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### 1: FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Welcome to NMSU

Aggies are ready to celebrate another 125 years of discovery

Hello fellow Aggies!

If you are new to campus, I welcome you to New Mexico State University. If you are a returning to NMSU this fall, it is great to have you back.

NMSU is a place where you can discover yourself — who you are and what you want to do with your life. The discoveries we make here also can be scientifically significant.

Just last year, NMSU's Chile Pepper Institute discovered the hottest pepper on the planet is the Trinidad Moruga Scorpion. Further back, former NMSU professor Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto. I'm curious to see what new discoveries are waiting just ahead.

Without the success of our students, we don't have success as a university. I encourage you to find an academic field you are passionate about, an area you enjoy and where you can focus your attention. Then, I encourage you to study hard and graduate quickly.

NMSU has more than

100,000 alumni living around the world. I hear frequently from those graduates that their degrees have contributed significantly to their success. While attending NMSU, your job is to work to earn your degree and join those graduates.

This fall is NMSU's 125th anniversary, and we have a lot to be proud of at this university. In 1888 we became the state's first college. In 1894 we produced New Mexico's first-ever college graduates. We are the state's land-grant university and in the last century and a quar-



ter, we have produced outstanding research, outstanding public service and many, many outstanding graduates.

NMSU is one of the best universities in the country and this is the most important institution

in the state. We, as a university community, need to have pride in what we do, perform at a high level, and most of all, we need to promote the enterprise — New Mexico State University.

*Garrey Carruthers,  
President*

*New Mexico State University*

### 2: BY THE NUMBERS

(reported for the 2012-2013 year, unless otherwise noted)

**Enrollment:** 17,651

**Undergraduate students:** 14,276

**Graduate students:** 3,375

**Faculty:** 1,168

**In-state:** 12,069

**Out-of-state:** 4,466

**International:** 1,116

**Male:** 8,027

**Female:** 9,624

**Student credit hours:** 203,836 (fall 2012)

**Degrees awarded:** 3,457 (2011-12)

**Pan American Center capacity:** 8,994 (for basketball)

**Aggie Memorial Stadium capacity:** 33,043 (for football)

#### TUITION RATES FALL 2013

**Undergraduate tuition:** \$3,110.40

**Graduate tuition:** \$3,354

**Out-of-state tuition undergraduate:** \$9,822

**Out-of-state tuition graduate:** \$10,065.60

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More than 17,000 students were welcomed back to the NMSU main campus last year.

### 3: WELCOME WEEK

# Fun, food and music to celebrate Aggies return

Preparing for a new school in an unfamiliar place can be overwhelming. But NMSU has a week's worth of events to make Aggies feel at ease and at home.

**Aggie Welcome and Orientation Week** begins with the **Crimson Kickoff** on Sunday, Aug. 18.

**Housing move-in day** begins at 8 a.m. Students living on campus should check in at designated stations and have their NMSU ID on hand.

The Educational Services Building is having its **Business of Going to College** event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

After you're finished working up an appetite moving in to your new abode, walk down to the Corbett Center Outdoor Stage for the **Aggie BBQ**. Afterward, hang out and enter the trance of **hypnotist Jim Wand**, who will perform from 8 to 10 p.m.

The **New Student Convocation** in the Pan American Center invites all new students and families to learn about the transition into university life. It is a special event set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. and will show new students some of the NMSU faculty, staff and fellow students.

Tuesday, **magician Peter Boie** will perform in the Corbett Center lobby from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students can ask if he is able to make homework disappear.

The Academics Colleges will host its **welcome reception** from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

**Aggiefest** on the International Mall will include scavenger hunts, prizes, information on various resources on campus, snacks and giveaways. Check out the fun from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**First day of classes** begin Thursday. There will be tables set up from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at various locations around campus with maps, water, snacks and students there to answer questions.

The Corbett Center Outdoor Stage will be the venue for the **ASNMSU Welcome Back Concert**, featuring G-Eazy, from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, head to Chamisa Village for **Movie Under the Stars** and watch "Pitch Perfect" and "21 Jump Street." The screenings start at 8 p.m. and students get free popcorn and drinks.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

### 4: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Aug. 18:** Campus Housing Opens  
**Aug. 19:** Fall Convocation  
**Aug. 22:** Classes begin  
**Aug. 30:** Deadline for degree application  
**Sept. 2:** Labor Day holiday  
**Sept. 3:** Deadline, registration/course addition  
**Oct. 15:** Last day to drop with a "W"  
**Nov. 15:** Last day to withdraw  
**Nov. 25-29:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Dec. 9-13:** Exam week  
**Dec. 14:** Commencement  
**Jan. 12:** Campus housing opens

**Jan. 14:** Spring Convocation  
**Jan. 20:** MLK holiday  
**Jan. 16:** Classes begin  
**Jan. 24:** Deadline for degree application  
**Jan. 28:** Deadline, registration/course addition  
**March 11:** Last day to drop with a "W"  
**March 24-28:** Spring break  
**April 17:** Last day to withdraw  
**April 18:** Spring holiday  
**May 5-9:** Exam week  
**May 10:** Commencement  
**More info:** [http://www.nmsu.edu/General/academic\\_calendar.html](http://www.nmsu.edu/General/academic_calendar.html)

### 5: ESSENTIALS

## 6 things all students need to have

**STUDENT ID** » Your student ID is essential because it allows you privileges to campus facilities, such as the Activity Center and Taos Restaurant. Your ID will also get you into sporting events, discounts at certain places like Toucan Market and McDonald's on University, and can even be turned into a debit card with Wells Fargo College Checking.

**CHANGE** » for vending machines, meters, printing and copies.

**KEYS** » to dorm, car, home, to use as a bottle opener, or open boxes.

**CELL PHONE** » Your phone has everything you need these days — calculator, calendar, the time in various time zones (in case someone from Abu Dhabi asks). It's also the portal to your so-

cial life, helpful in dark situations, and most importantly, your alarm clock.

**WATER** » You now live in a desert, need I say more?

**PLANNER** » Stay organized with classes, organiza-

tions, clubs and extracurricular activities by staying up to date with your planner. It'll make not only your life easier, but you won't be stressed as easily.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

### 6: CAMPUS WI-FI

Internet can be accessed at many locations on campus through many different devices.

The first time you connect to Aggie-Air, the campus wireless network, you will see the NMSU Network Registration page (<http://netreg.nmsu.edu>). Follow the instructions.

To connect your mobile device to Aggie-Air, you will need to register it on the NMSU network. You will also need a myNMSU user name, which will be created when you enroll.

**Computer help:** Visit the ICT Customer Service and Help Desk

in room 141 of the Computer Center, call 575-646-1840 or email [help@nmsu.edu](mailto:help@nmsu.edu).

### 7: COOL CLASSES

**CM1329:** Studies in Drama: Journey to the Moral American Hero: Novels, Plays & Movies

**ENGL211G:** Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Writing on Society in Game of Thrones

**HRTM414:** International Food and Wine

**MUS201G:** History of Jazz in Popular Music: A Blending of Cultures

**CJ348:** Serial Killers

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## 8: HOMECOMING

# 'Wild West' is this year's theme

"NMSU: The Wild West" is the theme for Homecoming 2013, to be celebrated Oct. 21-26.

Many traditional Homecoming activities will be held again this year, including a parade, bonfire and pep rally, as well as an Alumni Tailgate Party prior to the culminating event, football against Abilene Christian on Oct. 26.

The classes of 1953 and 1963 will hold reunions during this year's celebration and the Alumni Association dinner to honor its 2013 distinguished alumni will be Oct. 25. A student rally and bonfire in the tailgating area will be Oct. 24.

For information about Homecoming 2013, visit [alum.nmsu.edu](http://alum.nmsu.edu).



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The student-run homecoming bonfire attracts the Aggie faithful.

## 9: SCHOLARSHIPS

## How to pay for school

Scholarships help pay for your schooling. Take advantage of them and start searching for them now.

First, go to <http://scholarships.nmsu.edu> and participate in NMSU's Scholar Dollar\$ program. You'll fill out a single online application and the program will allow you to be considered for all scholarships at NMSU for which you may be eligible.

Also:

- Double-check available scholarship opportunities in your department, and register for an account at [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) to make sure you're not missing out on any opportunities.

- Apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible.

- Don't miss deadlines or

wait until the last minute.

- Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals. Read and follow instructions carefully. When applying, be personal, be professional, be passionate.

- Beware of scholarship scams — if you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam.

Whether you try your hand at scholarships, you should apply for grants also.

The Department of Education has money for students who qualify based on your and your parents' income. Just fill out a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form online. But get going, because federal grants are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Online: <http://fa.nmsu.edu>

## 10: CAMPUS MEDIA

## Ways to know the news on campus

There are many ways to stay up-to-date on what is happening at NMSU. Here are a few sources that you'll find on campus:

**ROUNDUP DAILY** » A student-run newspaper, the *Round Up* has been the go-to source for campus-related news for more than 100 years. The *Round Up* features various types of stories from human interest to sports, and entertainment to breaking news. The *Round Up* offers a daily online newspaper at [roundupdaily.com](http://roundupdaily.com) with a printed issue every Thursday, starting the first day of classes. This year's managing editor is Jessica Cervantes. For information, call (575) 646-6397. Journalism students seeking a for credit opportunity to write for the *Round Up* while getting the perks of being treated like a staff writer and gaining knowledge in different beats

**The Round Up, NMSU's student-run daily newspaper, has been the go-to news source on campus for more than 100 years.**

and subjects are encouraged to enroll. Although journalism students are preferred, anyone seeking media writing experience is welcome. **KRUX 91.5-FM** » For the best in college music, swim against the mainstream with KRUX 91.5-FM, a student-produced radio station. Comprised of volunteer radio personalities, KRUX is a free-form station, which means the type of music varies by DJ, who are able to produce programs that

are offbeat and unique. The KRUX staff consists of nine students who are hired every May. KRUX's general manager is Robert Palacios. For information, call (575) 646-5951. To listen online, visit [kruxradio.com](http://kruxradio.com).

