

From the President's Office

I want to express my thanks to Tony Salinas for providing Banner training for our campus; Anne Ricksecker for organizing our United Way Campaign; Viviane Ackall for organizing an outstanding Diversity and Inclusion event; and Judy Garcia for accepting the challenge of managing the campus calendar.

For better communication, please know that NMSU-A will use one calendar in which all events, deadlines, special occasions, etc. will be placed. This calendar is on the front page of our website. Click the calendar icon to see all activities at NMSU-A; then click on the activity to learn more detail. If you have an event or meeting that you would like on the calendar, please send the date, time, and any details you would like to include, to Judy Garcia. Please give us a couple of weeks to fine tune; then provide constructive feedback. I anticipate that this will evolve into an extremely useful tool.

We are teaching 7 courses at Holloman this spring in an attempt to rebuild our presence at the base and to serve the educational needs of our military. Thank you to the faculty who will teach these courses. We are also working within the system to create a military rate that will allow service men and women to pay for school without requiring out-of-pocket charges for student fees and books. I will provide more information on

Turn The Campus Pink

Wear Pink

October 28th

Show your support for the fighters against and survivors of Breast Cancer



HR Corner

2015 Conflict of Interest: The new electronic COI form version 2.8 is available now for the 2015 annual reporting period. Per NMSU policies 3.19 and 3.21, all regular employees are required to annually submit a Conflict of Interest/Commitment Disclosure (COI) form. Please complete your form electronically at: <https://accounts.nmsu.edu/eds>

Completion dates: forms must be completed and routed for approval to your supervisor no later than **Friday, October 30**. If an employee has recently completed the COI version 2.7 form, prior to this announcement, a new form is required.

2016 Open Enrollment Dates: Open enrollment for medical/prescription, dental and vision benefits will be available from October 5 through October 26. Enrollment started on October 5 via the NMSU benefits website at <http://benefits.nmsu.edu/enrollment/open/>

Employees who do not wish to make any changes to their benefits do not need to take any action.

this later as details become available. Just know this could be big for us.

We are finalizing a \$180,000 gift for NMSU-A student scholarships; I will provide details soon. The purpose for sharing this information with you early is to remind you that there are those in this community who truly value your work and the education you provide to the students of our region.

Speaking of money – lastly, there is a program in place at the moment that will provide matching funds (dollar for dollar) for NMSU-A scholarships. This unbelievable opportunity dissipates after December 1. I would be happy to visit with anyone to provide details.

Enjoy Campus Connection!

5th Annual Halloween Costume Contest Thursday, October 29 Individual and Department Contests

Entry forms need to be dropped off with Brenda in Continuing Education or Christy in the Business Office by Friday, Oct 23.



Judging will occur Thursday, Oct 29. Prizes will be awarded! So get your costume on!!



Scholar Dollar\$: It's that time of the year again when students can submit *one application* to be considered for all NMSU Scholarships for Fall 2016. The Scholar Dollar\$ online application system opened on **October 1, 2015 and is available until March 1, 2016**. The application is dynamic so it will ask questions based on the scholarships that a student may be eligible to receive. Please ensure all questions are answered. See the following link to complete an application.

<https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>. If a student is selected for one of the scholarships, notification will be made via NMSU e-mail.

If a student is attending NMSU Las Cruces in the fall of 2016, a campus change needs to be made with Admissions prior to March 1, 2016. Then the Scholar Dollar\$ application must be reviewed to see if there are new questions to be answered to qualify for additional scholarships. Please contact Financial Aid at 575-439-3855 for questions or more information.

Six Students Awarded Scholarships:

Six New Mexico State University Alamogordo students were chosen to receive scholarships from the NMSU-A Foundation.

The students, Joe Phillips, Chyenne Bunker, Julie Pate, Linda Lujan, Wilburn "Ray" Rush and Shiheem Walker, each received a \$500 NMSU-A Foundation General Education Scholarship. NMSU-A



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Interim President Dr. Ken Van Winkle met with each student. "Every one of these students is deserving of help and these scholarships will provide needed assistance," he said.

One of the students, Chyenne Bunker, is working toward her criminal justice degree while also working full-time as a dispatcher for the Alamogordo Police Department. A graduate of Alamogordo High School, Chyenne wants to eventually become a police officer.

Joe Phillips is a full-time cook at a restaurant in town. "After graduating from high school I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, so I went to work in town. After a few years I realized I wanted to try something different," he said. "All the aptitude tests I took showed the same results: sports medicine, physical therapy, working with others. So I decided to try radiology, and maybe someday I'll be working with athletes and helping them recover from injury."

Joe is studying all his core curriculum classes at NMSU-A before he transfers to NMSU Las Cruces to finish his radiology degree. "I love it up here. When I'm finished in Alamogordo, I'll be sad to go."

