- **NMSU Student Firefighter Excels:** On January 13, 2016, Layne Southard received his NM Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I) license. This certification qualifies Layne to administer a higher level of medical care. He has also obtained his Driver Operator certification which qualifies him to drive NMSU’s fire engine and aerial apparatus. Layne is a Sophomore and pursuing a degree in Biology and plans on becoming a licensed Paramedic. Congratulations Layne!

- **Crafts at Corbett:** During the month of January, the Corbett Center Student Union Programming staff sponsored a Crafts at Corbett activity. Participants enjoyed the very popular chalkboard paint coffee mug craft. The entire photo album can be found at: [https://www.facebook.com/nmsu.ccsu/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums](https://www.facebook.com/nmsu.ccsu/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums)

- **McFie Circle-Phase 1:** Smith & Aguirre Construction is currently working on Phase I of McFie Circle. It will be repaved and include a side-by-side lighted pedestrian path and bikeway. The long-term plan is to provide direct access to the East entrance of Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, as well as, create an area for outdoor activities. It is expected that Phase I will be completed at end of March 2016.

- **Social Media Contest:** Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) programming staff conducted a Facebook “Like” competition among the Program Assistants. The goal was to increase a student following on the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union Facebook. “Likes” on the Facebook page increased from 52 to over 300 in one week.

- **Auxiliary Services:** NMSU Conference Services and Flavours by Sodexo participated in the annual Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase on January 31, 2016 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Information on event coordination services and catering options available at NMSU were provided to over 300 participants.

- **Safety Training:** Facilities and Services personnel participated in the monthly Rocky Mountain APPA webinar held on January 28, 2016. The topic presented was Protecting Campus Staff and the Public from Underground Electrical Hazards. There were 15 attendees representing Administration, Electric Shop, EH&S, and Utilities. This was a free training session and it provided the participants with an opportunity to see what other universities are doing to protect people from electrical hazards.
- **Dining on Campus:** The Sodexo marketing team continued to set up tables across campus to foster face-to-face interactions with students in order to educate about meal plans and encourage involvement with campus dining resources. Students were offered free hot chocolate, iced water and sweets.

- **NMSU 2015 OSHA 300 log:** The Environmental Health & Safety annual summary of employee injuries and illnesses is posted on the NMSU safety website. This log lists summary information on cases and lost work days or days with restricted work because of a reportable injury or illness by NMSU employees in 2015. The chart shows a continued trend of less injury and illness cases over the recent five year period. Under New Mexico law the annual OSHA summary log must be posted from February 1st through April 30th.

- **Lunch at the Bistro:** The 3rd Floor Bistro hosted the Mardi Gras Buffet for lunch on Wednesday, February 3rd. This festive buffet featured creole chicken with Cajun spices, shrimp and sausage jambalaya, dirty rice with red beans, Cajun corn maque choux, greens with Cajun ranch and balsamic dressing, and French beignets.