

New Mexico State University  
Administration and Finance  
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 10/2/2015



- **NMSU Fire Safety Training** - The Fire Department completed a full-day of fire safety training on NMSU's main campus on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Starting at Myrna's Children Village, firefighters practiced STOP, DROP and ROLL with the approximately 75 children between the ages of 4 and 5. They moved outdoors and practiced Exit Drills in the Home or E.D.I.T.H., as it is commonly referred to.

Next stop was at Preciado Park where they relocated the Doña Ana County Fire Prevention Safety Trailer to attract interest from our students in family housing.

The final stop was at Chamisa Apartments where guests Shawn Simons and Alvaro Llanos captivated the crowd of approximately 400 students. They told their story about the Seton Hall University fire that occurred on January 2000, where three students lost their lives and 58 students were injured due to a prank. Students were inspired by the documentary movie, "After the Fire: A True Story of Heroes and Cowards."



*Special thanks to: Greek Life, Housing and Residential Life, NMSU Fire Department, NMSU Police Department, the Office of the Dean of Students, Doña Ana County Fire Administration, Sodexo and all the students for making fire safety a priority!*

### **Sodexo Dining Services**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club hosted a Taste of Italy buffet for lunch on Wednesday with sausage lasagna, chicken Alfredo, lemon caper asparagus, garlic bread, simple salad with Italian dressing, Italian wedding cookies and cream cheese brownies.
- The Real Food, Real People campaign featured Susan Steinhaus, cashier extraordinaire from the Corbett Food Court. Susan has worked for Sodexo for over 18 years, and her recipes featured California cheese steak sandwiches, vanilla ice cream, fruit salad and brownies.
- Sodexo will feature its first wine dinner, Diner de Vin, at the Fulton Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro to engage the campus community.



- **National Fire Prevention Week** - The Fire Department wants to remind everyone that Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep." Most deadly fires occur when people are sleeping, so it's a good idea to have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Visit our website at [www.fire.nmsu.edu](http://www.fire.nmsu.edu) for more information and safety tips!

### Special Events

- The Special Event team at Pan Am hosted Jason Aldean in a sold out concert attended by over 8,000 fans. Concert attendees also enjoyed Tyler Farr and Cole Swindell.
- 150 students and staff were able to turn the Pan Am from concert configuration to volleyball setting overnight, just in time for Coach Mike Jordan and the Aggie Volleyball Team to host and defeat UT Rio Grande.
- Clifford, The Big Red Dog, visited the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Friday for story time and pictures with the children, to engage our NMSU and Las Cruces community families.
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- **Housing Landscaping Improvements**-The Grounds Shop contracted Wasser and Wasser to Xeriscape the turf area at the intersection of Gregg and Poe streets. This was



one of the community garden areas that the residents returned to turf. The new Xeriscaping is part of the campus beautification efforts for Housing areas this year. Grounds identified Gregg Street as their focus since it is a gateway from the campus into Housing space. There are three more restoration projects planned for Gregg Street and they will be completed prior to March 1, 2016.

- **Employee Recognition** - Pat Chavez, Director of Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing, has been selected as the Doña Ana Community College 2015 Homecoming Distinguished Alumnus. Pat started teaching in the HVAC program in 1991 and is still an instructor. He is dedicated to helping student develop the necessary skills to succeed in mechanical trades. Some of his former students are now employed by the Facilities and Services Mechanical Shop.
- **Tour of Central Utility Plant by Early College High School** - Mark Blachford, Plant Operations Supervisor, conducted a tour of the Central Utility Plant for the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Engineering Class taught by Mr. Woodward at Early College High School. Mr. Woodward attended a tour of the Central Utility Plant when he was an engineering student at NMSU. They coordinated the tour to coincide with the classroom material on alternate energy and electricity production. The tour was a success and the students had a good time. Mark stated, “These kids asked some very good questions and it was an impressive group of students.”

#### **Barnes & Noble Bookstore**

- Open Mic Night returns to Thursday nights at 6 p.m. Enjoy live music, slam poetry and stand-up comedy or take the stage yourself. This free weekly event is presented by KRUX 91.5 FM.
- Clifford, The Big Red Dog, visited the store on Friday for story time and pictures with the children, to engage our NMSU & Las Cruces community families.
- 25% off sale on hoodies and sweatpants, next week on October 7th and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Tough Enough to Wear Pink t-shirts are in stock.