**NEWS 22** » Last September, "News 22," the student-produced news program, began broadcasting live, 30-minute shows on the local PBS affiliate, KRWG-TV. Along with practical experience it gives student volunteers, "News 22" also plays a vital role in the community as the only televised news broadcast produced in Las Cruces. "News 22" airs at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Check local listings for station information. For information, contact director Nick Miller at [news22@nmsu.edu](mailto:news22@nmsu.edu). More info at <http://journalism.nmsu.edu/news221>.

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## 11: ASNMSU

# New president looks to reach out to clubs

Questions and answers with David Maestas, president of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University:

**HOMETOWN** » Las Vegas, N.M.

**SIBLING** » One brother.

**HOBBIES** » Music. I'm a percussionist. I still play in a band.

**FORMER ASNMSU EXPERIENCE** » Senator in 2010, vice president in 2012.

**MAJOR** » Government and finance.

**PLANS AFTER NMSU** » Maybe earning a master's in business administration or public affairs.

**HOW DID YOU END UP AT NMSU?** » The Crimson Scholarship. I got more money

from NMSU than UNM. I haven't regretted it one bit. It's a good choice for undergrad and a good atmosphere.

**WHAT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE YOU'D LIKE TO TACKLE THIS YEAR?** » Graduate tuition waivers for graduate assistants. Many universities around the country give their graduate assistants health care, insurance, tuition waivers — and we don't have that. (The move would require state appropriations.) I doubt we would see it in my time, but I want to get the ball rolling on that ... We could keep them here and retain them and get a lot more out of our graduate students if the university offered a waiver.

**HOW DO YOU PLAN TO REACH OUT TO STUDENTS?** » In previous years, the presidents rarely go out and visit organizations ... I want to go out



Maestas

and meet two to three organizations per week. ... They should know what's going on if we're using their money — otherwise people will think you're helping your friends out — and show them I care and student government cares.

**WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON CALLS TO SHUT DOWN THE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL PROGRAM OR LIMIT ITS BUDGET?** » I don't think that it takes away from financial aid. I don't believe it's the same pot of money. All of our athletics on campus are successful except for football. ... I just think students kind of use the football program for a scapegoat.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK NMSU STUDENTS NEED MOST?** » Scholarships. It's not just the university's problem; it's with the state and funding. If we had more scholarships offered, we could keep students here longer, graduate students too. We are worried about the lottery scholarships because we know it will be funded in full in the fall, but we don't know about the spring. ... We will be advocating (to keep the scholarships fully funded) at the legislature this fall.

**RED OR GREEN?** » Green.

**HOW CAN STUDENTS CONTACT YOU?** » Phone: 575-646-4415. Email: david90@nmsu.edu.

— Lindsey Anderson

## 12: WHO'S WHO

ASNMSU offers multiple services including: Crimson Cab, Crimson Coach, Student Legal Services, Aggies Transit, Pete's Pickup, Free Scantrons, the ASNMSU Discount Program, the Student Hotline and more.

**President:** David Maestas

**Vice President:** Wesley Jackson

**Activities:** Libby Fatta

**Attorney General:** Dallas Davis

**Chief of Elections:** Daniel Sonntag

**Chief of Staff:** Lydia Hammond

**Community Outreach:** Chelsea McCoy

**Comptroller:** Diego Kissack

**Governmental Affairs:** Jeremy Witte

**Intramurals:** Phil Davies

**Media Relations:** Karl Lopez

**Public Relations:** Michael Pratt

**Services:** Elizabeth Martin

**Special Events:** Miguel Chavez



## 13: NMSU INSIDER APP

The NMSU Insider app keeps students informed through numerous Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and RSS feeds, plus links do dozens of official university websites.

You also get one-click access to the free Aggie Transit shuttle service, Crimson Cab, Pete's Pick Up, myNMSU, Your NMSU, Perspective Student information, the university phone book, Ticketmaster, other NMSU Insider social networks and more.

It's free and available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

**Download it:** <http://crimsonaggieconnection.weebly.com/nmsu-apps.html>

## 14: BOARD OF REGENTS

## Know your board members

The NMSU Board of Regents, a group of five members, one of whom is a student, are appointed by the governor of New Mexico, hold five regular meetings each year and provide oversight of the university. Here's your board:

**MIKE CHENEY (CHAIR)** » Market President of WestStar Bank in Las Cruces. He received his degree in finance from NMSU in 1985 and counts his wife and daughter as fellow Aggies. Term expires Dec. 31, 2016.

**JAVIER GONZALES (VICE PRESIDENT)** » Leads the local government business development efforts of a global 500 management consulting company. He has experience



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in public and private arenas. Term expires Dec. 31, 2014.

**IKE PINO (SECRETARY/TREASURER)** » Director of both the Department of

Public Works and the Community Services Department in Santa Fe, he has a degree in civil engineering from NMSU, class of 1974. Term expires Dec. 31, 2014.

**KARI MITCHELL (MEMBER)** » CEO and owner of Las Cruces Machine, Mfg. & Engineering. Term expires Dec. 31, 2018.

## MEETINGS

(subject to change):

Aug. 19

Oct. 14

Dec. 13

Feb. 3

March 10

April 2014

May 9, 2014

E-mail regents@nmsu.edu for information or more info: <http://www.nmsu.edu/boardofregents>

**JORDAN BANEGAS (MEMBER)** » A fourth-year marketing and psychology student at NMSU. He grew up in Las Cruces where he attended Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. Term expires Dec. 31, 2014.

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## 15: CENTERS OF CULTURE

# Programs explore students' tapestry of diversity

Chicano Programs, American Indian Program, Indian Resource Development Program and Black Programs are the main diversity programs that have direct support from the university under the Office of Student Diversity.

Each program has its own scholarship system and branch of chartered student groups and organizations. Garcia Annex houses the offices for the black and Chicano programs, which include computer labs and resources centers for students.

There are 10 student groups in the Hispanic Council, which is under the **Chicano Programs**. They all have a different emphases and are not exclusive to Hispanic students. Chicano stu-

**Each program has its own scholarship system and branch of student groups.**

dents host a two-week cultural celebration in the beginning of March called Fiestas Latinas. Chicano Programs can be reached at 575-646-4206.

The **American Indian Program** has three student organizations and operates out of the American Indian Student Center, to the east of Corbett Center. Once a year, in April, the groups host American Indian Week,

seven days of cultural, artistic, social and educational events for the entire campus community. The American Indian Program can be reached at 575-646-4207.

The **Indian Resource Development** is a statewide program that promotes higher education in Native American students in math, science, engineering, business and agriculture. This program is housed at the Gerald Thomas Hall and can be reached at 575-646-1357.

**Black Programs** has three student organizations. Their big event is Black History Month in February, when it brings in guest artists and speakers, shows films and is host to many other events. Black Programs can be reached at 575-646-4208.



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April's American Indian Week is seven days of cultural, artistic, social and educational events.

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## 16: GET INVOLVED

# Clubs and organizations offer something for all

Here's a sampling of some clubs and organizations on campus that you can join. To view the entire list of NMSU organizations, clubs and activities visit <http://upc.nmsu.edu/charter/list.php>

**SOUL VERSE** » Soul Verse is an organization dedicated to bringing together the diverse poetic, musical, locomotive, and artistic talents of NMSU students and the Las Cruces community. Their aim is to provide a comfortable and open environment for creative expression that cultivates and furthers self-respect, self-love, empowerment, and fellowship. Info: Christopher Adams, [cmadams@nmsu.edu](mailto:cmadams@nmsu.edu) 575-646-3072.

**CRU** » Cru helps students seeking a better understanding of Jesus Christ, or just seeking a community of people who love, respect and encourage one another. Cru is dedicated to involving its members within other organizations to uplift their causes. Info: <http://www.nmsucru.org>.

**UP TIL' DAWN-ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL** » This club helps raise awareness and support for

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Info: Daniella Weidel, [ddeluca@nmsu.edu](mailto:ddeluca@nmsu.edu), 575-646-4466.

**BROADCASTERS CLUB** » Their aim is to build an alliance of broadcast journalism students who focus specifically on the fields of broadcasting and telecommunications. Info: Roger Mellen, [rpmellen@nmsu.edu](mailto:rpmellen@nmsu.edu), 575-646-7658.

## 17: THINK GREEK

The Greek community at NMSU will not only help jump-start your college career, but it will also offer you opportunities and experiences that you cannot get anywhere else.

There are 16 fraternities and sororities at NMSU, with each chapter offering you scholarship, community service, leadership, career networking, social activities and most importantly a brotherhood or sisterhood that will last the rest of your life. With a population of more than 700 students, you will find it hard not to have classes with other Greek life members.

Making the decision to go Greek may not be easy. However, joining a fraternity or sorority will be one of the most positive decisions that you will make in your time at NMSU. Becoming Greek

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS** » As a simulation of the United Nations, this organization aims to teach participants about effective communication and multilateral diplomacy. Each year as many as 400,000 collegiate students participate in MUN conferences around the world. Info: Dr. Yosef Lapid, [ioji158@gmail.com](mailto:ioji158@gmail.com), 575-646-1645.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

opens the door to so many different opportunities that will help prepare you for life after college. Many of the top student leaders at NMSU are Greek, including the past student regent and the ASNMSU president.

Not only is going Greek good for you, but the Las Cruces community benefits from it as well. Each year the Greek community raises thousands of dollars for local and national causes along with thousands of hours of community service work.

Info: [greeklife.nmsu.edu](http://greeklife.nmsu.edu), call the Campus Activity Office at (575) 646-3200 or email [gogreek@nmsu.edu](mailto:gogreek@nmsu.edu).

**Recruitment:** Aug. 25-30 (fraternities) and Sept. 6-9 (sororities)

— Joli Lindsey is the Panhellenic Council President and David Lynn is the Interfraternity Council President

and Mechanic Arts.

Las Cruces College merged with NMA&MA, and the new school opened on Jan. 21, 1890. That first semester there were 35 students in the college level and preparatory classes and six faculty members. Classes met in the old two-room building of Las Cruces College until suitable buildings could be put on the 220-acre campus three miles south of Las Cruces.

By 1960, the school had grown greatly, and its name was changed by state constitutional amendment to New Mexico State University.



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Hiram Hadley.

