• **Budget Hearings for FY2014 - 2015 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Funding** – The University Budget Committee (UBC) met on June 4th and 5th to hear requests from colleges and units for ERR funding for FY 2015. Approximately 150 requests totaling $5.4 million were received for consideration. After hearing each college and unit present, the UBC has established a recommendation for the President’s consideration which fits within the $1.5M of funding available for this purpose. Information regarding the process can be found on the Budget Office website: [http://www.nmsu.edu/~budget/budget_process.htm](http://www.nmsu.edu/~budget/budget_process.htm) which is where the final allocation will be posted once approved.

• **The 2015 International Conference of the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE)** – The ACE organization has been awarded to NMSU Housing & Campus Life. This will occur in May of 2015 and bring approximately 2000 visitors to campus.

• **ICT upgrades emergency notification system** – ICT in conjunction with the NMSU Police Department upgraded the Everbridge Mass Notification system, the system used to notify NMSU of possible threats to the safety to the NMSU community. Everbridge, which is used to send emergency notifications via telephonic, text, and email notifications, was upgraded with features that include social media functionality and a new, easy-to-use interface to the system. As part of the upgrade, training was held for the NMSU Police and Fire Departments, University Communications, and Alamogordo campus personnel. The system was used as soon as it was upgraded to send an emergency notification to the Las Cruces and DACC campuses.

• **FIRE EXTINGUISHER training on the rise!** – Facilities and Services (FS) Fire has seen a significant increase in the numbers of students, faculty, and staff that have signed up for our free fire extinguisher training. Classes are generally conducted at the Fire Station on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. This year we are able to expand our outreach programs by offering classes at DACC which is made possible by the addition of the daytime firefighting staff that was approved this year.