

## From the President's Office

Dear Campus Community,

International Day was a nice event on our campus last week. I know a number of students and faculty who learned either how to plan a class for study abroad or how to go about teaching abroad during the summer. The presentations were informative and I was impressed with the number of representatives from various countries who were in attendance. I believe that diversity and internationalization are crucial to higher education and I'm happy that it is important enough to be included in our strategic plan. A thank you goes to Dr. Garcia for planning and organizing the event.

Speaking of the Strategic Plan, please read through the draft that I sent out on Friday and provide feedback. The four goals remain the same but some strategies have been modified and KPI's revisited. This document will continue to be our guide when making important decisions about the institution and help us prioritize our efforts on behalf of the students. I am pleased that almost everyone I speak to about our plan agrees that we must be first and foremost student focused.

I want to welcome Kathy Fuller to our campus who will step in for Dr. McKenzie as the Interim Vice President for Student Success. Kathy is an experienced administrator with familiarity in a number of student service capacities. She is a well-known civic leader who is tireless in her efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. Her skills will serve our institution well and I am excited to have her on board. When you see Kathy, I hope you will stop and welcome her back to our campus.

Have a great semester!

Dr. Ken Van Winkle  
 President  
 New Mexico State University Alamosordo



**Tribute to the Life of  
 Officer Clint Corvinus**

A tribute and respectful farewell will be conducted at  
 The Tays Center 2400 Scenic Drive  
 Alamosordo NM  
 Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM.  
 Please join us with  
 respect for this officer, his family and friends,  
 support for our community,  
 and safety in mind.  
 Officer Clint Corvinus, a four and a half year  
 veteran of the Alamosordo Police  
 Department, gave his life in the line of duty  
 September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

## TWO Food Trucks on Campus Beginning Next Week

We are pleased to announce that beginning next week, we will have at least TWO food trucks on our campus.

The Hummingbird Bistro food truck will serve breakfast and lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8am-2:00pm, and Chaos Bistro will serve lunch on Wednesdays from 11am-2:30pm. The food trucks will be parked in the Faculty Parking Lot in front of the Faculty Office.

The Hummingbird Bistro menu for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> will be breakfast burritos starting at 8am. A vegetarian option will be available at breakfast! Lunch will be Nathan's jumbo dogs, hand-pressed all beef burgers, and fresh-cut fries.

Please Like and Follow the New Mexico State University Alamosordo Facebook page for announcements, special deals, and prizes! You may even win free lunch!





You can still submit an application for degree until October 2<sup>nd</sup>, however a \$25 late fee will apply. The deadline to apply for certificates 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 – see John Barnes for details. They hope to have a food truck, but we need to have

## Constitution Day Online 2016 is Coming!

September 12 – 17, Online Constitution Day at NMSU-A will take place in the Student Services course in Canvas.

Constitution Day Online will feature an online discussion about the First Amendment right to free speech called, "*Facing Off on Facebook: Breaking Up is Hard to Do.*"

The discussion will be moderated by Kim Lopez Gallagher, Professor of Government, US History, and Philosophy. During Constitution Day Online, you will also have the chance to play games such as "Bill of Rights: Do I Have a Right?" where you head your own law firm specializing in the Bill of Rights and "Crisis of Nations" and where you can be the leader of your own nation!

Links to videos and information about the US Constitution will also be provided.

Contact the Office of Student Success to find out how you can become part of the Student Services course and participate in Constitution Day Online 2016!

Also, keep an eye on the New Mexico State University Alamogordo Facebook page for an upcoming live discussion with Professor Lopez-Gallagher!



The Townsend Library will be offering a preview and two week trial of a new database we are considering called Statista. Statista is a Data aggregation and research platform with statistics and information covering worldwide markets, industries, and societal topics. Learn more about Statista at <http://www.statista.com/>. For a free trial, visit [Single Sign on Link](#). Should we decide to purchase it, our campus license would be all-inclusive, which includes: unlimited access/clicks/downloads/simultaneous users/republication rights/etc and access via ip range / proxy server. Its primary features include:

- Information that is prepared and checked by Statista's research team of more than 150 analysts in Hamburg, Germany
- A reports database with over 20,000 studies and 2,500 exclusive Dossiers and industry reports to provide qualitative and quantitative data
- Over 18,000 private, public, and proprietary, North American, European, and Asian sources of information
- Statistics that can be directly downloaded in PNG/PDF, Excel, and PowerPoint formats
- An extensive selection of infographics for illustrative data visualization as a new learning tool
- Data that is prepared according to academic citation standards, with links to the original source for further research

For more information, please call the Townsend library at (575) 439-3650

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.

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.





NMSU-A Theatre Guild Proudly Presents a  
Fundraiser for Scholarships & Theatre Projects



A diverse program of 6 short plays written by Alamogordo playwrights  
Carla C. Crittenden, Carolyn Dittmer, Andrea Garcia,  
Julia Newton, Roque Rosales, and Bob Trowbridge.