## 18: A BRIEF HISTORY

New Mexico was still a territory when Las Cruces College opened the doors of its two-room building in the fall of 1888. The organizers of Las Cruces College — led by Hiram Hadley, a respected educator from Indiana — had even bigger plans in mind.

In 1889, the New Mexico territorial legislature authorized the creation of an agricultural college and experiment station in or near Las Cruces. The institution, designated as the land-grant college for New Mexico under the Morrill Act, was named the New Mexico College of Agriculture

## 19: ON STAGE

## Theatre Company ready for season

The American Southwest Theatre Company based at NMSU will hold the following events at the Center for the Arts:

**"DIVAS: 2013!"** » 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17. Five of Las Cruces' most talented singers come together for a one-night-only fundraiser.

**"ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW"** » 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6. Dress as you like for the costume contest and do the time warp for this annual screening.

**"RED"** » Sept. 27-Oct. 13. Famed Painter Mark Rothko has just landed the biggest commission in the history of modern art, but now faces the challenge of

creating work that lives up to its promise and price tag. By John Logan.

**"JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH"** » 7 p.m. Nov. 1. James Henry Trotter longs for escape. He finds it on an amazing adventure with new friends, heart-racing challenges, and a giant peach. From the book by Roald Dahl, dramatized by Richard R. George.

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"** » Nov. 22-Dec. 8. A beloved production returns as a full-fledged musical. Follow miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he confronts Christmases past, present and future. Adaptation and lyrics by Tom

Smith. Music by Roger Butterley.

**"AUNT RAINI"** » Feb. 21-March 9. Katherine, a successful gallery owner, must confront whether documentaries left to her should be judged as significant historical artwork or reminders of her aunt's horrific past. By Tom Smith.

**"THE MISANTHROPE"** » April 18-May 4. Outraged by false flattery and lies, Alceste declares that he will speak only the truth from now on, no matter what the cost. By Moliere, translated by Richard Wilbur.

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"Remember why you are at NMSU and make sure your academics is your main priority."

— Gabriel Ortiz, 23, education and history, Las Cruces

"As cheesy as you may/may not think this sounds, the very best advice I can give you is to seek out the campus ministries, organizations and church affiliations the very first week of school. That week, everyone and everything will be tabling, and that is the perfect opportunity to seek it out."

"At some point in your college career, you are going to hit a breaking point or some kind of emotional, mental or even physical wall. When you do, you are most likely

not going to have any positive place to turn. If you, at the bare minimum, seek out where these campus ministries are located, then when you want to, you can go check them out and get involved, without anyone forcing you!

"Getting involved with the campus ministry CRU completely changed my life forever. I've traveled all over the nation, been on several mission trips serving others, and met my best friends through this amazing ministry. But why this is my best piece of advice is because I



Ortiz



Isler



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Arvizu

tried so many things to fill me, make me fit in, complete me, but I was left empty every time. When I went looking and found CRU, I didn't just find a campus ministry, I found Jesus, who was talked about in this ministry. And He was the only thing that truly filled me like I had tried and tried to get. He was what changed my life.

"So find the college minis-

tries, and when you're ready, go meet the most amazing friends and have different fun, but be filled with the everlasting fulfillment that only Jesus can bring!

— Jadee Isler, 22, communication studies, Clovis

"Don't be intimidated. The majority of your peers will be just as lost and con-

fused as you are at first. Also, don't overlook anyone or any opportunity. You never know where being open to new things will take you."

— Kelsey Guiot, 21, psychology and law & society, El Paso

"Get involved as much as possible in clubs and organizations, because college is more than just academics."

— Ricky Nava, 21, criminal justice and Spanish, Ruidoso

"My best advice for in-

coming students is to go to class, that's half the battle. Also, take advantage of office hours for extra help."

— Michelle Ray, 22, hotel, restaurant and tourism management, Las Cruces

"Coming to college is a place where people are surrounded by new faces and new experiences and they need to be open and able to transform into who they truly are or who they want to become."

— Sara Arvizu, 21, hotel, restaurant and tourism management and marketing, Las Cruces

"Don't get caught up in the freshman hype. Yes, you

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## Advice

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should enjoy your first year of college, but it's also your most distracting year with everything being so new. Take advantage of your freshman year classes and get a strong GPA. It's easier to keep a high GPA than to try to bring up a low GPA."

— *Christina Smith, 22, finance, Las Cruces*

"In order to find your niche in this new atmosphere, join every club you can, and have an open mind!"

— *Brigitte Ek, 22, mechanical engineering, Rio Rancho*

"Take the time you need to find yourself the first couple years. Examine your motivations. Take classes outside of your field and broaden your horizons.



Smith



Ek



Ferrari



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Make sure that your heart is invested in the area of study you decide on. Get to know your peers. Foster positive relationships between yourself and your professors. Work hard, but not too hard; there is more to college than the stress and the books. Find that balance."

— *Justin Ferrari, 26, chemistry, Las Cruces*

"College is a time to explore. Don't be afraid to ven-

**"Do your best and don't fret."**

— *George A. Unc*

ture outside of your normal boundaries. Also, be aware of the resources available to assist in your academic excellence as a student at NMSU. Support services such as tutoring, library resources, campus health and counselors, undergraduate research, etc. Take advantage of all these and don't be afraid to grab a variety of courses early on and figure out what you enjoy. Lastly, do your best and don't fret. Learn and let your curiosity and thirst for knowledge guide you."

— *George A. Unc, 23, microbiology graduate 2013, Ottawa*

## 30: Relaxation Room



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Sometimes, you may just need a break from your roommate, from your friends, from all the people who stress you out on a daily basis. The Relaxation Room in Branson Library, Room 127, may be your respite. The room is a free service provided to all students, who can use it for a session of up to 60 minutes per day. The room, open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, includes a Shiatsu massage chair, an emWave Personal Stress Reliever, a resperate for blood pressure reduction, a relaxing sound machine and a self-help program for managing anxiety.

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## 31: ON DISPLAY

# Bugs to art, campus museums have it covered

**THE ARTHROPOD MUSEUM »** Skeen Hall, W168, 575-646-7082. What began as a small accumulation of insects left over from the days when a collection of arthropods was kept at the then Department of Botany and Entomology now includes approximately 140,000 specimens, including unsorted samples.

**PAUL W. KLIPSCH MUSEUM »** Foreman Engineering Complex, 575-646-2913. A tribute to Klipsch, a 1926 graduate of NMSU, and his wife Valerie, who have given memorabilia from the audio engineering field spanning more than eight decades.

**UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY »** D.W. Williams Hall, 575-646-

2545 or 575-646-5423. The largest visual arts facility in south central New Mexico, the gallery presents six to nine exhibitions annually. The gallery's focus includes the work of NMSU Art Department faculty and students, traveling exhibitions, and more than 3,000 works from the university's permanent collection. The latter includes the country's largest collection of Mexican retablos (devotional paintings on tin) as well paintings, prints and graphics, book art, and sculpture.

**NMSU MUSEUM »** Kent Hall, 575-646-1419. The museum collections are primarily anthropological (archaeological and ethnographic)

with secondary collections in history and the natural sciences. Anthropological collections document the cultural diversity of the border in the Greater Southwest and northern Mexico. If you have kids, check out the Family Workshops held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.

**THE ZUHL COLLECTION »** Zuhl Museum at the NMSU Alumni and Visitors Center and Zuhl Library, 575-646-3616 or 575-646-4714. Part art gallery, part natural history museum, the Zuhl collection at NMSU showcases thousands of specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals. The collection can also be viewed at [zuhlcollection.nmsu.edu](http://zuhlcollection.nmsu.edu).



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The NMSU Museum hosts free children's activities most Saturdays during the school year.



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**32: RED OR GREEN?**

# NMSU world's home of chile research

It's the state question of New Mexico, so if you're going to live here, you better know your answer. Of course, we're talking about chile, the unofficial food of the Land of Enchantment.

The Chile Pepper Institute at NMSU is the only international, nonprofit organization devoted to education and research related to *Capsicum* or chile peppers. Established in 1992, the institute builds on the research of chile peppers since the famous Mesilla Valley horticulturist Fabian Garcia began standardizing chile pepper varieties in 1888.

The institute is in Gerald Thomas Hall Room 265. Visit to discover chile research posters, chile pepper

books, art, and hundreds of high-demand and hard-to-find seed varieties.

**Info:** [chilepepperinstitute.org](http://chilepepperinstitute.org) or 575-646-3028

**CHILE VS. CHILI**

The spelling of the word "chile" has a long and varied history.

Chile comes from the term "chilli" that comes from the Aztec Nahuatl language. According to Jean Andrews, the Spanish spelling was later changed to "chile" by Spanish-speaking Mexicans and chili in the United States.

The Chile Pepper Institute states that the term "chile" refers to the plant or fruit from the plant while the term "chili" refers to a culinary dish consisting of a meat, beans, tomatoes and chile powder.



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**33: GLBTQ RESOURCES**

The Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center at NMSU was created to provide a safe place on campus for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community and those who support them.

The center, in Regents Row Room 53, has many resources, including information on scholarships, an extensive library of books, DVDs and magazines pertaining to GLBTQ issues, publications and literature from local and national GLBTQ organizations, and a computer lab with eight computers for use.

Students, faculty and staff can check out the resources or relax and socialize in the lounge area.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email [sgdrc@nmsu.edu](mailto:sgdrc@nmsu.edu) or call 575-646-7031 for information.

**NMSU GLBTQ Awareness Week:** April 14-18, 2014.

**Online:** <http://nmsu.edu/~sgdrc>



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**34: SOCIAL MEDIA**

## Stay informed with these accounts

Social media is a great way for you to engage with the multitude of communities at NMSU.

Of course, there's a fine line between not getting the information you need on your Facebook wall and getting so much information that it becomes tedious to scroll through all the updates.

Here's a few accounts you should definitely follow, and we'd advise searching Facebook for other communities that interest you, such as organizations you belong to and your major's departmental page.

Here's 10 to follow on Twitter and Facebook. You can also find NMSU accounts on YouTube, Instagram and Google+.

