

New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 3/25/2016

- **¿Hablas español?:** NMSU Fire Department (FD) would like to recognize Assistant Director of Project Development and Engineering Jose Loera, Assistant Project Manager Nivia Franco, and NMSU Firefighter Rogelio Hernandez for their instrumental work on creating a bilingual emergency evacuation message. The automated English/Spanish message has been installed in Knox Hall which uses verbal instructions with alert tones in case of an emergency, instead of blaring horns to evacuate the building. Their efforts were such a success that Doug Parten, Manager of Event Operations at Pan Am, is generating a procedure to incorporate it into their evacuation message. Also, NMSU FD plans on using the message on future verbal fire alarm systems to assist Spanish speaking students, faculty, staff, and visitors during an emergency evacuation.



- **Sodexo Employee Recognition:** Sodexo Dining staff and students celebrated Avelina Gonzales, cashier and greeter for 10 years in the Taos Restaurant. She has touched many lives and is well liked by the students. Students presented, to Avelina, an oversized card and signed poster as an expression of their appreciation.

- **Annual Room Renewal Rodeo Dinner:** Sodexo partnered with NMSU Housing & Residential Life to host the annual Room Renewal Rodeo Dinner. Residents had the option of keeping their current room or selecting another room option. Entertainment was provided, including a mechanical bull, student DJ, and BBQ favorites.

- **Women's Swim Team Locker Room:** Thanks to the generosity of the Wanda Glass family, the NMSU Women's Swimming and Diving Team now have their own locker room. The renovation project achieved substantial completion in mid-February. A ribbon-cutting and naming ceremony took place on February 19th at the NMSU Aquatic Center.



- **Student Support:** Facilities Operations assisted the NMSU chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers, SAE, in providing a safe location to test their minim Baja buggy for the upcoming competition. This year, NMSU will have an all-female team participating in the event in support of Breast Cancer research. Go Aggies!
- **Professional Development and Outreach:** Facilities and Services participated in the March Rocky Mountain APPA webinar on water balancing. This was a joint presentation by representatives of University of Arizona, GLHN, and Ecoblue. They presented water usage on the University of Arizona campus and implemented processes to reduce water use such as reclaimed water for irrigation, waterless urinals, and high efficiency restroom fixtures. Participating from NMSU were Lorraine Silva, Bud Jones, Paul Gonzales, Javier Uribe, and Tim Dobson. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be available on our website once released.