**ONE WEEKEND ONLY:**  
**FRIDAY, Sept. 9—7:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY, Sept. 10—7:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 11—2:00 PM**

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

**SILENT AUCTION** items on display during pre-show and at  
intermission. We accept cash, checks, and credit/debit cards!

**ADMISSION: \$10**

Advance Tickets at The Blue Stone (1117 S. White Sands Blvd.)  
and Books Revisited (in the White Sands Mall)

Call 439-3670 for more information

**Funny Zone**

Funny Zone is a diverse collection of six short plays written by local playwrights and performed by local actors. All of the scripts are suitable for all members of the family, and all offer a different perspective on life.

**OUR PLAYS . . . .**

**Adding Oranges** by Roque Rosales. A slightly older, slightly smarter sister tries to help her younger sister with math.

**Choir Practice Catastrophe** by Andrea Garcia. A church choir is in the middle of choir practice when some unfortunate events take place.

**Silver Lining** by Julia Newton. A family finds the good out of every situation.

**Full Moon at the Rest Stop** by Bob Trowbridge. A memorable bus journey in conjunction with a full moon.

**The Colors of Living Life** by Carla C. Crittenden. The women of the imaginary Red or Green Chili Peppers Chapter of the Red Hat Society converse while engaging in adult coloring.

**My Civic Duty** by Carolyn Dittmer. Sometimes a love of jurisprudence is just not enough!

**OUR PERFORMERS . . . .**

Kathy Barnes, Angela Basurto, Ulrike Burghelm, Cheryl Carroll, Carolyn Dittmer, Susan Gallegos, Andrea Garcia, Scott Hancock, Philipp Hedfeld, Monica Helm, William Hooper, Kyrsten Horgan, Victoria Kennedy, Carla C. Kerr, Douglas Kerr, Julia Newton, Mark Rathgeber, Keddy Richardson, Don Thorp, and K. Jan Wafful.

**EXTRA: SILENT AUCTION**

Funny Zone is the Theatre Guild's fundraiser to generate money for student scholarships and theatre expenditures. Additionally, there will be a silent auction with a variety of interesting items at each performance. All of the box office revenue, sales from our silent auction, and profits from concessions will generate money for theatre purchases and scholarships. We accept cash, checks and credit/debit cards! Come early and see what unique items are available for auction. The house opens 30 minutes before each show.

**Rohovec Theatre**

2400 North Scenic Drive on the  
north end of the NMSU-A campus.  
The Rohovec is directly below the  
Townsend Library. Ample parking.

**WE ARE HERE**



NMSU-A Theatre on the Hill Announces Auditions for

*Steel Magnolias*



The action is set in Tracy's beauty salon in Chalmette, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annette (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wine-soaking Tony dispenses champagne and free advice to the town's rich matrons. Ouzie, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clouse, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and set to a fine airtic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play soars toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and defies her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which grow the play, and in characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and surprisingly sensible company in good times and bad.

**Friday, September 16 at 7 pm**  
**Saturday, September 17 at 2 pm**

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

Roles available for 6 women.

This is an open audition and you do not need to be enrolled in NMSU-A.

Production Dates: Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19 & 20, 2016

Call 439-3670 for more info.

**Academic Support  
Center**

**FALL 2016 HOURS**

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

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**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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## NMSU-A Spotlight: Robynn O'Leary

If you are passing through the Science Building, at NMSU-A, you should take time to meet Robynn O'Leary, the Assistant Professor of Physical Sciences and Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist. Hired by the NMSU-A Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Grant at NMSU-A, she brought the project's GIS hardware and software into working order and has developed curriculum that utilizes the system. Ms. O'Leary obtained her Bachelor of Science degree, in Geological Sciences from the University of Texas at Austin in 1998, and received her Master of Science degree in Geophysics from Texas A&M University in 1993.

As it turns out, she is also an effective match to work in the campus' Arts and Sciences Division, where she filled an important niche critical to the Associate of Science degree, where she teaches Survey of Geology (GEOL 111G), The Dynamic Earth (GEOL 212), The Planets (ASTR 105G), and Introduction to the Principles of GIS (OEGS 181). She has worked to improve the existing curriculum and bring online coursework to Quality Matters (QM) standards. QM strives to "promote and improve the quality of online education and student learning."

Ms. O'Leary came to NMSU-A from John Paul II Catholic High School, where she worked as a STEM Educator, and, because she has taught elementary school through graduate level classes, she's a welcome member of the academic community in the NMSU-A area. Prior to working as a STEM Educator, she taught Environmental Geology and Earth Science, as an Adjunct Instructor at Tallahassee Community College. She also taught Introduction to Geology, at Barry University.

In addition to her experience as an educator, Ms. O'Leary is an enthusiastic geologist, who, again, fits well into the New Mexico scheme, with experience in the petroleum industry at the Ocean Drilling Program of the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics, and ARCO Oil & Gas. Having a background at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, along with more recent training in GIS, she has become involved in the regional GIS community. GIS plays an important role in the management of New Mexico's military activity, vast federal lands, government planning and decision making, forestry and grazing resource administration, and petroleum industry development and planning.