For more social media ac-



counts, visit [nmsu.edu/socialmedia/](http://nmsu.edu/socialmedia/)

**Twitter**

@NMSU (Division of Student Success)

@ASNMSU (Associated Students of New Mexico State University)

@KRUXFM (student radio station)

@NMStateAggies (athletics)

@NMSUinsider (NMSU

Insider)

@NMSULibrary (library)

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**35: STAYING SPIRITUAL**

Just because you moved away from home doesn't mean you stop going to church or practicing your religion. In fact, NMSU is home to many religious student groups, many of which belong to the Interfaith Council.

The voluntary council of reli-

gious organizations focuses on the spiritual welfare of NMSU students.

Several religious groups are represented on the council, including Aggies for Christ, The Baha'i Faith, Hillel Jewish Student Fellowship, Lutheran Campus Ministry and Religious Society of Friends.

Through these smaller

religious groups, members do fundraisers and host events. Once a year, council members come together and host the Interfaith Dialogue, an event aimed to educate the entire campus community about the different religions represented at NMSU.

**Online:** <http://www.nmsu.edu/~ifc>

**36: TIPS TO GO GREEN**

**1:** Don't print unless necessary. Print double sides. Print black and white. Use PDFs. Store and share electronically.

**2:** Take the bus, ride your bike or skateboard, carpool, walk.

**3:** Turn off your lights, monitor, computer when not using. Unplug all electronic equipment that isn't being used (phone and laptop chargers, coffee pot, etc.).

**4:** Carry a reusable bag.

**5:** Carry a reusable water bottle.

**6:** Walk the walk — be the example of a Green Aggie.

**7:** Buy recycled products (paper, plastic, backpacks, clothing).

**8:** Eat local and eat organic if possible (pay now or pay the doctor later). Bring your own lunch (in your own to-go container, of course!).

**9:** Refuse to use Styrofoam.

**10:** Reduce your waste. Find a recycling bin to keep waste from the landfill.

■ **NMSU Office of Sustainability and Environmental Education Center:** Regents

Row Mitchell Hall rooms 101 and 103, 575-646-7563, [sustain@nmsu.edu](mailto:sustain@nmsu.edu).

■ **Sustainability events:** Aggie Fest on International Mall (2-4 p.m., Aug. 21); OASIS film series in Corbett Center Auditorium (times TBD, October-November); Second annual Campus Sustainability Day (Oct. 23); America Recycles Day (Nov. 15)

■ **Aggie Recycling Center:** 575-646-8159, [artl@nmsu.edu](mailto:artl@nmsu.edu)

— *Joni Newcomer, NMSU manager of environmental policy and sustainability*



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**37: MONEY MATTERS**

# Smart ways for making and saving some money

There are many options off and on campus for students to gain crucial work experience or just make some extra cash.

**WORK STUDY PROGRAM »** This is awarded to students who qualify. Jobs are usually 10 to 20 hours per week and are contracted through both on and off campus agencies.

**REGULAR STUDENT EMPLOYMENT »** Undergraduates must maintain a 2.0 GPA and be taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to qualify. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and take at least 9 credits each semester.

**COMMUNITY STUDENT EMPLOYMENT »** Same requirements apply.

**AGGIE PRIDE CALL CENTER »** This call center reaches out to alumni to contribute donations for their alma mater.

**CAREERS SERVICES OF NMSU »** Find links to co-ops, internships, seasonal employment,

**JOB FAIRS**

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**Graduate and Professional Fair:** Oct. 1

**Career Connections:** Feb. 4-5

**Employment Extravaganza:** March 12

**Educators Job Fair:** April 21-22

volunteer and service learning opportunities.

**ONLINE »** Check websites like simplyhired.com or indeed.com to find jobs in your area.

**38: Managing money**

Through one-on-one sessions, NMSU's Red to Green Management Program offers a free and confidential financial coaching.

Go over money, budgeting, investments, responsible financial aid and identity theft with a financial literacy coach.

For information, call 575-

646-1631, email [finlit@nmsu.edu](mailto:finlit@nmsu.edu) or visit Garcia Annex Room 224.

**39: Buying books**

Purchasing books can drain your account and leave you overwhelmed with reading material. Rent or buy used books to save a few bucks.

The Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore as well as the Campus Bookstore on University Avenue have options for renting books that can be significantly cheaper. You might also find cheaper options online.

Connect with people in your major to see if you can do a swap with them. Sharing books is an inexpensive way to make a study buddy.

Using social media sites to advertise books you may need is a great way to find out who has taken the classes you're enrolled in and find a potential tutor.



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Sharpen those résumés. The university holds career fairs periodically throughout the year.

**40: STAYING SAFE**

# Know campus, how to defend yourself and who to call for help

Being vigilant, walking in groups, and avoiding going out late at night by yourself are all tips police have for new students.

Get to know the campus, what areas are adequately lit and what places to avoid if you have to walk somewhere by yourself. Make use of ASNMSU services such as Pete's Pick Up and if you feel uncomfortable or threatened, get to a populated area as fast as possible.

The NMSU Police Department also offers self-defense classes. Fight Like a Girl is specifically geared toward women. NMSU Police instruct participants on effective defensive strategies during and after an attack.

These classes are scheduled once a month and include levels 1, 2 and 3.

Free pepper spray courses are also available through NMSU Police. The only cost is the purchase of the oleoresin capsicum (pepper spray) and inert sprays, available separately at Barnes & Noble at NMSU Bookstore for about \$25.

To sign up for future pepper spray classes, contact NMSU Police Department Special Events Coordinator Amanda Bowen at 575-646-3311 or [amfranci@nmsu.edu](mailto:amfranci@nmsu.edu).

**Preventing crime**

Reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a crime:

- Mark or engrave all valuables (including textbooks), and keep a record of these in a safe place. Include their make, model, and serial numbers whenever possible.

- If there are problems with your room that may affect security (such as doors that don't lock well or windows that open easily), let your RA or property manager know immediately.

- Register your bicycle with the NMSU Police Department and secure it to a bike rack with a quality lock.

- Lock the doors and windows to your room and your vehicle every time you leave.

- Do not leave valuables where they can be easily seen by someone passing

by, even if it is just for a few minutes.

- Always be aware of your surroundings and of any strangers near you. If someone is acting suspiciously, move away toward large groups and well lit areas.

- Don't leave valuables unattended in unlocked lockers, study areas, or classrooms.

- Alcohol and drug use can reduce your ability to recognize a dangerous situation and your ability to defend yourself. If you are going to drink alcohol, do it legally, responsibly, in a safe place, and with people you can trust.

— NMSU Police officer  
Amanda Bowen

**41: IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Important numbers to put in your phone:

**NMSU Police Department:** 575-646-3311

**Fire Protection Services:** 575-646-2519

**Student Judicial Services:** 575-646-1722

**Pete's Pickup:** Service will take you anywhere on campus and up to two blocks off campus. Call 575-646-1111 anytime between 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

**42: 'CALL' SOMEONE**

Sometimes, you just need to talk to someone, which NMSU will provide at any hour of every day through the Crisis Assistance Listening Line (CALL).

As a 'warm line,' operators are trained to handle crisis calls, but

also available to talk about other issues — such as family issues, school problems or depression.

To access CALL, dial **575-646-2255** or toll-free at **866-314-6841**.

The program is also accepting applications for volunteers, who can receive class credit. Visit [nmsu.edu/~wave](http://nmsu.edu/~wave) for information.

**43: MAKE GOOD CHOICES**

The Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education Program (WAVE) Peer Educators provide fellow students with information and strategies regarding alcohol use and the prevention of sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence.

Request a WAVE presentation (most are 45 minutes) for your group at [nmsu.edu/~wave](http://nmsu.edu/~wave), or call 575-646-2813.

## 44: DORM LIVING

# How to survive life in the dorm and with a roomie

College living creates some interesting and unique ways to add fun decor to a drab dorm room:

- Ditch the Keystone quotes and cutout cardboard and add sports figures or favorite musicians to the mix.

- Across the street from campus is a Dollar General. There you can find any and everything under the sun ó for one buck!

- When it comes to dorm life, invest in some good pillows and plastic dishes (or glass if you're eco-friendly).

- Bring a few things from home that will make you feel comfortable, like a favorite blanket or family photo.

- Try not to go overboard with the accessories and extras as dorm space fills

quickly. When it comes to clothes, if you don't love it, you won't wear it. If you don't wear it, don't bring it.

## 45: Be a good roommate

- Talk about the rules of sharing before you snag the last cup of Easy Mac. From food to clothing, sharing with a complete stranger can get tricky. Make sure to talk about what's available to the two of you.

- Respect certain times. Keep a dry erase board of your schedules and be mindful of your mate's 7:55 a.m. class.

- Establish grounds. If your roommate is in a steady relationship but you aren't comfortable around him/



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Garcia Hall.

her, don't be afraid to say something. It's your room, too. You should never feel like you can't go home.

- Create a biweekly necessity refill system. Toilet paper, SOLO cups, coffee ... switch off buying them so no-

body feels like they're being taken advantage of.

- Learn to adapt. If you're living in a single room dorm with someone, your schedule and privacy are going to change. Get used to the idea of this change.

## 46: WHAT TO BRING & WHAT NOT TO BRING

Here are some items you may want to bring:

- Everything the university has ever sent to you. Start a file of important papers, receipts and other correspondence.

- Bedspread/comforter/sheets sizes are Twin Extra Long

- Cables to connect your computer (Cat5 or Ethernet cable) as well as a TV cable

- Hangers

- Iron/mini-ironing board

- Towels and washcloths

- Flipflops for showers

- Laundry basket and detergent

- Microwave (check with roommate to avoid duplication)

- Mini-refrigerator

- Pillows

- Power strip (multi-outlet with built in surge-protector)

- Trash can

And here are some items you should leave at home:

- Burners or hot plates
- Candles/incense
- Ceiling fans/lights
- Electric heaters
- Halogen lamps (any kind)
- Pets (other than fish — 10-gallon tank limit)

## 47: LAUNDRY TIPS

**Keep 'em separated:** A red sock in the hot wash with your whites really will turn your clothes pink.

**Activity time:** Don't forget your phone charger, or find a Laundromat with a good TV. You'll probably be there a while.

**Social hour:** Find some friends to do laundry with to make the time go by faster.

**Let it breathe:** Don't overload the washer. It's bad news.

**High tech:** Check the availability of some machines on campus at [laundryalert.com](http://laundryalert.com) and get a text when your load is done.

