



### Housing Opening

1500 students moved in to NMSU campus on Saturday, August 12. Hundreds more students moved in Sunday and Monday before school started. Volunteers from across campus including folks from Interfraternity Council, National Panhellenic, the NMSU Libraries, and Engineering departments helped students and their families move in. Get a glimpse of how move-in was covered by the Las Cruces Sun News: <http://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/education/nmsu/2017/08/12/more-freshmen-move-into-nmsu-dorms-year/562586001/>



### Opening Dinner, FYRE Ceremony, & RHA Glow Dance

Saturday night students attended the Sodexo Welcome Dinner at Taos featuring some of the coaches & players from NMSU Athletics as well as a rousing performance by the NMSU Pride Band. Students were then treated to aerialist feats and fire dancers by Odd Lab Entertainment at the Housing & Residential Life First Year Residential Experience (FYRE) Ceremony. Provost Howard, Associate Director Louise Clausen, Professor Becky Corran (DACC), and student leaders from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Residential Life discussed involvement and learning from the on-campus experience. Check out some of the pictures from the Photo Booth that accompanied FYRE Ceremony as well as the RHA Glow Party Dance that happened from 9-Midnight.



### Opening Day Activities

Facilities Operations shops completed their summer make ready maintenance and cleaning of the Housing inventory. All shops participated in the NMSU Student Move-In day. Technicians were on hand to help the students load their belongings into their residence. We also had technicians on hand to address any facility issues and help clean up after boxes were unpacked. The Operations Leadership team was on hand to provide rides to family members and help transport items from the parking lots.

### ICT Help Desk and Student Technology and Planning help students

From Aug. 14 to Aug. 16, the ICT Help Desk assisted nearly 1,000 students with technology related issues over the phone. Not only did the Help Desk assist with phone calls, they also helped the groups of students who walked-in looking for help, many needing help registering their devices. Student Technology and Planning assisted 151 students during Move-in day, Saturday, Aug. 12. Student Tech staff informed students about lab hours and locations, Help Desk hours, Microsoft downloads, upcoming events and other technology related matters. The Help Desk was also in attendance helping students get connected.

### Showcasing Students Work



FS Project Development and Engineering has been working with faculty to expose student work around campus. At Hardman-Jacob they utilized display cases and hung student artwork along the walks which brightens the space to highlight what other students are doing. Drop by and see what our amazing students are producing.

### Safety Goals: An Alliance of Faculty & Environmental Health & Safety

Dr. David Rockstraw of Chemical Engineering/Mechanical Engineering (CHME) and Derrick Wootton of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) recently presented at the 2017 Campus Safety Health & Environmental Management Association annual conference. Cheri Hildreth, Director for University of Louisville stated in open forum, "NMSU is the envy of every EH&S represented in the room." The audience asked NMSU to carry the work forward and help show the value of incorporating safety into academic and research activities at universities.



### Utility Location Equipment



Facilities Operations personnel attended a demonstration by The City of Las Cruces Utility Locate Department. They demonstrated various types of modern utility locate equipment to NMSU Utilities and Space Management personnel. The demonstration also included a presentation of the Global Information System (GIS) data they have available in the field via laptops. The new information they gather from the jobsite will then be uploaded into the main GIS database for all other utility personnel to access.

### Chamisa Wireless Updated

The Telecommunications & Networking Services Department upgraded and added wireless access for all residences in Chamisa Hall in time for the fall semester. The project was completed in two phases, one in December and one in July, so the newest access point technology could be installed. Wireless is the number one requested item by students. This project was requested by STAC and funded by the Student Technology Fee.

### New Hall Design Charrettes (August 23 2017)

Housing & Residential Life, in partnership with Facilities & Services, is building a new residence hall on the site of the old Monagle/Women's Residence Center site. This approximately 300 bed facility will be suite-style, and is slated for an August 2019 opening date. Mackey Mitchell Architects (MMA) & Parkhill Smith Cooper (PSC) will visit campus next Wednesday, August 23 from 1-5pm to solicit student feedback on design concepts. Design Charrettes will occur in the Pinon Classrooms. An early computer rendering of this new hall is also pictured below. For more information, contact Nancy Cahill, Administrative Assistant in Housing & Residential Life, at (575) 646-3849 or [ncahill@nmsu.edu](mailto:ncahill@nmsu.edu)



### ICT completed myNMSU Portal System update

Earlier this summer, ICT made an enhancement to the portal that resulted in improved data security and the user experience. Now, when the user logs into Canvas or myNMSU, they will be automatically logged into both systems; they won't need to reenter their NMSU username and password. When they log off of myNMSU or Canvas, they will be automatically logged off of both systems. And if they go directly to learn.nmsu.edu and are not logged into myNMSU, they will be directed to the myNMSU homepage to log into their Canvas courses. Another feature that was updated was Bookmarks. Bookmarks can only be created in the Favorites area in myNMSU. Be sure to remove any bookmarks you have saved in your browsers since they will no longer work.

### **Sunday Night Activities**

Festivities continued on Sunday night as the Residence Hall Association and Housing & Residential Life sponsored the Hypnotist – Chris Jones. Chris played to a capacity crowd of over 800 students that packed the ballroom from 8-10pm. You can also see a quick video from the event at <https://www.facebook.com/NMSUHousing/videos/1427310600681109/>.

Later that evening, NMSU Aggies invaded the local Target Store on Lohman. Target hosted a late night shopping event that included a DJ, free soda and popcorn, goodie bags for the first 200 students to make a purchase, and prize drawings throughout the evening. Target estimates between 800-1000 students shopped between 10:30p-12:30a during this exclusively Aggie event. Housing & Residential Life & NMSU's Residence Hall Association sponsored the buses to this event.