

## Sustainability Tips

### Skateboard to school!

If you love to skateboard but dislike having to bring your skateboard inside class or even fear it getting stolen, there is now a solution! NMSU has just installed two skateboard docking stations. All you have to do is bring your own lock to the docking station and lock it up to reduce your carbon footprint. Located at south entrance Garcia Hall and outside Corbett Center Rotunda.

### Monitor Turn-off program

Let's say you have 19" Dell LED PC monitor that operates at 17 Watts. If you kept your PC monitor on for 24 hours a day for 5 days, let's calculate how much energy you would waste: 17 watts x 24 hours x 5 days = 2.04kwh x \$0.65 (El Paso Electric rate) = \$.1326 x 150,000 monitors on campus = \$19,890 per year wasted by leaving monitors on 24 hours a day.

With that being said, save energy by turning off your monitors when not in use.



### Toner Recycling Count

The Office of Sustainability has a toner recycling program at NMSU. According to our records, the Office of Sustainability has collected 155 toner recycling boxes since March 1, 2013. That means that we have prevented approximately 1,085 ink cartridges from entering the landfill.

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## Bottle Filling Stations

### Did you know?

- Plastic bottles take 700 years to begin composting
- 90% of the cost of bottled water is due to the bottle itself
- 80% of plastic bottles are not recycled
- 38 million plastic bottles go to the dump per year in America from bottled water (not including soda)
- 24 million gallons of oil are needed to produce a billion plastic bottles
- Plastic bottles contain chemicals like PET that enter the bloodstream as an endocrine disrupter

Although bottled water is convenient to purchase, think twice before you buy it. Bring your own refillable water bottle and fill it up at our bottle filling stations. NMSU has kept 132,610 bottles from entering the landfill since the installations of the bottle filling stations in the summer of 2012.



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## Interview with Justin McHorse

### The American Indian Student Center and its Passionate Director by Charlie Chavez

It seems there's constantly something new to see or do on campus at New Mexico State University. Among those things is a building that may have not yet received the attention that it deserves. Constructed in 2010, the American Indian Student Center (AISC) is located just east of Corbett Center and it serves as a hub for not only for American Indian students but a resource open to all students. As director of the American Indian Program, Justin McHorse is extremely passionate about empowering American Indians in the pursuit of a higher education. Justin believes that being stationed in a green building has made his accomplishments both more positive and rewarding.

Born in New Mexico and raised on the Taos Pueblo Reservation, McHorse received his high school diploma from Taos High School. He went on to receive an A.B. from Dartmouth College where he double majored in Native American Studies and English, and then on to graduate with a M.S. in Education at Purdue University. McHorse desired to utilize his education and work experience to empower and advance fellow American Indians in higher education. When first learning about the open position for Director of the American Indian Program at New

Mexico State, he felt as though it was the perfect opportunity he was seeking. He was hired for the position in 2008, and through his leadership of the American Indian Program has accomplished much to the benefit of the students.

Upon entering a university, students undergo four major transitions: academic, socioeconomic, cultural, and social. For American Indian students, this transition may be more daunting than for the average student because of the shift in cultural dynamics. In our culture, participating in class discussions or simply looking the professor in the eye is encouraged. In their traditional environment on the other hand, it is deemed disrespectful to look an elder in the eye or to speak while another is speaking. Due to some major differences, new students may feel isolated, lacking access to culture, family and traditional foods. This experience is said to be much like studying abroad.

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# Campus Sustainability Day

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Campus Sustainability Day (CSD) is a national day of focus on the environment – on what has been accomplished and what is needed to maintain momentum to green NMSU. NMSU will be celebrating Campus Sustainability Day 2013 on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme is "Climate Adaptation: Resilient Campuses and Communities".

**Come celebrate CSD 2013 with us! There will be posters, educational booths, speakers, prizes and more!**

## Green Product and Tip of the Month



### Our OfficeMax Green Product of the Month: Eco-Products Compostable Sugarcane Dinnerware Item #: A7EPP005PK (\$14.55/50ct)

#### Features:

- Sturdy dinnerware is made from sugarcane
- Microwave and freezer safe
- Strong, durable and liquid resistant, sugarcane fiber is reclaimed during the sugar refining process and given a new life

Did you know that more than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil and all that foil is recyclable!



**Green Tip of the Month:** Make the extra effort to bring your own reusable cloth bags into the store with you instead of using plastic bags. *Thanks!*