## 48: Don't feed the feral cats



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FCaMP, the Feral Cat Management Program provides spaying, neutering, vaccinations and microchipping services to cats on campus. The program received a grant from PetSmart Charities last fall to enable the program to TNR (trap-neuter-return) free roaming cats, extending first-time vet services. As of May 2013, FCaMP has provided vet-related service to 305 cats. Of these felines, more than 150 have been adopted. FCaMP has spent approximately \$40,000 on vet-related expenses for the campus felines to date. There is an estimated 50 cats left on campus. A link to a donate button can be found at [nmsu.edu/~fcamp](http://nmsu.edu/~fcamp), or donations may be mailed to CFSNM at the address on our website. Donations are tax-deductible.



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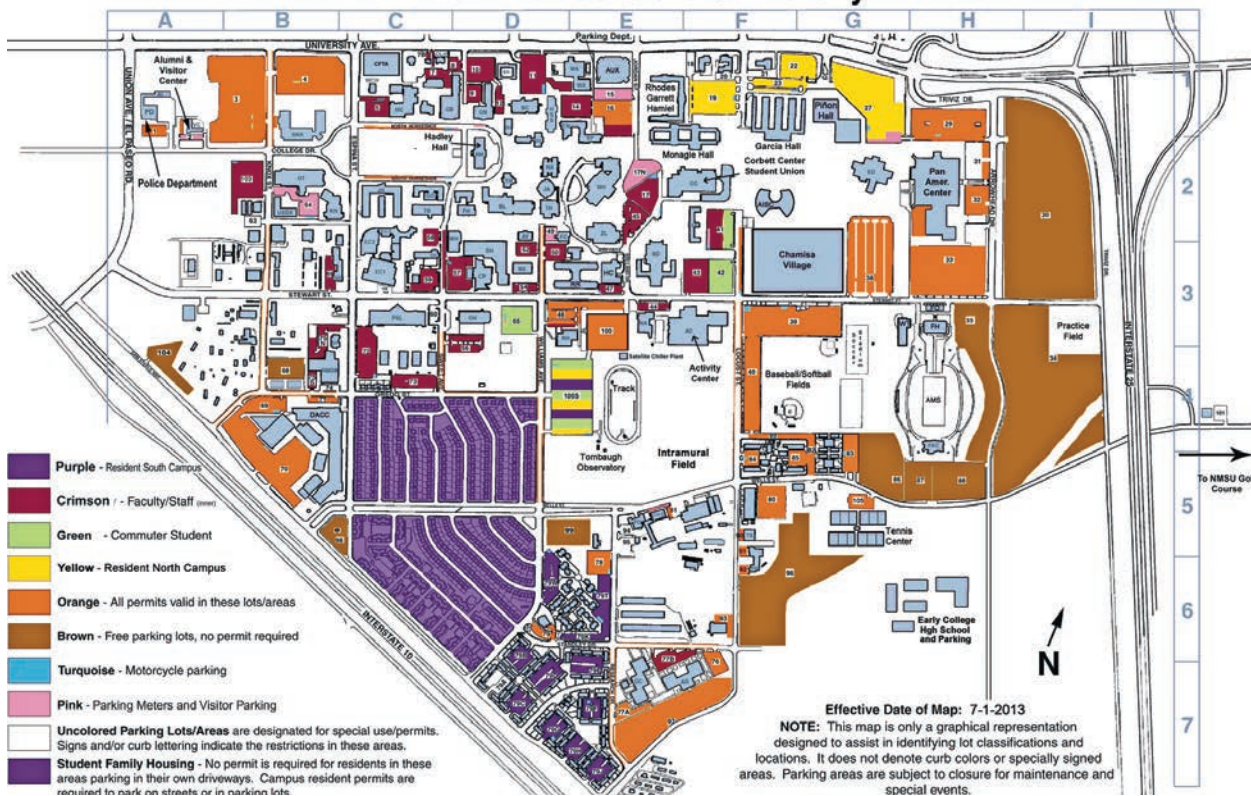
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## 49: Where to park



## 50: PARKING TIPS

Parking at NMSU can get a little hectic. To ensure a spot closer to your classes, you should opt for a parking permit. If you don't mind a walk, use the free lots and Aggie Transit.

Permits can be purchased online, in person, or by mail. Permits include North campus resident, South campus resident, commuter students or those who bring motorcycle to campus. Permits can be purchased by semester or yearly.

Aggie Transit is an effective way to get around campus for free. In three routes, the buses offer a variety of stops to ensure the shortest walk.

Free lots are near Doña Ana Branch Community College, south of the NMSU track and rugby field, near the bookstore warehouse and directly in front of the Pan American Center. Parking on streets requires a permit while meters do not.

Parking rules are enforced 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Info and to purchase a permit:**  
[nmsuparking.com](http://nmsuparking.com)



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## 51: BIKING

Biking saves money and gets you in shape. How awesome is that combination?

NMSU is a very bike-friendly campus. For a tune-up, check out the New Mexico State University Biking Group's bike fix-it station in front of Corbett Center.

Purchase a bike at Ride On Sports, Outdoor Adventures, Walmart, off Craigslist or at yard sales.

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**52: HITTING THE BOOKS**

# Study better, not harder, and where to find help

**1 »** Know your study environment. If you need a quiet zone, third floor of Zuhl Library works wonders. If you need some music or background noise to stay productive, Corbett Center and the International Mall will do you justice.

**2 »** Unplug. Having distractions like a buzzing cellphone or Facebook message chat will only prolong the inevitable.

**3 »** Study in 20- to 50-minute increments and take breaks. You deserve them, plus it's always good to stand and wake your body up.

**4 »** Drink water while you study. Staying hydrated will help keep your energy up.

**5 »** Prioritize and set goals. Give yourself a timeline to complete assignments and study your most important subjects first.

**6 »** Study with a group. More often than not, they'll know something you don't completely understand and vice versa.

**7 »** Avoid studying late at night. Studying during daytime hours can be more effective. Try it.

**8 »** Study actively. Don't be afraid to ask questions of your peers or your professor. Utilize their office hours, which are there for a reason.  
— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

**Student Success Center:**  
<http://ssc.nmsu.edu>

**53: Don't fall behind**

Students typically have a lot on their plates between classes, assignments, clubs, jobs and a social life, it's easy to become overwhelmed. Thankfully, the department of Student Success offers resources for students to keep up with their studies. Two tutoring centers are offered.

The Student Success Center on the second floor of Zuhl Library can connect you with a tutor, answer questions about academic advis-

ing or course scheduling and offer answers to nearly any question. The Student Success Center in Hardman Hall Room 210, just a few buildings to the west, works on skill set development, assisting new students and offers TRiO student support. TRiO students are those who are first-generation students, typically from a low-economic statuses or who have accessibility needs.

The mission of each of these centers is to help students stay in college until they earn a baccalaureate degree through specific services like mentoring, tutoring, cultural activities, computer and book-lending programs. Tutoring hours are posted online and face-to-face tutoring by undergraduates who excel in a variety of subject areas are available. Online chat options are also available. For a schedule or information, call 575-646-6050 or 575-646-1342.

For specialized tutor-



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Study with a group. More often than not, they'll know something you don't completely understand and vice versa.

ing in lower-level math, see the Math Success Center: Walden Hall, Room 101, 575-646-5743

For tutoring specifically

related to writing, see the Writing Center: Clara Belle Williams Hall (English Building), Room 102, 575-646-5297

Face-to-Face tutoring: for more information about tutoring, contact Lisa Kirby via email@lkirby@nmsu.edu.

**54: STUDY ABROAD**

## Earn credit for your world travels

Ever thought about traveling around the world and studying in an exotic new place? At NMSU, the Study Abroad office helps hundreds of students do just that.

With popular spots like Spain, the United Kingdom and China, the Study Abroad program provides students with the tools they need to travel, take classes abroad and meet new people in a fun and safe setting.

A common misconception is that students have to learn a second language while abroad, but that's not true. But why not knock out the credit while you're in a

**LEARN MORE**

**Study Abroad Fair:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 28 in Corbett Center.

**For more information:** Office of Study Abroad, <http://studyabroad.nmsu.edu>, Garcia Annex Room 238, 575-646-5107, [saadvise@nmsu.edu](mailto:saadvise@nmsu.edu)

new and fun environment?

Places like Costa Rica and Spain offer Spanish courses that can fit right into your degree plan. In some cases, students can finish their Spanish courses in four weeks, instead of an entire semester.

The program has about 25 exchange locations, in-

cluding Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. In partnerships with programs like International Student Exchange Program, CONAHEC, SeaSemester and others, NMSU Study Abroad office can help students find the place that will fit their needs best.

One of the perks of studying abroad is paying the same amount in tuition as you would if you were attending classes in Las Cruces. The experience also gives students an edge when finding a career and adds openness and growth.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

**55: STAY HEALTHY**

## Know where to go before you're sick

The one thing worse than cramming for a test is being sick and cramming for a test.

Located on the corner of Breland and Stewart by Zuhl Library, the NMSU Campus Health Center is an all-in-one solution for just about everything, including routine visits, nutrition, X-ray and laboratory services and mental health services.

If you decide to visit the health center during the upcoming school year, you'll want to head over between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or schedule an appointment, between 1 and 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday.

NMSU photo IDs are required at each visit. Campus Health Center services are free for full-time students, but call 575-646-1512 for other student rates.

According to the NMSU website, the following students are eligible for CHC services:

- Full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate students with a valid student ID card and verification of enrollment.