She has served as secretary, vice-chair, and chair for the Science Education section for the Southwest Area's American Association for Advancement in Science (AAAS), and has been published in several journals, including *School Science and Mathematics*, as well as *Tectonophysics*, a journal focused on original research and reviews in the fields of kinematics, structure, composition, and dynamics of the solid earth at all scales.

Aside from all that she has done as an educator, curriculum developer, and scientist, Robynn is an amazing person with a generous heart. Her co-workers and students appreciate her positive attitude and playful demeanor. She is a get-out-in-the-community type of person, and she is someone that you should get to know. If you would like to visit with Ms. Robynn O'Leary, you can find her in the Science Center in room 148 A. Her office number is (575) 439-3791 and her email address is [roOleary@nmsu.edu](mailto:roOleary@nmsu.edu).



## Nominees for NMSU-A Student Government At-Large Senators

The following three (3) students have been nominated to take a leadership role and represent the student body of New Mexico State University Alamogordo as At-Large Senators for the upcoming Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semester.

### Raymond Martinez



I realize that Student Government is to be the voice of students and show that their opinions, ideas, or thoughts matter. I, Raymond Martinez, want to be that voice while making sure that the students' needs and ideas are met. I want to become involved and help find a way to improve our school. I've always been interested in what goes on during campus and would like to help in making decisions that affect the students. Also, I will be able to help bring new ideas that will be helpful to student government. I'm known to be loyal, responsible, and be a team player. Student Government will be able to help develop my leadership skills. I hope this can be an opportunity for me to help make a difference for our NMSU-A.

### Gabriela Muñoz



Hello! :) I am interested in being considered for student government on the basis that I have been involved with the NMSU-A Student Government as well as Social Science Club (served as Vice President for 1 year), PTK (Public Relations 2nd term), used to be Chaplain in LULAC, as well as a volunteer in the community. I have volunteered for CASA, TBTN, I also coached for Otero County Youth Soccer League for six seasons. I feel that I can bring leadership skills to the table. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### Kimberly Nickels



I'm Kimba, and I would like to apply to be a member of the NMSU-A Student Government. I've been a student since 2013. I'm going for Graphic Design. I'm part of National Society of Leadership and Success, and on the E-board as the Social Event Chair. I take education very seriously. I recently got invited to join Sigma Alpha Lambda at the Main Campus. I think I could help out the students with their problems and concerns. I would like to see my experience of education over the years benefit for new students as they enter the college experience.

Student Government Senators appropriate funding to student organizations, decide on major purchases to benefit the study body, represent the student body at major campus events, serve on campus-wide committees, and serve in an advisory capacity to the campus administrators. Please place your vote between September 13 and Friday, September 19 to confirm these students.

All registered students are eligible to vote. Watch your email for the link to the online ballot!

Remember Your Vote is Important!





### STEM Club Off and Running!

The STEM club (Science Technology Engineering and Math) has met twice so far this semester. We are planning lots of interesting activities and outreach opportunities, as well as professional development. Several students will be participating in the 2016 New Mexico Undergraduate Student Research Conference in Las Cruces, September 29–October 1. The conference provides an opportunity for students to present their research, listen to other's research, and participate in workshops and network with professionals in their field.

In September, the STEM club members will be attending a training session with the New Mexico Space History Museum. Members volunteer to show people around the museum and answer questions! Some other activities will be visiting the Valley of Fires, touring the Engineering Department at NMSU, Visiting the Trinity site, visiting a forensics lab, volunteering at the Youth & Teen Center on Holloman AFB, and participating in STEAM week at Father James B Hay Elementary School.

It's not too late to join in the fun! Our meetings are 12:30-1pm every Tuesdays in the Glass House!

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It is time for Student Organizations to submit the charter renewal – let us know if your group plans to be active fall 2016-2017.

Voting to confirm students will begin on Monday, September 13 through Friday, September 19.

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The first Student Government meeting is scheduled on Friday, September 23 at 1:00 pm in Classroom Building, Room 201. Student Government meetings are open meetings. All are welcome to attend.

Remember Your Vote is Important!

Campus Christian Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesdays in the Mesh conference center (Located in the Science Building) from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome! For more info contact Orlando via email [orqon@nmsu.edu](mailto:orqon@nmsu.edu).



Are you looking to get involved on campus and in the community but don't know how to do it?

Join the Social Sciences Club!

We are a campus organization that is heavily involved in the community. We are a major sponsor of the "Take Back the Night" march and rally.

We have sponsored clothing, food, & toys drives, as well as the Kids' 1 mile fun run at the "Lady of the Mountain" run. Proceeds from this event directly benefit NMSU-A students in the form of scholarships.

You do not have to be a social sciences major to join. In fact, many of the members are not. Follow us on the NMSU-A Facebook page for an update on meeting place and time.