

AGGIE POINTS OF PRIDE May 2020

Enhance Student Success & Social Mobility | Elevate Research & Creativity | Amplify Extension & Outreach | Build a Robust University System

Social media initiatives help connect Aggies to campus

As a way to continue a culture of Aggie Life as we shelter in place due to the pandemic, the Marketing and Communications Office has created multiple projects designed to bring the NMSU community together as we continue to work and learn apart. A new **#ThrowbackThursday NMSU History series** highlights the interesting stories and people behind the buildings on our campus. A second project shares the feeling of being at NMSU, enjoying its beautiful landscaping and views through a minute of sights and sounds from different locations around the campus in **#MindfulMondays** social media videos. A video challenge from Pistol Pete urges Aggies to share how they are **#StillNMSU** by showing how they're hunkering down at home. And the weekly **Video Conversations** series on YouTube visits with NMSU leaders to help answer key questions.

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Johnston named president of WACUBO

New Mexico State University system Vice Chancellor and Strategic Chief Financial Officer Ruth A. Johnston has been named president of the Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO), a professional development and networking organization for university business leaders.

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Biology student receives prestigious research fellowship

Valerie Brewer is double majoring in conservation ecology and biology while minoring in genetics and biotechnology at New Mexico State University. She is among the top young scholars in the nation to earn a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the country's oldest fellowship that directly supports graduate students in various STEM fields. The program will fund Brewer's research for three years while she pursues a Ph.D.

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School of Nursing continues to tackle NM opioid epidemic

New Mexico State University's School of Nursing has received a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund a project aimed at expanding the number of family nurse practitioners in New Mexico who are trained to prevent and treat opioid- and other substance-use disorders in community-based practices.

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College of Engineering and DACC receive \$5M NSF grant

The College of Engineering and DACC have been awarded a five-year, almost \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The funds will support scholarships and guided pathways to help students earn bachelor's degrees in engineering. The College of Engineering received \$3,745,040 and DACC received \$1,247,737 for the "Pathways for the Successful Transfer and Retention of Engineering Students from Two-to Four-year College in New Mexico," a collaboration that is part of NSF's Scholarship in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program, which is focused on increasing the number of low-income academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who earn degrees in STEM fields. The grant is believed to be DACC's first from NSF.

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NMSU grad lands job analyzing data for HIV/AIDS research

Susie Valenzuela's knack for crunching numbers has taken her from New Mexico State University all the way to the University of Washington, where she recently launched her career as a statistician working to advance the prevention, detection and treatment of HIV infection and AIDS. Valenzuela earned two degrees from NMSU, including a master's degree in applied statistics in December 2019, before relocating to Seattle in March to join the University of Washington/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research, one of 19 research centers in the United States funded by the National Institutes of Health to support multidisciplinary research aimed at reducing the burden of HIV nationally and globally.

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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%

Important Dates

Board of Regents regular meeting: May 14

Virtual Commencement: May 16

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