- Doña Ana Community College students with ID

- Spouses covered by a student's university endorsed insurance with

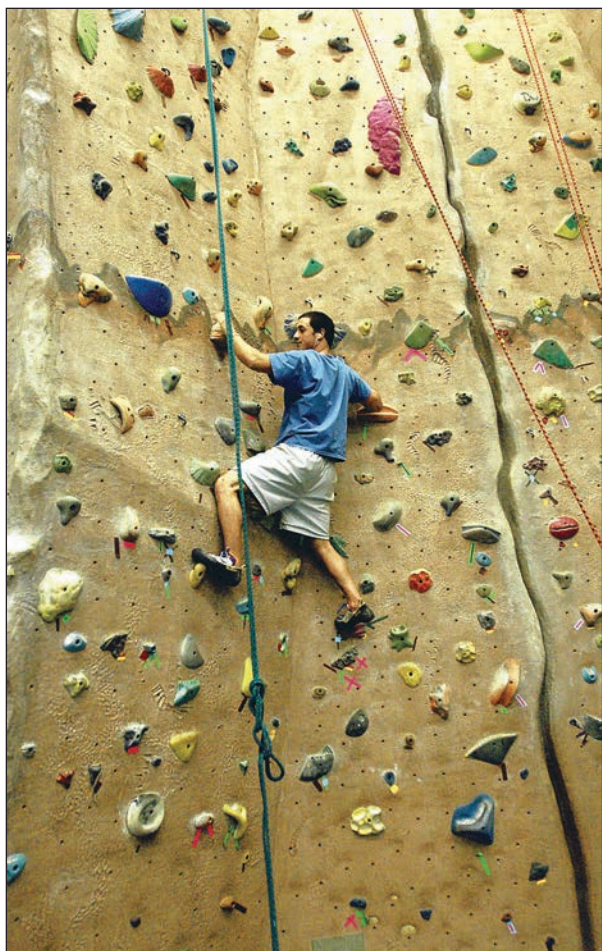
valid picture ID and insurance card. Insurance card is available through the insurance office; call 575-646-5706 for information.

- Transitional students (established students not enrolled — with no future enrollment scheduled; or graduates of NMSU) may seek services at the Campus Health Center for a period of three months following the most recent date of enrollment or graduation.

This year, the Campus Health Center is offering flu vaccinations in the fall.

**Online:** [wellness.nmsu.edu/shc](http://wellness.nmsu.edu/shc)





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Conquer the climbing wall inside the Activity Center.

## 56: ACTIVITY CENTER

# What's at campus' center of activity?

NMSU's Activity Center is open to full-time students, part-time students who purchase an AggieFit membership and AggieFit members.

Some of the facilities at the AC are a weight room, an elevated indoor jogging track, racquetball courts, aerobics room, cardio room and basketball/volleyball courts.

There is also a climbing wall, a mat room and ping-pong tables.

The NMSU Natatorium, with an indoor and an outdoor pool, is next door to the AC.

## RECREATION HOURS

**Gymnasium/weight room:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3:30 to 9 p.m. Mon-Thurs; 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fri; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat; noon to 9 p.m. Sun.

**Climbing wall:** 3:30 to 7 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**Outdoor Center:** 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Cardio room/track:** 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon-Fri; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat; noon to 7 p.m. Sun.

**Outdoor pool:** 1 to 7 p.m. Mon-Fri; 2:30 to 7 p.m. Sat.

**Indoor pool:** 2:30 to 7 p.m. Sat; 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sun.

**Info:** Call the AC at 575-646-2907 or the Aquatic Center at 575-646-3518 or visit [recsport.nmsu.edu/ac](http://recsport.nmsu.edu/ac)

## 57: STAYING ACTIVE

# How to stay fit and eat healthy

AggieFit is something every NMSU student has access to and most don't even know it. It is a membership program that provides students with the resources they need to stay fit and healthy throughout the year at minimal or no cost.

Full-time, NMSU main campus students are automatically enrolled in the AggieFit program. Part-time students are required to pay a nominal fee.

With an AggieFit membership students have full access to the activity and aquatic centers, group fitness and intramural programs. Members receive discounted admission to special programs, monthly on-campus health screenings, services supported by professional staff at the Activity Center, a free fitness equipment orientation and more.

Along with access to facility resources, members receive a 10 percent discount on purchases at the AC Rec Sports Store and special services such as personal training, physical assessment, nutritional and body composition. The special services offered by the center can help indicate health risks, determine which areas of the body need improvement and provide information on a more balanced diet; all of which are particularly helpful in aiding students beginning a weight reduction program.

[Aggiefit.org](http://Aggiefit.org) is a resource students enrolled in AggieFit will find very useful. The site provides a campus fitness class calendar, calorie counter, exercise tracking and personal well-being kit, group activities schedule, a list of services available for AggieFit members and fitness and health information. Some of these resources are only available for students with an Aggie-

Fit account, but any student with an NMSU email address, with or without a membership, can easily sign up for an account on the site for free.

Interested in taking Zumba, yoga, cardio, body toning, aquatic fitness, cycling, walking or other physical fitness classes? Click on the activities calendar. An entire semester full of free classes scheduled through-

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**Every incoming college student has heard of the Freshmen 15. Fortunately, with a good diet and exercise, it is completely avoidable.**

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out the day between 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. are available for members to attend free of charge.

Staff, faculty, temporary employees and Aggie affiliates, partners and spouses can also become AggieFit members, for a fee.

**Info:** visit [wellness.nmsu.edu/aggiefit](http://wellness.nmsu.edu/aggiefit), [aggiefit.org](http://aggiefit.org) or call 575-646-2907.

## 58: Keep off the Freshmen 15

The Freshmen 15 is a catchy title for the phenomenon of how new college students tend to gain weight in their first year away from home. Every incoming college freshman has heard of it and most likely dread the idea of gaining 15 pounds. Fortunately, it is avoidable.

Some experts say the Freshmen 15 is caused by a drastic lifestyle change that

comes from living on your own. It's also caused from lack of exercise, poor diet, lack of sleep and excessive drinking (which, honestly, can cause all three prior problems).

One way to integrate healthy eating into your routine is to make grab-and-go fare at home. Every Sunday, make the foods you'll need for the coming week. If you're not into making foods, you can pick up some healthy snacks like granola bars, trail mix or fruit. They'll keep you satisfied between meals and are better for you than a candy bar or side of waffle fries found in Corbett Center.

You'll also want to incorporate exercise into your daily routine. Walking or riding your bike to class is an easy way to burn some calories. If you're up for a little bit of a challenge, try adding in 30 minutes to an hour of cardio and weight training a day.

Remember, college is about learning, growing and having fun, so go out and try new things and meet new people. Just keep in mind that maintaining a healthy lifestyle will not only help you avoid the Freshman 15, but it will also help you in your studies. It's a win-win situation.

**Online:** [www.freshman15.com](http://www.freshman15.com)

## 59: Intramurals

If you're looking for an alternative way to stay active, the NMSU intramural program just might be your solution.

The intramural program offers individual, dual and team sports in a variety of disciplines such as soccer, flag football, Ultimate (Frisbee), golf and softball, to name a few. Men's, wom-

en's and co-ed teams participate.

Students from a variety of different sporting backgrounds have taken advantage of the intramural program, which is sponsored by the Associated Students of NMSU.

Brian Westhues is the Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Get information on the program by checking out [recsport.nmsu.edu/intramurals](http://recsport.nmsu.edu/intramurals) or visit Room 230 on the second floor of the Activity Center or call (575) 646-4061.

## 60: Play golf

The NMSU University Golf Course was designed by Floyd Farley and opened in December 1963. This 18-hole golf course nestled in the Organ Mountains, it is regarded as one of the most outstanding facilities in the Southwest.

The course offers a unique combination of both traditional and desert golf course features with large greens and generous fairways for the average player, according to the course's website.

A wide variety of lesson packages are available, as well as tournaments and monthly leagues. There are practice areas including a driving range, contoured putting greens and a short game practice area.

A five-day course is also available for players interested in getting into the sport or those who want some fine-tuning to "Get Golf Ready." Typically these courses are offered in the spring and summer months.

**Fees for students:**  
18 holes: \$13  
9 holes: \$8  
Sundown rate: \$6.50

**Info:** Pro Shop at 575-646-3219 or online at [nmsugolf.com](http://nmsugolf.com)

## 61: AGGIE SPORTS

# No conference? No problem for football team

Conference, schmonference. We don't need no stinkin' conference, says the NMSU athletics administration. At least not this year.

The NMSU football team will play an independent schedule this year after its former conference, the WAC, left with only two-football playing schools once conference realignment reared its ugly head, decided to drop the sport.

NMSU football was able to put together a nice home schedule, playing host to teams from power conferences such as Minnesota (Big 10) and Boston College (ACC). I-10 rival UTEP (Conference USA) and fellow WAC emigree Idaho also visit Aggie Memorial Stadium, as do Rice (Conference USA), San Diego State (Mountain West) and Abilene Christian (Southland). The marketing department at NMSU is calling the football home schedule the team's best ever.

Next year, NMSU joins the Sun Belt Conference, generally regarded as one of the least competitive FBS leagues.

While football is in a relative state of flux, other NMSU sports remain in the WAC, which in recent years has undergone a massive facelift. Instead of facing teams such as Nevada, Utah State and Hawaii, the Aggies will now host and travel to Grand Canyon, Missouri-Kansas City and Cal-Bakersfield.

The change in membership should bode well for the men's basketball team. The Aggie hoops team, which made it the NCAA Tournament thanks in part to the play of redshirt freshman 7-foot-5 center Sim Bhullar (WAC Tournament MVP), should coast through the new-look WAC, which doesn't have another



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team ranked in the top 181, according to last season's RPI. Sim's younger brother, Tanveer, a relatively short 7-3, joins the team, which also returns starter Daniel Mullings (last year's leading scorer) and big men Chili Nephawhe (6-10) and Renaldo Dixon (6-9).

— Lucas Peerman

## 62: Tailgating

Tailgating before football games at NMSU is a tradition for nearly all Aggies. While it can be a great social time with barbecues, beverages, music and games, there are still rules to follow. Student tailgating lots are free, but are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. So if you want to reserve your spot, arrive early.

Typically the most popular tailgating games are the rivalry games against regional foes UTEP and UNM. The Aggies travel to Lobo territory Oct. 5. The UTEP game at Aggie Memorial Stadium is Sept. 14.

Tailgate responsibly as

security will patrol the lots to help remind you of the rules and remove you should you violate terms. Basically, don't live by the part of the Aggie fight song that encourages you to, "Drink a keg of booze, until you wobble in your shoes."

**1 »** Tailgating will be limited to four hours prior to kickoff and two hours after the game ends.

**2 »** Persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from drinking alcohol in accordance with state and federal laws and University policy.

