

# New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 4/22/2016

## Recycle Mania



New Mexico State University Facilities & Services finished in third place in the grand champion division of the 2016 RecycleMania competition with a recycling rate of 81 percent. RecycleMania is the nation's premier waste reduction and recycling competition among colleges and universities, managed by [Keep America Beautiful](#). Richland College, a two-year community college in Dallas, Texas, was deemed the Grand Champion with a recycling rate of more than 82 percent. The 2016 tournament featured 350 schools participating from 48 states in the United States, the District of Columbia and Canada, with an enrollment of 4.4 million students; the American contingent of schools represent nearly one in four U.S. college students.

## ICT Participates in New Student Orientation

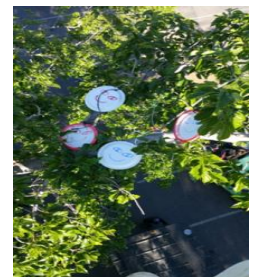
NMSU was host to over 200 new students at this year's New Student Orientation held inside Corbett Center on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. During orientation, students met with peers, faculty, and staff from various departments to become acquainted with the university. ICT's Student Technology & Planning group tabled at this event, providing information on the various computer labs, software, and technology services that are available and will help students be successful while attending NMSU.

## Spring Wellness Fair

Sodexo provided student and community participants with refreshing strawberry and cucumber mint infused water at the NMSU Spring Wellness Fair on April 16th. Sodexo's marketing team also engaged with participants regarding their numerous health-related services such as infused water available at Taos Restaurant and healthy Mindful recipe items provided by Sodexo at their various campus restaurants at NMSU.

## Hawks

The hawks have returned and Operations is working with USDA /APHIS officers to try and encourage the hawks to build a nest in a different location. This week they removed a second nest from the trees north of Rentfrow Gymnasium. This was done after verifying that the nest was empty. After removing the nest, we tied paper plates with faces drawn on them in the tree as recommended by the USDA / APHIS Officers. This worked for a while then reconstruction began. We will continue to perform nest removal until they are discouraged or we find an egg in the nest. USDA / APHIS will be present when we perform the removal to document the event. They are also increasing their patrols and performing activities to encourage relocation.



## Sodexo Participates in the Earth Day Fair

The Sodexo marketing team provided student and community participants with mugs that can be refilled at campus restaurants and dialogued about Sodexo sustainability efforts at NMSU, including serving milk from local dairies committed to not treating their cows with artificial hormones, providing 100% fair trade coffee, using produce from local sources whenever possible and working with the NMSU Food Recovery Network to donate food leftovers to El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

## Personnel Recognition



Congratulations to Fred Madrid who received the “A” Mountain Award at Founder’s Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. He was nominated by the staff in Military and Veterans Program for the support he provides to NMSU veteran students. His positive attitude and problem solving skills coupled with his experience as an Army Veteran make him a valuable resource for our students.

## Find NMSU INSIDER on Snapchat

Auxiliary Services launched the NMSU INSIDER Snapchat last week which already has well over 100 friends.

## Custodial Efficiency

The Custodial shops have been investigating new methods to help improve their efficiency. This week they rolled out their new custodial carts which are configured to support the green cleaning program. The new carts are totally enclosed with multiple configurations depending upon the cleaning needs of the building. Customizing the carts reduces the number trips back to the custodial closet for supplies. The carts are being utilized in Corbett Center and the team is developing an implementation plan for the remainder of the buildings.



## Special Events & Social Media

A crowd of over 10,000 enjoyed the Carrie Underwood concert which contributed to a reach of 210,729 on the PanAmCenter Facebook page.

## OASIS Student Club hosts the Earth Day Fair



The Office of Sustainability and OASIS Student Club put on the Earth Day Fair again this year at the Horseshoe. They had live music, 35 educational and vendor booths, two food trucks and a wonderful turnout from the community and NMSU students. Thanks go to Auxiliary Services, Student Activities, Facilities and Services, the Police Dept., and all the NMSU student volunteers and members of the Organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability who worked tirelessly to make it another great Earth Day celebration.



### **Faculty Staff Golf Season**

The Tuesday Faculty Staff Golf season has begun and participation continues to grow. For information on joining the league, go to <http://golf.nmsu.edu/>.

### **Research Collaboration**

Facilities and Services participated in a collaborative effort which provided support to Dr. Leinauer at the turf grass test plots located on Triviz Drive. The team consisted of seven Grounds personnel, two Golf Course Maintenance personnel, and four Research personnel. This team installed 17,000 square feet of Princess 77 Bermuda turf at the facility that will be used as test plots for future research. Facilities Operations was excited to have the opportunity to provide support to a research facility.



### **Collaboration with Turfgrass**

The Golf Maintenance department is working with the Turfgrass Research team on campus and has been able to procure some sod which for the areas that have been damaged by grubs. This is a great example of departments working together and both benefiting from the efforts.