


New Mexico State University
Administration and Finance
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 3/04/2016

- **ICT Intercepts Harmful Email:** Using a sophisticated monitoring device known as Ironport, ICT security and systems staff blocked over 93 million suspect and potentially harmful email messages on February 29th, 2016. The messages, which were sent to NMSU email addresses, were identified as containing viruses, SPAM, or other potentially malicious content or originating from untrusted sources. John Roberts, Chief Information Security Officer and Director of Computer Systems, stated, “We need everyone at NMSU to do their part by being careful not to open suspicious email that may have slipped through our security. If you receive a message you’re unsure of, contact abuse@nmsu.edu, and we’ll give it a look.”
 - **Greek Week 2016:** On March 3rd and 4th, approximately 400 students participated in the Greek week services days. During the first day, emphasis was placed on campus beautification. Volunteers worked with a Grounds crew to clean up vacant back yards in Student Family Housing. Another group worked with the Sign Shop to touch up the paint on campus building signs. On the second day, the volunteer students continued with back yard clean up, planted new flowers in the Chamisa village planters and painted the “A” on A Mountain. Operations appreciates the extra help provided by the student organization and look forward to next year’s event.
 - **Student Programming at Taos:** Themed dinner highlighting BBQ Blues. This special Elite Event intended to “chase students’ blues away” featured smoked beef brisket, Carolina BBQ pulled pork, Thai barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, Southern coleslaw, ranch-style beans and grandma’s cornbread.
 - **Recycle Mania 2016 Tournament:** NMSU is participating in the annual Recycle-Mania competition from February 7 to April 2, 2016 in the Grand Champion category. This is our seventh year to participate and there are 305 universities competing in that category. Currently, we are in fourth place with six weeks left in the competition. Our goal is to finish in the top three for the category. Go Aggies!
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- **FASFA Forward Night:** On February 18th and 24th, Financial Aid & Scholarship Services, Admissions, and Career Services with the support of ICT’s Students tech group held the FASFA event. The event was to instruct incoming freshmen on how to navigate the online application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, as well as showcasing the many opportunities and learning avenues that are available at NMSU. ICT’s Annette Candelaria who worked to make this event possible commented, “Our jobs as NMSU staff is to contribute to students’ success while they attend NMSU.”
 - **Student Engagement:** Flavours by Sodexo catered several student engagement events including a student Etiquette Lunch on Monday, February 29th, Chicano Program’s Poetry Slam, Campus Activities’ Throwback Thursday, and Navigator Board Game Night all on Thursday, March 3rd.
 - **Certification:** Fred Madrid, Recycling Technician, successfully completed the NM Recycling Operators Certification Course. He becomes the third Operations person to receive the certification.

- Employee Recognition:** Congratulations to Student Firefighter Korina Jimenez for completion of the firefighter probationary requirements. Korina joined the NMSU Fire Department (NMSU FD) in December of 2015 having already obtained her National and NM Emergency Medical Technician-Basic licenses. Since joining NMSU FD, she has completed the Defensive Driver, FEMA Incident Command 100-200, obtained the Respirator Fit Test card and successfully completed the Firefighter Basic Skills Evaluation. In addition to all the Firefighter training, Korina attends NMSU's main campus where she is pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering with an anticipated graduation date of May of 2020. Korina quotes Theodore Roosevelt, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty...I have never in my life envied a human being who lead an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."



- Employee Appreciation:** The Executive Director of Operations received a letter from the Library commending the efforts of two Structural Maintenance shop employees, Robert Sedillo (Technician Lead with Structural Maintenance) and Jessie Marquez (Facilities Technician), who were assigned to replace the privacy partitions in the Zuhl Library restrooms. Norice Lee, Associate Dean, wrote that she was very appreciative of the regular updates provided by the crew as well as their attention to detail. The employees have been commended for their professionalism and dedication for providing great customer service.

- Plant Operations Outreach:** Plant Operations hosted a tour of the Central Utility Plant for Dr. Prasad's Electrical Engineering 476/590 Computer Control Systems class. Mark Blachford, Plant Operations Supervisor, conducted a 30-minute presentation of plant systems and operations followed by a walking tour of the plant. Thirty students participated in the event.



- Fundraising Event:** The NMSU Golf Course hosted approximately 30 groups as part of the annual fundraiser for the National Agri Marketing Association (NAMA). <http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/clubs/nama/>

- Keeping it Green:** Next week, the golf course does its semi-annual top dressing and aerification of the greens. While this process is a little inconvenient for the players, it is essential for maintaining the consistency of the greens throughout the year.