The NMSU-A Foundation is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of advancing NMSU-A and its objectives. In its effort to promote and support education, the foundation provides funding for the education and welfare of NMSU-A, its students, faculty and staff.

PEOPLE TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE



Summit on Hunger and Homelessness: NMSU-A and the Otero Hunger Coalition are co-sponsoring a Summit on Hunger and Homelessness in Otero County on November 6 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Rohovec Theater.

The summit is designed to promote a community conversation about hunger and homelessness in our area. Breakout sessions will focus on hunger, homelessness, vulnerable populations, and veteran's issues. The day will be filled with guest speakers, panel discussions and hands-on workshops. Participating individuals include those from New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, Roadrunner Food Bank, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, New Mexico Department of Health and United Way of Otero County. The keynote speaker is Hank Hughes, Director of *New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness*.

Registration Fee: Donations of non-perishable foods accepted at the door; donations will go to area food banks and cupboards. Registration can be conducted at the event or online at <http://www.oterohungersummit.org/summit-registration/>.

Aggie Cupboard

Donations of non-perishable food are needed to restock the Aggie Cupboard.

Food can be dropped off in one of the drop boxes around campus. Money to purchase food can be donated on our behalf to the NMSU-A Foundation through Mary Fechner in the president's office

Blood Drive

NMSU Alamogordo
Tuesday, October 20
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
In the Glass House

GIVE BLOOD FIGHT CANCER

The lives of many cancer patients depend on blood/plaquet transfusions to help them regain their strength, fight infections, and recover from cancer treatment. By donating your blood/plaquet you will be helping patients fight against their cancer.

United Blood Services
First the Hero in you.

Sponsored by NMSU - A Social Science Club and United Blood Services

Aggie Cupboard: The next food distribution will be Tuesday, October 27, and Wednesday, October 28, at the Tays Center Kitchen. 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.

NMSU School of Education Advisor

October 20, Student Services

9am - noon; 1:30pm - 5pm

Receive information on the elementary education degree, the teacher education program and other education degree options.

Call 439-3725 for an appointment

Free Flu Shots

Thursday, October 22

11:30am – 1:30pm

NMSU-A Glass House



Learning Signature: This is the new Learning Signature statement, which was approved by a vote of the administration, faculty, and staff.

"NMSU-A provides an inspiring and intellectually challenging learning environment that supports students to become critical and creative thinkers who are socially conscious, lifelong learners. Our graduates are effective communicators who are goal oriented and prepared for academic and career success."

Assessment Workshop: You are cordially invited to attend the assessment workshop "Item Analysis of Test Results" presented by Dr. Rita Eisele and Dr. Karen Reid to be held in CB 801 on October 22nd at 12:15 pm. Dessert will be served!

Brown Bag Luncheon: The NMSU-A Learning Signature Task Force's next Brown Bag Luncheon Series will be on November 2. Jennifer Smith will host a discussion on the new co-curriculum project to build a nature trail behind the Science Center.

The Brown Bag Luncheons are informal gatherings where faculty and staff can share ideas...and food!

NMSU-A Students Participate in Raytheon Flight Missile Experience: Six New Mexico State University Alamogordo Science Technology Engineering and Math students, Katrina Schuster, James Metcalf, Elan Glendening, Alton Glendening, Anthony Hamilton, and Justin Skillings, participated in a Raytheon Flight Missile Experience Friday, October 9.

The students viewed a video about the Hawk and Patriot Missiles, which guided students through the launch process so they would have an understanding of what they would see during the live missile tests. Then the group watched the testing of two Hawk Missiles and one Patriot Missile.



Throughout the day, the students interacted with engineers from Raytheon, the Japanese Air Force and Mitsubishi. They also learned about the various employment, educational and leadership opportunities available at Raytheon, as well as the importance of developing both personally and professionally.

NMSU-A Students Participate in the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation Student Research Conference: Seven New Mexico State University Alamogordo students traveled to Las Cruces October 1-3, to attend the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation Student Research Conference.

The conference provided an opportunity for the students to present their research and gain presentation experience, to serve as role models for other students, and to participate in workshops and panels designed to help them plan their academic and professional careers.

The event also served as a vehicle for student and faculty networking and as a forum for Science Technology Engineering and Math students, instructors, and industry professionals to share information, ideas, experiences, and advice.

Three NMSU-A students, Ariel Offerdahl, Alton Glendening and Elan Glendening, presented their research projects from their Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience and New Mexico Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research internships this summer. Two former NMSU-A students, Reece Broughton and Rio Porchas, also represented the university.

