

New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 3/18/2016

- **Regents' Above and Beyond Awarded to Tina Patton:** During their regular meeting, the New Mexico State University Board of Regents presented the Regents' Above and Beyond Award to Tina Patton, a graphic designer in the NMSU Facilities and Services Sign Shop. Those who nominated Patton said that she “goes the extra mile on a daily basis and always has a positive attitude that inspires others.” Patton displays dedication to NMSU and strives to present the university in its best light. Congratulations Tina!
- **Facilities and Services (FS) Employee Scholarship:** The newly established Facilities and Services Employee Scholarship Fund was awarded for the first time to the following individuals: Priscilla Carabajal (FS Accounting), Manuel Cordero and Paul Gonzales (FS Custodial Services), Marco Rodriguez (FS Electric Shop), Kyle Huerta (FS Facilities Maintenance), Orlando Flores and Isaiah Garcia (FS Grounds), and Robert Herrera and Gary Martinez (FS Project Construction). Glen Haubold and Suzanne Montes established this scholarship to support FS Employees attending NMSU.
- **Special Events:** Special Events staff and student employees have been busy since mid-February with multiple events. Over fifty additional students were recruited and trained to provide enough support for these events.
 - On Valentines Day, The Harlem Globetrotters dazzled over 5,000 fans.
 - On March 4th, approximately 8,000 patrons attended the Rock N Roll Worship Concert featuring the Newsboys, Mandisa and eight other Christian artists.
 - Special Event crews worked late and diligently overnight to prepare the Pan Am for the final Women's Basketball Game held on Saturday, March 5th.
 - On March 8th, the Pan Am was reconfigured for the Luke Bryan concert, which was attended by a sold-out crowd of 10,400 fans.
- **Pond Cleaning — Saving Fish and Turtles:** The Grounds shop is working with Dr. Colleen Caldwell of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences to clean the pond at Knox Hall. Dr. Caldwell and her students relocated the fish and turtles to a laboratory while the pond is cleaned. The water was pumped out of the pond into the retention pond by the arches, watering the grass in the process. Grounds is working to clean out the debris and sludge, repair the fountain lights, and then refill the pond. Dr. Caldwell will oversee the pond filling and return the fish and turtles.



- **Capstone Project designs a Sustainable Tiny Home:** The manager of the Office of Sustainability worked with eight students and an advisor on the design of a mobile “Tiny Home” (180 sq. ft.) for the homeless at the Community of Hope. The students were encouraged to interview the homeless and learn more about their needs. Once this is accomplished, they will design the tiny home to meet as many sustainability objectives as possible, such as solar, greywater, zero VOC materials, composting toilet, and the ability to grow food inside the home in a vertical garden. Once the project is finished, the Office of Sustainability will share the results.



- **Parking Lot Maintenance:** While the students were on Spring Break, the Parking Office has resurfaced parking lots at Central Plant and restriped the lots at Breland Hall.
- **System Repairs:** Facilities Maintenance and Utilities personnel replaced the fire hydrant at Jordan Street and the International Mall. The repair included replacing the hydrant, isolation valve, and documenting the location of the piping to aid in future utility locates. This was a collaborative effort between the Mechanical Shop, Structural Maintenance Shop, and Utilities Shop.
- **Founders Day:** Operations personnel attended the Founders Day committee meeting this week. The committee is finalizing the plans where we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of ROTC at NMSU. Founders Day will include a guest speaker and lunch by Sodexo. The event is scheduled for April 15, 2016, on the Trader's Mall. See you there!