What with all the excitement, we are a little late with the Strickland Awards.

The **2015 STRICKLAND AWARD** winners:

**ORLANDO FLORES**
Not only does he oversee zone 4 (Agriculture portion of campus), he has become a Certified Compost operator and has also attained his NMDA Ornaments and Turf spray license. Orlando also plays a large role in designing and installation of xeriscaping throughout campus. Orlando has worked with many of the Horticulture classes and overseen class projects where the students design and install campus landscapes. I can always count on Orlando to be available to help out other supervisors within ours or other shops – Bud Jones, NMSU Grounds Manager.

**LOUIS HUBER**
As the Deputy Fire Chief at NMSU, Louis’ primary responsibility is administration and enforcement of fire and building codes. Louis’ efforts have paved the way to improved processes on our fire safety inspections. We now have the ability to create, store and share information electronically. These improvements not only make us more efficient, but it has reduced the amount of paper and copies we relied on in the past. Louis was instrumental in developing compliance standards on testing for NMSU’s fire detection, suppression systems, and building inspection program. Deputy Chief Huber exhibits loyalty, commitment, and leadership that have helped develop and mentor our firefighters and career staff. He works closely and effectively with the Fire Chief to ensure the goals and objectives are clear and the mission is achieved. What makes Louis so effective is that he truly believes in the mission and wants to make a difference. That is why Louis is a great choice for the 2015 Strickland Award – Johnny Carrillo, NMSU Fire Chief.

**JOAQUIN GONZALEZ**
Joaquin is a respected and essential member of our FS staff. He is always ready and willing to provide excellent customer service. His skills and professionalism are top notch. I cannot say enough about how much we appreciate his positive "can do" attitude! - Patty Hartell, Executive Director of FS Administration.

**NMSU is all about DISCOVERY!!**
**Jack Kirby**

Jack quietly winds his way through a mire of complex regulations to ensure compliance with five high profile environmental programs. Because of his engineering background, he is very methodical and approaches each one step by step. He works to make the complicated as simple as possible. I think Jack can flow chart just about anything. Seriously, Jack’s areas of oversight are of high importance for us all. One example of phenomenal teamwork within Facilities and Services involved Jack along with several others as they worked to develop and implement new requirements for monitoring our drinking water system. There was a very short timeline and an exceptional amount of work performed by the team. Jack jumped in and did his part without hesitation. Even with an overflowing plate, Jack is kind, thoughtful and considerate of others – Katrina Doolittle, Ph.D., Executive Director of FS Environmental Health and Safety.

**Orasa Vaught**

Project Development and Engineering would like to recommend Orasa Vaught as this year’s Charles Strickland Award recipient. Orasa has managed over $23 million in projects within the last year and a half including 10 projects on the NMSU-Alamogordo campus. In addition to her typical work load she is managing the Jett Hall Renovation Project including 12 multiple spin-off projects to relocate two engineering departments into suitable accommodations so that they can continue to operate during the renovation process. Her ability to work independently and track the progress on multiple projects makes her a natural candidate for this award – Enrique Espalin, Assistant Director, Project Development and Engineering.

**AVP Award**

**Heidi M. Frohnapfel**

If you have been to the middle of campus and / or visited the Hardman Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, you will know why Heidi has been selected. In addition, the related renovations around McFie Circle are also being managed by Heidi. Both of these projects have gone extremely well and will impact the appearance and functionality of the NMSU core campus for many years. For this reason, we are proud to honor Heidi with the AVP’s Award for 2015.