**3 »** Glass containers are not permitted.

**4 »** Disruptive behavior, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness will not be tolerated.

**5 »** Kegs or common containers of any kind are not permitted.

**6 »** No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Aggie Memorial Stadium.

**7 »** For those of legal age, the quantity of alcohol beverages one can bring to the tailgate section is limited to the amount one person can reasonably consume.

**8 »** Tailgating activities are allowed in parking lots located within the boundaries of Locust Street east to Triviz Drive and University Avenue south to Wells Street, including lot 96 and 100 but excluding lots 38, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 89.

**9 »** RVs are permitted only in Lot 30.

## 63: FIGHT SONG

Aggies, Oh Aggies  
The hills send back the cry  
We're here to do or die  
Aggies, Oh Aggies  
We'll win this game or know the reason why  
And when we win this game  
We'll buy a keg of booze  
And we'll drink to the Aggies  
'Til we wobble in our shoes  
A-G-G-I-E-S  
Aggies, Aggies, go Aggies  
Aggies, Oh Aggies  
The hills send back the cry  
We're here to do or die  
Aggies, Oh Aggies  
We'll win this game or know the reason why

## 64: FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (MTN.)
Sat, Aug. 31	at Texas	Austin, Texas	5 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 7	Minnesota	Las Cruces	6 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 14	UTEP	Las Cruces	6 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 21	at UCLA	Los Angeles	TBA
Sat, Sept. 28	San Diego State	Las Cruces	6 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 5	at New Mexico	Albuquerque	TBA
Sat, Oct. 19	Rice	Las Cruces	6 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 26	Abilene Christian	Las Cruces	6 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 2	at Louisiana	Lafayette, La.	TBA
Sat, Nov. 9	Boston College	Las Cruces	TBA
Sat, Nov. 23	at Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, Fla.	TBA
Sat, Nov. 30	Idaho	Las Cruces	TBA

## 65: VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (MTN.)
Sat, Aug. 24	NMSU Alumni	Las Cruces	5 p.m.
Fri, Aug. 30	Nevada	Berkeley, Calif.	1 p.m.
Sat, Aug. 31	California	Berkeley, Calif.	1 p.m.
Sat, Aug. 31	Santa Barbara	Berkeley, Calif.	6:30 p.m.
Thu, Sept. 5	Hawaii	Honolulu	11:30 p.m.
Fri, Sept. 6	UCLA	Honolulu	9 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 7	Santa Clara	Honolulu	9 p.m.
Fri, Sept. 13	Southern Utah	Las Cruces	10 a.m.
Fri, Sept. 13	Ark.-Little Rock	Las Cruces	7:30 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 14	Northern Illinois	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
Thu, Sept. 19	Utah	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Fri, Sept. 20	Hampton	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 21	So. Dakota State	Las Cruces	2 p.m.
Mon, Sept. 23	New Mexico	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 28	Texas Pan Amer.*	Edinburg, Texas	1 p.m.
Mon, Sept. 30	Bakersfield*	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 5	Idaho*	Las Cruces	12 p.m.
Sun, Oct. 6	Seattle*	Las Cruces	12 p.m.
Thu, Oct. 10	Chicago State*	Chicago	6 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 12	Kansas City*	Kansas City, Mo.	6 p.m.
Thu, Oct. 17	Bakersfield*	Bakersfield, Calif.	8 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 19	Utah Valley*	Orem, Utah	7 p.m.
Thu, Oct. 24	Grand Canyon*	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 26	Texas Pan Amer.*	Las Cruces	3 p.m.
Thu, Oct. 31	Idaho*	Moscow, Idaho	7 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 2	Seattle*	Seattle	8 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 4	Grand Canyon*	Phoenix	7 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 7	Kansas City	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 9	Chicago State*	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 12	UTEP	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 21	Utah Valley*	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 25	WAC Tournament	Phoenix	TBA

\*Conference game

**66: SOCCER SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (MTN.)
<b>Fri, Aug. 23</b>	Nebraska-Omaha	Las Cruces	4 p.m.
<b>Sun, Aug. 25</b>	New Mexico	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Aug. 30</b>	LIU-Brooklyn	Las Vegas, Nev.	5:30 p.m.
<b>Sun, Sept. 1</b>	Portland State	Las Vegas, Nev.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Fri, Sept. 6</b>	Stephen F. Austin	Las Cruces	4 p.m.
<b>Sun, Sept. 8</b>	Riverside	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Sept. 13</b>	Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.	7 p.m.
<b>Sun, Sept. 15</b>	Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Sept. 20</b>	Kansas City*	Kansas City, Mo.	6 p.m.
<b>Sun, Sept. 22</b>	Kansas City*	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Sept. 27</b>	Idaho*	Moscow, Idaho	5 p.m.
<b>Sun, Sept. 29</b>	Seattle*	Seattle	1 p.m.
<b>Sun, Oct. 6</b>	Grand Canyon*	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Oct. 11</b>	Bakersfield*	Bakersfield, Calif.	8 p.m.
<b>Sun, Oct. 13</b>	Utah Valley*	Orem, Utah	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Oct. 18</b>	Grand Canyon*	Phoenix	8 p.m.
<b>Fri, Oct. 25</b>	Seattle*	Las Cruces	3 p.m.
<b>Sun, Oct. 27</b>	Idaho*	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Fri, Nov. 1</b>	Utah Valley*	Las Cruces	3 p.m.
<b>Sun, Nov. 3</b>	Bakersfield*	Las Cruces	1 p.m.
<b>Nov. 8-10</b>	WAC Tournament	Las Cruces	TBA

\*Conference game

**67: PISTOL PETE**

NMSU's mascot is known as Pistol Pete. You will see Pete roaming the sidelines at Aggie games.

Pistol Pete — with a facelift here and there — has been NMSU's mascot for more than four decades.

Pete was redesigned in 2005, when his pistol was replaced with a lasso. But in 2006, the mascot got his pistol back and is once again known as Pistol Pete.

The name Pistol Pete comes from a real western gunman in the late 1800s named Frank Eaton. As a child, Eaton's father was killed by the four Campsey brothers and the two Ferber brothers, all members of the Regulators. By the age of 15,



Eaton had become a quickdraw and a marksman, but went to Fort Gibson, a cavalry fort in the northeast part of Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), to improve his shooting skills. It was at the fort where he gained the nickname Pistol Pete.

In a fair gunfight in 1881 in Albuquerque, Pistol Pete killed the last of the six men responsible for his father's murder.

**68: THE BAND**

Self-billed as the "world's most dangerous marching band," the NMSU Pride Marching Band is always a highlight at football games, parades and other NMSU events. The Pride is composed of approximately 200 musicians, dancers and auxiliary. Get a sneak peek of the Pride during the annual Concert on the Green at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 on the Corbett



Center Outdoor Stage. It's a free performance.

**69: MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

(times to be announced)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
<b>Sat, Oct. 19</b>	Crimson and White	Las Cruces
<b>Tue, Oct. 29</b>	Western NM (exhibition)	Las Cruces
<b>Fri, Nov. 8</b>	Western Michigan	Honolulu
<b>Sat, Nov. 9</b>	Tennessee State	Honolulu
<b>Mon, Nov. 11</b>	Hawaii	Honolulu
<b>Fri, Nov. 15</b>	UTEP	Las Cruces
<b>Wed, Nov. 20</b>	Northern Colorado	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Nov. 23</b>	UTEP	El Paso
<b>Mon, Nov. 25</b>	Bethune-Cookman	Las Cruces
<b>Wed, Nov. 27</b>	Prairie View A&M	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Nov. 30</b>	Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colo.
<b>Wed, Dec. 4</b>	New Mexico	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Dec. 7</b>	Gonzaga	Spokane, Wash.
<b>Wed, Dec. 11</b>	Arizona	Tucson
<b>Sat, Dec. 14</b>	Drake	Des Moines, Iowa
<b>Tue, Dec. 17</b>	New Mexico	Albuquerque
<b>Sat, Dec. 21</b>	Northern New Mexico	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Dec. 28</b>	South Alabama	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Jan. 4</b>	Grand Canyon*	Phoenix
<b>Thu, Jan. 9</b>	Seattle*	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Jan. 11</b>	Idaho*	Las Cruces
<b>Thu, Jan. 16</b>	Chicago State*	Chicago
<b>Sat, Jan. 18</b>	Kansas City*	Kansas City, Mo.
<b>Sat, Jan. 25</b>	Texas-Pan American*	Las Cruces
<b>Thu, Jan. 30</b>	Bakersfield*	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Feb. 1</b>	Utah Valley*	Las Cruces
<b>Thu, Feb. 6</b>	Idaho*	Moscow, Idaho
<b>Sat, Feb. 8</b>	Seattle*	Seattle
<b>Thu, Feb. 13</b>	Kansas City*	Las Cruces
<b>Sat, Feb. 15</b>	Chicago State*	Las Cruces
<b>Thu, Feb. 20</b>	Texas-Pan American*	Edinburg, Texas
<b>Thu, Feb. 27</b>	Utah Valley*	Orem, Utah
<b>Sat, Mar. 1</b>	Bakersfield*	Bakersfield, Calif.
<b>Thu, Mar. 6</b>	Grand Canyon*	Las Cruces
<b>Mar. 13-15</b>	WAC Tournament	Las Vegas, Nev.

\* Conference games



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Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe

**70: OTHER SPORTS**

NMSU fields teams in a variety of sports. **Men:** Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis. **Women:** Basketball, cross country, equestrian, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, volleyball

Here are some of the sporting events that will take place in Las Cruces in the next year. For the latest, visit [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com).

DATE	SPORT	EVENT	TIME (MTN.)
<b>Sept. 13-15</b>	Women's tennis	Aggie Invitational	TBA
<b>Sept. 20-22</b>	Men's tennis	Aggie Invitational	TBA
<b>Sat, Sept. 28</b>	Cross country	Kachina Classic	TBA
<b>Wed, Oct. 2</b>	Swimming, diving	Crimson & White	4 p.m.
<b>Oct. 21-22</b>	Men's golf	Herb Wimberley Intercollegiate	TBA
<b>Sat, Nov. 2</b>	Swimming, diving	Northern Colo.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Nov. 9-10</b>	Equestrian	TCU/SD State	TBA
<b>Sat, Dec. 7</b>	Swimming, diving	Northern Arizona	11:30 a.m.
<b>Sat, Jan. 18</b>	Swimming, diving	Idaho	11:30 a.m.
<b>Sat, Feb. 1</b>	Equestrian	South Carolina	TBA
<b>Sat, Feb. 15</b>	Equestrian	SMU	TBA
<b>Sat, March 22</b>	Equestrian	West Texas A&M	TBA



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The NMSU equestrian team has home meets on Nov. 9 and 10, Feb. 1 and March 22.

