

# New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 4/1/2016

## **CCSU Open House**

The Corbett Center Student Union Open House was held March 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the latest renovations. President Carruthers, ASNMSU President Dustin Chavez, and other community guest speakers addressed those gathered for the unveiling of the new plaque in the rotunda. Guests were greeted by Striking the Wonder Dog and Pistol Pete while enjoying refreshments and tours of the newly renovated building. For information on the renovations: <http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/11788/community-invited-to-attend-open-house-for-nmsu-s-corbett-center-student-union>

## **Ray Martinez Attendance Award**

Custodial Team #1, The Terminators, was presented with the Ray Martinez Attendance award in the FS Annual Workforce meeting on April 1, 2016. This is an employee created award named for Ray Martinez who is recognized for his long attendance service to NMSU. It fosters a friendly competition between the custodial teams. The Terminators had a 90% attendance rate during calendar year 2015. They will receive a commemorative plaque and a group breakfast or lunch.



## **Cyber Infrastructure Development**

NMSU Chief Information Officer (CIO), Norma Grijalva, and UNM's CIO, Gilbert Gonzales, are co-leading the New Mexico Science Education & Economic Development (SEED) Network. The statewide project is a combined effort that engages universities, K-12 local communities, and state government that advances high speed networking and cyber infrastructure across New Mexico. This includes discussions to improve broadband networks, technical support for researchers, and other information technology services. The project is one of several National Science Foundation grants awarded to New Mexico universities.

## **International Day**

Sodexo's Taos Restaurant hosted its annual student engagement event, International Day, a partnership with International Programs. Lunch on March 29th featured world music, world cuisine from recipes contributed by NMSU international students, and educational facts about our culinary offerings.



**Steak at 360 Grill Station** Sodexo's Taos Restaurant surprised guests on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a special steak lunch. Sodexo cook staff visited with students and sizzled up Szechuan top round steaks with rice and grilled vegetables at the 360 Grill Station.

## **Crafts at Corbett**

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Corbett Center Student Union programming staff sponsored a Crafts at Corbett monthly activity. Students gathered in the Aggie Lounge to build Mason jar terrariums.

### **Employee Recognition**



Congratulations to Student Firefighter Tyler Aguirre for completion of the firefighter probationary requirements. Tyler joined the NMSU Fire Department (NMSU FD) on December 7, 2015. Since joining NMSU FD, he 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, Tyler is attending NMSU's main campus where he is pursuing a degree in Community Health with an anticipated graduation date of May 2016. Tyler plans on continuing his education at DACC where he will enroll in the Paramedic EMS program. Tyler quotes Michael Jordan, "If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Congratulations to Student Firefighter Cameron Clark for also completing firefighter probationary requirements. Cameron joined the NMSU Fire Department on December 7, 2015. Cameron is attending NMSU's main campus where he is pursuing a degree in Nursing with an anticipated graduation date of May 2018. Cameron's motto is "Sometimes life gets tough and presents itself with difficult challenges. That's when you have to push your limits, dig deep and push forward positively. That is truly when we start growing as individuals."



### **APPA Award For Excellence Site Visit**



The Operations shops have been preparing campus for the APPA Award for Excellence site visit which will occur April 10, 2016 through April 12, 2016. Additional work has been performed on campus to increase the "WOW" factor during the visit. At the Facilities and Services building, Structural Maintenance has repaired the damaged concrete and the Paint shop has repainted the large conference room and the restrooms. Electric and Mechanical Shops personnel have been cleaning their equipment rooms. This is an exciting time and we are looking forward to presenting what we do to the visiting site committee.