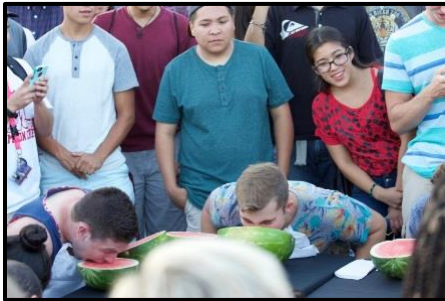


Crimson Kick-Off



Auxiliary Services supported Crimson Kick-Off on Monday evening in the Barnes & Noble parking lot to welcome the students. The event featured a block-party feel with two student bands performing, and partners hosting activity booths. The NMSU Golf Course hosted putting contests; Sodexo provided a food eating contest, and Chihuahua's, Pepsi, and Pastaggio's provided free food and drinks. About 400 students were in attendance and everyone had a great time! View photos for many of the Crimson Kickoff events in the fall 2016 album on the "NMSUi" Facebook account and on the NMSU INSIDER free mobile app.

Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) in Full Swing

CCSU was buzzing with activities and events for returning students. Sodexo's Welcome Back dinner on Sunday Night in the Taos Restaurant; Residence Hall Association Laser Dance in the Aggie Underground; Many students attended the Re-Opening of the Corbett Center Game Room to play billiards, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, corn hole and giant Connect Four.



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Campus RainWorks Challenge

OASIS (Organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability), ESSO (Environmental Science Student Organization), engineering students, and the Office of Sustainability are preparing a submission for an EPA storm water project to keep our precious resource where it belongs, on plants, not parking lots. The winning submission will receive a prize of \$5,000. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome join the fun in helping our environment. For more details, contact the Sustainability office. [Click here for more information on the RainWorks Challenge.](#)



Best BBQ

Sodexo's Chef Mike Guerra participated in the 9th Annual Mesilla Valley Hospice Men Who Cook charity event on August 13, with over 40 chefs competing in the Luau themed categories. Chef Mike, with the assistance of Sodexo Chef Robert Fresquez, won Best BBQ with their dish Pineapple Garlic BBQ Pork Wings served with Black Sesame Bamboo Rice.



Housing & Residential Life – A Warm Welcome Home (8/14/2016)

Chancellor Carruthers welcomed new students at the Aggie Spirit Rally at the Corbett Center outdoor stage.





Hypnotist Chris Jones (8/15/16)

Aggie Activities Council sponsored Hypnotist Chris Jones in the Corbett Center Ballrooms. Chris is probably best known for hypnotizing Howie Mandel into shaking hands with him on national TV.



The First Annual Ignite Ceremony (8/15/2016)



The first Annual Ignite Ceremony featured Fire Dancers from Odd Lab Entertainment. 550 students were welcomed by Provost Dan Howard and witnessed the kick-off ceremony to the new initiative in Housing & Residential Life: The First Year Residential Experience (FYRE) program. Six students including Residence Hall Association president, Erin Griego, talked about what in the NMSU experience has ignited their passion to get involved inside and outside the classroom. The ceremony capstone experience was Provost Howard, Angela Throneberry and D'Anne Stuart leading a rousing rendition of the Aggie Fight song with approximately 400 residents holding 800 crimson glow sticks standing along the upper bowl of the Corbett Outdoor Stage. It was a good night to be an Aggie!

Glocade (8/17/16)

The Residence Hall Association and Housing & Residential Life presented the Glocade as part of the new programming series called *Aggies After Dark*. Approximately 1,000 students attended and played carnival games: glow-in-the-dark ping pong, foosball, hand shuffle board, and casino games.



ICT completed upgrade to the Pinnacle Billing System

ICT's Financial Operations and Telecommunication and Networking groups successfully completed the migration of Pinnacle Billing to a web-based system on August 1, 2016. The NMSU community uses the system to view service details, access monthly billing statements, and create, update, and track work orders. The new system offers on-the-go accessibility and a green, paperless work environment. The new, more flexible Pinnacle system empowers employees with its easy access, ease-of-use, and enhanced communications functionality.