

New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 2/26/2016

- **Discover Sustainability Symposium:** The first Annual Discover Sustainability Symposium was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. It was a successful event with three knowledgeable speakers who spoke on the environmental topics of water, soils, and our indigenous connections. Before the presentations, student clubs and NMSU groups had educational booths for all to enjoy. Turnout was overwhelming with the room full of community members, faculty, staff, and many students getting extra credit for attending. Provost Dan Howard was the introductory speaker and spoke about the importance of taking care of our planet for future generations. Manager of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Joni Newcomer, shared the importance of acting from the heart and doing a better job caring for our planet.



- **NMSU Golf Course:** Good weather continues to have a positive effect on the amount of play at the golf course. Last weekend, the Men's Golf Association had over 40 participants in its event which may be a record turnout during the winter months.
- **Water Conservation:** The Grounds Shop activated Phase 1 of the new Rainbird IQ Master Irrigation Control System. This system allows shop personnel to adjust irrigation system settings and operate the system from a computer or smart device. In the past, all timer adjustments had to be made in the field on the timer. It would take a full day to make changes as there are 200 timers used to operate the system. A plan was developed to convert the system to automated controls over a five year period. The first phase is the East Campus zone which has the most of the large turf areas which includes our Athletic and intramural fields. The Sisbarro Community Park will be connected to the system later this year when the irrigation system is installed.
- **New at the Player's Grill:** The Player's Grill has updated its menu and emphasized the most popular menu items, adding a larger selection of gourmet burgers, sandwiches, and Mexican favorites.
- **NMSU INSIDER:** The following new features have been added to the NMSU INSIDER free mobile app:
 - Corbett Center Student Union Instagram Feed
 - Sodexo Campus Dining Instagram Feed
 - Golf Course Facebook Feed
 - Photo Album for the Spring 2016 Semester
- **Mindful Monday:** This week, Taos Restaurant and Campus Health Center focused on fitness and health education. Healthy options such as eggplant pastitsio with yogurt béchamel was served.



- **Celebrating History:** In recognition of African American History Month, Taos Restaurant showcased the diverse world heritage of African American culture with dishes such as Caribbean jerk chicken breast, rice and black bean pilaf, okra and tomatoes, chicken and sausage gumbo, Ethiopian vegetable stew and peach cobbler. To view upcoming events go to <https://nmsudining.sodexomyway.com/>.
- **FS Professional Development:**
 - The Utilities Shop and Energy Management Shop sent six employees to a training offered through PureOps on Siemens flow, level and pressure measurement technologies in metering. The employees learned various applications for each different type of meter. They also learned what type of piping setup is best for each meter and various instrumentations for reading the meters. Although the training only covered Siemens brand meters, the application can also be applied to all universal brands of meters.
 - Personnel from the Utilities Shop and Mechanical Shop attended a training conducted by Mountain States on gas regulation station maintenance and metering. This was a free training and sponsored by the City of Las Cruces gas utility department. The employees participated in hands-on exercises on how to take apart pressure regulators and adjust the water column pressure settings. Various other topics related to gas metering and gas regulator stations were covered during this eight hour training session. The Facilities and Services management team is commended for collaborating with the City of Las Cruces and adjusting work schedules to allow the employees to obtain additional training.
- **Sodexo Dining Services:** Taos Restaurant is now regularly serving diverse Asian dishes at the 360 Grill. On Monday they served fried rice with shrimp and chicken, vegetable lo mein, Chinese cashew chicken, lemongrass tofu pho, and spinach and edamame egg drop soup.
- **Plant Operations Outreach:** The Central Utility Plant Operations personnel hosted a tour of the Central Utility Plant for students in an Engineering Thermodynamics class on February 19th. The tour consisted of a presentation of plant operations and system performance followed by a tour of the plant. Mark Blachford, Supervisor of Plant Operations, conducted the tour and led discussions with the class members.

