

New Mexico State University  
Administration and Finance  
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 11/13/2015

- **NMSU Fire Department Awarded \$100,000:** For fiscal year 2016, the Fire Protection Grant awarded NMSU Fire Department \$100,000. This year the State Fire Marshal's Division reviewed over \$22 million in needs with only \$6.7 million available. The grant which requires a 20% match will be used to purchase various firefighting equipment to include hand tools, thermal imaging cameras, fire hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus bottles, a personal protective gear washing extractor and other firefighting equipment. These funds will help provide the fire department with much needed equipment to do the job safer and more effectively.
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- **Cityscapes:** The Cityscapes event series explores great American cities and their unique foods. This week's feature of Chicago hot beef sandwiches with giardiniera (a common term for pickled foods), was enjoyed by the students.
  - **Utility Operations Outreach:** Mark Blachford rescheduled a tour of the utility plants for a Zia Middle School class for the morning of November 20, 2015. This tour will take approximately three hours and during the tour he will demonstrate our energy management system, heating and cooling systems, and operational strategies that they utilize to reduce our energy consumption. A similar tour will be conducted during the afternoon of November 20, 2015 for new employees in the FS Business Office and University Architect.
  - **Real Food, Real People:** The Real Food, Real People Campaign featured Paul Filby, our Residential Dining Director, with Sodexo for over 15 years. A California native, whose cooking was influenced by his Filipino mother, chose a menu featured chicken adobo, pancit (a Filipino noodle dish with pork, chicken and shrimp) and spiced coconut sweet potato.
  - **Operations Job Well Done:** The Executive Director of Operations would like to recognize a job well done by Priscilla Carabajal, Lorraine Silva, and Pat Chavez to organize the Charles Strickland Utility Plant naming ceremony on November 14, 2015. They have been working diligently to ensure the Strickland family members will enjoy their visit and the ceremony. Their hard work and attention to detail has provided the foundation for a successful event.
  - **Lunch 'N Learn:** NMSU faculty met with custom textbook partner XanEdu for a Lunch 'N Learn at the bookstore this week. XanEdu provides a service personalized to each course, affordable to students, and available in print and digital formats. Faculty unable to attend may email [marpaz@nmsu.edu](mailto:marpaz@nmsu.edu) for more information about textbooks.

- **Operations Teambuilding:** The Executive Director of Operations attended the Athletics Head Coaches meeting this week. This was an opportunity to meet the coaches and provide them with a brief overview of Facilities Operations and provide an opportunity to bring up any concerns related to support for their facilities.
- **Special Events:** The Las Cruces vs. Mayfield Game on Nov. 6 was attended by nearly 20,000 avid football fans in the Aggie Memorial Stadium. The NMSU Tournament of Bands competition in the stadium on Nov. 7 had an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 in attendance throughout the day. Aggie Women's Volleyball match versus Grand Canyon University closed out their WAC Championship season with a win on Saturday in the Pan Am Center.
- **Mindful Monday:** Mindful Monday by Sodexo, in partnership with Campus Health, focused on spicy eggplant with garbanzo beans and couscous, a dish low in calories and high in plant protein, fiber and nutrients.
- **For the Kids:** Barnes and Noble at NMSU hosted a story time on November 7th featuring the "Tacky Penguin" story series. Story time events are free and open to the public.