

AGGIE POINTS OF PRIDE March 2020

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Goal 1 Enhance Student Success & Social Mobility

NMSU HRTM launches new hospitality career center

The School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management launched the Marriott Hospitality Futures Center, a new on-campus center dedicated to fostering hospitality career development and promoting the importance of hospitality education. Funded by a four-year, \$400,000 investment from The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, the Marriott Hospitality Futures Center opened to students in January. The center will serve as a central hub for community outreach, connecting students to industry professionals.

Devasthali Hall unveiled in community grand opening event

Devasthali Hall, the new home for New Mexico State University's Department of Art and University Art Museum, held its grand opening for the community Feb. 28. The event began with a ribbon cutting, followed by reception and tours of the building as well as other activities. KTSM-TV did a live news broadcast and the event was well-attended by media and community members. The new art facility supports a wide variety of research in museum conservation, ceramics, drawing and painting, graphic design, jewelry, metalsmithing, photography, printmaking, sculpture and art history.

Goal 2 Elevate Research & Creativity

Kalkbrenner honored for research achievements

Michael Kalkbrenner, Counseling and Educational Psychology assistant professor in the College of Education, was recognized at the Feb. 22 NM State men's basketball game for his outstanding research accomplishments. Kalkbrenner's research interests include college student mental health, reducing barriers to help-seeking behaviors, interprofessional collaboration and holistic approaches to physical and mental wellness. Joining Kalkbrenner on the court were Luis Vazquez, AVP for research and graduate studies; College of Education interim Dean Susan Brown; and NMSU President John Floros.

Goal 3 Amplify Extension & Outreach

NMSU welcomes sixth-graders to Young Achievers Forum

Approximately 600 sixth-grade students and their families from across southern New Mexico visited NMSU during the New Mexico Young Achievers Forum Feb. 29. Sixth-graders from Alamogordo Public Schools, Deming Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District, Hatch Valley Public Schools and Las Cruces Public Schools participated in the free event. The mission of the Young Achievers Forum is to

encourage students to pursue a college education after high school. Many of the students visited a college campus for the first time. They would be the first in their families to pursue higher education. CommUNITY en Acción, Bravo Dealerships of Las Cruces and El Paso, El Paso Electric and Wells Fargo are partners in the event.

Extension work with Nat'l 4-H Council highlighted by NBC

The National 4-H Council is working with NBC Learn, the educational division of NBC News, to feature a program being supported by NMSU Cooperative Extension Service in Bernalillo. Collet Park Elementary School in Albuquerque is the first school in the nation to use the 4-H curriculum and club organization within a school's classroom and weekly activities. The impact has been positive on student retention of their school work, absenteeism and behavior. The video will be featured on NBC Learn's weekly newsletter, and shared with NBC Nightly News, TODAY and NBCNews.com, as well as being offered to 200 NBC News local affiliates to be used in their program. The final video will be delivered to NBC by March 23.

Goal 4 Build a Robust University System

NMSU honored for family-friendly policies

New Mexico State University has earned a gold-level New Mexico Family Friendly Business Award in recognition for its workplace policies. NMSU received the award from Family Friendly New Mexico, a statewide initiative developed to recognize businesses that have adopted family-friendly policies and practices. This is NMSU's third award from the Family Friendly New Mexico initiative. NMSU's annual leave benefits are an example of a policy that helps employees strike a better balance in their professional and personal lives. NMSU also encourages employees to engage in life-long learning to enhance their careers through a tuition-waiver program.

Fall 2019 Enrollment Facts

Las Cruces Campus: 14,296

Undergraduate: 11,675

Graduate: 2,621

NMSU System: 24,041

Full-time: 78.4%

NM Residents: 70%

Hispanic: 57.8%

Female: 56.6%

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