The other students who attended from NMSU-A were: Eddy Kemp, Andres Osorio, Vicente Lombrana, and Ashley Toclanny. Dr. Vicente Lombrana, NMSU-A NM AMP Institutional Coordinator, and Ester Gonzalez, NMSU-A STEM Outreach-Transfer Coordinator, accompanied the students to the conference.



Congratulations

- ❖ Rose Pena is the new Admissions Director
- ❖ Retired NMSU-A EMS instructor Cynthia Osborne was recently awarded the NM EMT Association Instructor of the Year Award and the Russ Richards State Instructor of the Year Award
- ❖ Winners at the Diversity and Inclusion Fair:
 - ❖ Kat Hodgkinson - gift basket
 - ❖ Hazel Wilson - pen
 - ❖ Gordon Smart - pen
 - ❖ Sheila Reese - cap

Free Popcorn Day

Tuesday, October 27

8am-noon

Student Services Building



Wear your NMSU-A Graduate t-shirt from the Eat and Complete luncheon and get a free bag of popcorn

If you do not have the t-shirt, please see the Student Success, Retention Coordinator John Barnes in Student Services to receive your free t-shirt



Emeriti Pi: Former faculty and staff from NMSU Alamogordo gathered October 15 to receive an update on the status of student enrollment and campus improvements and meet Interim NMSU-A President Dr. Ken Van Winkle and his senior staff.

Dr. Van Winkle spoke to them about the new strategic plan for the campus, including the four goals of student recruitment and retention, community engagement, diversity and resource stewardship.



He also provided attendees with an update on the university's efforts to increase class offerings at Holloman AFB and other military-specific initiatives currently being worked on with NMSU Las Cruces.

Increasing scholarship opportunities for NMSU-A students was the final discussion item. Dr. Van Winkle stated he is working hard to acquire more private donations from the community to increase the number and type of scholarships the campus can offer to students to help defray the cost of attending school.

Starting Your Own Business Workshop

Session 1:

- Understand entrepreneurship and the risks
- Determine if your idea is feasible
- Hear about financing options
- Transform your idea into a business plan
- Evaluate your competition
- Develop an operations plan
- Learn about business legal structures

Oct 22; Nov 12; Dec 10
1:30pm – 4:30

Small Business Development Center, NMSU-A, 2400 N. Scenic Dr, Tech Ed Bldg, Rm 103
To register, please call (575) 439-3660 or visit
www.nmsbdc.org/alamogordo/showevent.html

Session 2:

- Discuss hiring and managing employees
- Learn the essentials of marketing
- Set up a marketing and advertising plan
- Understand start-up/registration process
- Develop a sales strategy
- Establish business goals
- Discuss record-keeping

Oct 29; Nov 19; Dec 17
1:30 pm – 4:30



Townsend Library

The official ribbon-cutting for the newly renovated library occurred Wednesday, October 14. Interim NMSU-A President Dr. Ken Van Winkle cut the ribbon. Attendees enjoyed snacks and signed up to win library giveaways.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-7pm; Fri 8am-5pm

2015 White Cane Walk

October 20th - 1:45pm

From the Chamber of Commerce
To the NMSBVI

"I can make
my dreams
come true!"



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AFB—National Federation for the Blind
NMSBVI—National Federation for the Blind
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- **NMSU-A is running its campaign from October 16 – November 6, 2015.**
- This is the 50th anniversary of United Way in Otero County.
- Your entire donation stays in Otero County if you so designate.
- You can donate in multiple ways:
 - Fill in a pledge card for payroll deduction (this will be handled through Las Cruces)
 - Go to the NMSU website once their campaign begins and pledge online through payroll deduction (don't forget to designate Otero County)
 - Go to the United Way website, click on donate and fill in the boxes (you can make a one-time donation or go through your bank to do a monthly bank draft; you can also specify the organization you want to receive your donation)
- Congratulation to the Kickoff Drawing Prize winners
 - Vandeen McKenzie – Keurig 200 2.0 Coffee maker (cup or carafe)
 - Josie Brusuelas – Kindle Fire HD
 - Karen Reid – Apple iPad Mini with Wifi

ATTENTION! The NMSU-A Strategic Enrollment Retention Plan goes live on Monday, October 19, 2015. You will receive a copy via email. Be on the lookout!

Campus Calendar

Check out the re-vamped campus calendar on the NMSU-A website
<http://nmsua.edu/calendar/>

The Next edition of "Campus Connection" will be published on Nov 2. Please have any inputs to Brenda Campbell, brendalc@nmsu.edu, by October 29.

NMSU-A will celebrate and honor our Veterans

November 11

12pm-1:30pm

NMSU-A Patio

Veteran's Advisor and Student Clubs will support the event

NMSU-A will welcome a speaker from Holloman AFB