

New Mexico State University  
Administration and Finance  
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 11/25/2015

- **Lynne McClure Flores receives the James L. McDonough We C.A.R.E. Award:** On November 18, 2015, Angela Throneberry, NMSU Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance (AF), presented Lynne McClure-Flores, Systems Analyst 1-Support, with the James L. McDonough We C.A.R.E. Award. This annual award is given to an AF employee providing great customer service and demonstrating excellence in job performance. In her nomination form, Lynne was recognized for the dedicated and excellent work she has provided in her position with Accounting and Finance (Financial Information Processing). The nominator wrote, “Lynne is highly responsive and supportive as an agent of customer service, going above and beyond on a daily basis to help customers with their needs even if they have accidentally contacted the wrong department.” For more information, go to <http://af.nmsu.edu/we-c-a-r-e/>



- **Strickland Utility Plant Dedication:** On Saturday, November 14, 2015 a naming ceremony was held for the Central Utility Plant, which is named after Charles Strickland. The event was attended by NMSU President Carruthers, campus personnel and 12 members of the Strickland family.
- **Annual University Radiation Safety Review Completed:** The Radiation Safety Committee reviewed and approved the Radiation Safety Program which is mandated by the New Mexico radiation licensing and worker protection regulations. The review evaluates compliance and associated activities authorized under New Mexico Environment Department Radiation Control Bureau licenses for the Las Cruces campus, and Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center.
- **Student Organization Support:** Facilities Operations has filled the Sam Steel Retention pond to provide a concrete canoe race practice area for the American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE student organization. The retention pond provided the student organization with a practice area and eliminated their travel and park entry expenses. The students will be practicing through December 12, 2015.

- **Barnes & Noble Bookstore:** The 3rd annual Hungry Games Tournament, a contest for student organizations, had 4 teams of 10 student participants who donated 586 cans of



food for the Aggie Cupboard and Casa de Peregrinos. Points were earned by the amount of canned food items donated by each group and by participation in small games over a two hour time period. Prizes for the most food donated went to Delta Sigma Phi and Delta Gamma. Games were won by: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kappa Sigma, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Delta Gamma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kappa Sigma team 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Delta Sigma Phi.

- **Plant Operations Outreach:**

- Mark Blachford, Plant Operations Supervisor, conducted a tour of the Charles Strickland Utility for two 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes from Zia Middle School. The tours focused on how electricity is generated, what it is used for, and conservation of energy.
- Mark Blachford, Plant Operations Supervisor, and Daniel Carrera, Heating Ventilation, Air Conditioning, HVAC, Mechanic Lead, conducted a tour of the Charles Strickland Utility Plant for the Dona Ana Community College, DACC, HVAC 101 class. DACC Instructor Edward Lopez asked for the tour so his students would see practical applications of the principles of HVAC. The tour provided insight into the production of chilled water, steam, and electricity and they were exposed to the operations of the equipment used for production.
- Plant Operations hosted four Plant Operators from the University of Arkansas as part of an outreach opportunity. University of Arkansas technicians toured the utility plants, and participated in scheduled turbine operations and maintenance activities. This tour provided them with hands on experience which will be useful when they start operating their SOLAR natural gas fired turbine.

- **Operations Major Events:**

- Grounds personnel have completed the cleanup of the green waste yard in preparation for the landfill closure project. The shop removed all plant material which is used in the composting process. During the landfill closure project, Operations has suspended composting activities and created a temporary green waste yard south of the Tennis Center. After the landfill closure is completed, composting operations will resume.



- Paint shop personnel painted the exterior of the computer center during the Thanksgiving break. The break provided a good opportunity to paint with a reduce occupancy on campus.
- Facilities Maintenance personnel will begin work on sprucing up the entryway of Garcia Annex. This work will include repainting the West Entry area, cleaning and painting in the lobby, cleaning the furniture, replacing the blinds, and installing new recycling containers.
- **Sodexo Campus Dining Services:**
  - Traditional Thanksgiving meals were served in the Taos Restaurant on Tuesday and on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro served their annual Thanksgiving Buffet.
  - Sodexo's Real Food, Real People featured Eva Berroteran, a Taos supervisor who has worked for NMSU dining for the last five years. Eva contributed recipes important to her family: Calabacitas, pineapple marinated beef, cilantro lime rice and no bake peanut butter cookies.
- **Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Roundtable:** Katrina Doolittle attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> EHS Director's Roundtable in Louisville, Kentucky with 35 universities participating. Special guest Dr. Robert Nobles briefed the attendees on 20 recommendations from the Council on Research's Lab Safety Task Force and their call to action to be presented at the annual conference for the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities.
- **Transportation & Parking Services:**
  - The Parking Office is replacing sign poles and repairing Handicap access ramps throughout campus.
  - The Transportation Office is in the process of transitioning Motor Pool Customers to Enterprise Rentals. Departments will be contacted with information regarding the transition and training will be provided via the website.