASC is an open and inviting zone that welcomes all students to come hang out, discuss ideas, do homework on the provided computers or receive that one-on-one help. The ASC is open Monday – Thursday, from 9AM - 8PM and Friday – Saturday, from 9AM – 4PM. Because our tutors need rest too, the ASC is closed on Sundays. The tutors at the ASC are here to assist you in any way they can through your journey and want to equip you with the tools and strategies to complete your academic goals. You might also consider speaking to a tutor about study skills topics like note-taking, time management, and preparing for final exams.

### *Testing Center*

The Testing Center is located inside the ASC. Do not fear, as the ladies you first visit at the desk are here to guide you through the proctored exam process. First, let's speak about identification. When coming to test, make sure you have your student ID or another form of identification like a driver's license or military ID on hand (we have to make sure it is you taking the test) and ready to present. Next; and this is important, turn off your phone and place your belongings in the provided lockers equipped with locks. Once this is done, the proctor will inform you of what computer will be used and provide you with necessary information such as time length, and if notes or calculators can be used. The last thing that is "make or break" for students is time. Timing, after all, is everything. The Testing Center holds the same hours as the ASC but stops administering exams one hour before closing. Basically, that means do not come in at 6:30pm and expect to test when the services close at 7:00pm. Students need the appropriate time to take and succeed on testing. Do not short change yourself with time. Every minute does count. The Testing Center's hours are as follows: Monday–Thursday from 9am–7pm, Friday and Saturday from 9am–3pm. The Testing Center is closed on Sunday.

Now that you know about these magical, free services and their location on the NMSU-A campus, please come by, stop in and say hello to the tutors and staff. Remember being a student is stressful enough, but the ASC and the Testing Center have your back during your academic journey... for FREE!

Sandy Grace  
ASC Professional Tutor

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!