## 71: AGGIE SPORTS FIX

## Where to get the latest Aggie sports updates

Are you a diehard Aggie fan? Here's where to get your fix of Crimson and White news.

**Cruces Sports:** <http://crucessports.blogspot.com>.

Sun-News Sports Editor Teddy Feinberg covers a variety of Aggie sports, but his main beat is football. Check out his blog for the latest news related to NMSU and conference realignment. Also, follow Teddy on Twitter @TeddyFeinberg

**Basketball Diaries:** <http://bballgroves.blogspot.com>.

Sun-News Sports Reporter Jason Groves is the Aggie basketball beat writer. He goes behind the scenes to provide the most in-depth look into the most storied program at the university. Follow Jason on Twitter @JPGroves.

**Bleed Crimson:** <http://www.bleedcrimson.net>

Sam Wasson may live in Alaska, but the NMSU grad covers the team as if he lived underneath Aggie

Memorial Stadium and produces one of the most comprehensive, informative fan sites.

**Aggie Alert:** <http://www.aggiealert.com>

This scout.com site provides an active chat room, forums, talking points, plus links to message boards from Aggie rivals. It also includes some football and basketball recruiting news.

**Crimson Illustrated:** <http://www.crimsonillustrated.com>

This rivals.com pay site has complete football and basketball recruiting news, and is host to the active Aggie Sports Connection message board.

**On the dial:** 103.9-FM KGRT, 570-AM KSNM

Can't make it to the game? Listen to Aggie football and basketball on KGRT 104 and get coverage of baseball and women's volleyball and basketball on KSNM 570. Also on KSNM, catch the Aggie Coach's Show from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

## 72: HIDDEN GEMS

## Where to go to do nothing at all



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Relaxing by Alumni Pond can recharge your batteries.

**ALUMNI POND** » South of the Educational Services Center. Also known to students as the duck pond, the Alumni Pond serves a great go-to for a place to de-stress, unwind and collect one's thoughts before a big exam.

With 350 days of sunshine, the Alumni Pond is a great spot for picnics with new friends or study group. Take a book out and sit under a tree for a calming day. Watch the ducks glide through the water and offer up a piece of that stale bread you have hiding in your dorm. Fishing is also permitted here. A fishing license is required.

**PRECIADO PARK** » Between Student Family Housing and O'Donnell Hall. For those looking for new scenery, maybe one that doesn't involve professors and textbooks, head over to Preciado Park. With its large grass-covered area and its surrounding forest of trees, Preciado Park provides the perfect setting for any recreational or outdoor activity including running, walking, biking or shooting hoops —

all great stress relievers. It's also ideal for alfresco dining, either for barbecuing or holding simple, no-cook picnics.

As an added bonus, the park also has a playground, making it a good place for an entire family. Preciado Park, in short, is the best escape from school that doesn't require leaving campus.

**CORBETT CENTER/PISTOL PETE'S PLACE** » For those who like temperature-controlled environments, the next best place for relaxation is Corbett Center. Case in point: Pistol Pete's Place next to the Round Up offices.

At Pistol Pete's Place, students can pass time by playing spirited games of pool or arcade-style video games or by simply browsing the Internet on any one of the many computer clusters. Furnished with a multitude of comfortable chairs and sofas, Corbett Center, in general, is a pleasant place to relax.

It's so ideal for lounging, in fact, that it's not uncommon to see students camped out on couches taking cat naps between classes.

## 73: MOVIE NIGHT

## Film classics capture college's highs and lows

Every once in awhile, you just want to chill out on the couch and watch a movie. With these six at the ready, you'll always be prepared. **"ANIMAL HOUSE" (1978)** » "Thank you, sir! May I have another?" The seminal college movie. It was made more than 30 years ago, but still resonates. Use it as inspiration before your next toga party. **"OLD SCHOOL" (2003)** » "We're going streaking!"

This one's all about acceptance. And stereotypes. But mostly acceptance. Make friends with Mitch, Frank the Tank and Old Blue in this film, the funniest college-themed movie since "Animal House." **"ZOMBIELAND" (2009)** » "Hey, this may be a bad time, but I gotta take the Browns to the Super Bowl." Some would argue that other Jesse Eisenberg movie ("Social Network")

would be better on a list of the movies every college student should own. We say every college students needs to know what to do in case zombies attack. **"RUDY" (1993)** » "Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!" Whenever you're feeling down, pop in this movie and you'll feel ready to take on the world. Rudy is based on the true story of a guy who was always told he was too small to play football. But he didn't

quit his dream and played one play for Notre Dame. **"CLERKS" (1994)** » "I'm not even supposed to be here today!" There's a reason you're in college. Though entertaining, you don't want to end up like Dante or Randal. **"GOOD WILL HUNTING" (1997)** » "How do you like them apples?" This film's message? No matter where you are in life, the person most responsible for making changes to that life is you.

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## 75: GOING OUT

# Over or under 21, plenty of places to hang out

So you're always on campus. It's beautiful, but being there all the time can get old. You live there, you exercise there and you learn there ó it might be nice to get away once in a while. If you need to escape, check out these hangouts off campus.

**INTERNATIONAL DELIGHTS**

» This cafe offers authentic European, North African, Greek and Middle Eastern food. They have everything from hummus and lamb to specialty coffee and Italian cream sodas. They also have a great open air patio. Open till 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; till midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. 1245 El Paseo Road, in the Brazito Plaza next to Albertsons.

**VILLAGE INN** » You can't go wrong with their pies. They also have a wide variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner items that are available any time of day. The two Las Cruces locations both offer free WiFi. Open till 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; all night Fridays and Saturdays. 1205 S. El Paseo Road and 445 Telshor Blvd.

**MILAGRO COFFEE Y ESPRESSO**

» This specialty roastery is only in Las Cruces and offers a wide variety of delicious coffee. It also has free WiFi so you can research your term paper while getting your caffeine fix. Open till 8 p.m. every day. 1733 E. University Ave.

**SPIRIT WINDS COFFEE BAR**

» This funky purple and orange building doubles as a restaurant and quirky gift shop. They have soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps and more. Open till 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday; till 6 p.m. Sunday. 2260 S. Locust St.

**KEVA JUICE** » This cool and refreshing stop is great place to add a kick to your pick-me-up. Offering smoothies, some frozen yogurt and fresh squeezed juices, Keva



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De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery has a covered patio, making it a great place to gather with friends before and after the sun goes down

Juice serves as a place to energize and cool off. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 1001 University Ave., Suite D-1.

**76: Best bars**

If you're 21 or older, there are myriad place to go have a good time. Here's a breakdown of some of our favorite hotspots.

**BEST PLACES FOR LIVE BANDS** » El Patio on Fridays and Saturdays, De La Vega's on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (no cover)

**BEST PLACES FOR SINGER-SONGWRITERS** » High Desert Brewing Co. on Thursdays and Saturday, Vintage Wines on Fridays and Saturday (no cover), M5

**BEST PLACES TO DANCE**

» Graham Central Station on Wednesdays-Saturdays (hip-hop, country and Latin clubs), Hurricane Alley on Tuesdays (hip-hop),

Wednesdays (electronica) and Saturdays, Azul, Lava in the Ramada Palms

**BEST KARAOKE/OPEN MIC** » Dublin's on Sundays (open mic) and Wednesdays (karaoke), Graham Central Station on Wednesdays-Saturdays, Jose Murphy's on Wednesdays

**BEST PLACES TO WATCH THE GAME** » Buffalo Wild Wings, The Game, Hooters

**BEST PLACES TO GRAB A BEER** » Mimbres Valley Tap Room, Q's Steak Pasta & Brewhouse, The Game, High Desert

**BEST VARIETY** » 10 Pin Alley (bowling, billiards and two clubs), Graham Central Station (four clubs under one roof), Farley's (arcade, food, sports)

**BEST PATIOS** » M5, De La Vega's, The Game

**77: El Paso nightlife**

El Paso is a short 45-minute drive from Las Cru-

ces and offers a lot to do. In Texas, you only have to be 18 to get into some clubs and 21 to drink. Close to the UTEP campus is **Cincinnati Street**, where you'll find the local college students. But to party here, you'll need to be at least 21.

If you like country, you'll love **Little Bit of Texas**, 5500 Doniphan Road, a Western-themed club where country and dance music are played all night long. They are an 18-and-up club where ladies over 21 never pay a cover. Little Bit of Texas is open from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For info, visit [littlebitoftexas.us](http://littlebitoftexas.us).

Beer drinker? Visit **The Hoppy Monk**, 4141 N. Mesa Road, to choose between 70 craft beers, 150-plus bottled beers and food, and take advantage of patio seating.

If you're 21 or over and looking to party in downtown El Paso, **1914 Lounge**, 115 Durango Suite A., is your

**79: DON'T OVERDO IT**

Giving in to the peer pressures of out drinking friends, ripping shots and drinking to socialize happens all too often, but don't get carried away. Check out these tips to going out and doing drinks, the right way:

- Know your limits and stay true to your word. Just because your buddies drink like they're in a scene from "Beerfest," doesn't mean you have to!
- Alternate between alcoholic drinks and water.
- Eat before and while drinking for slower absorption rate
- Do not play drinking games

**80: HANGOVER HELP**

The inevitable has happened, you drank a little too much last night and now you're hung over. It happens to the best of us, but remember not to let your drinking get out of hand. Binge drinking in college can lead to serious consequences.

- Drink water. Teas and sodas will dehydrate you even more. Stick to water or a sports drink like Gatorade. Pedialyte is also a great alternative. The children's dehydration drink has the perfect combination of sugar and sodium to promote absorption in the

place. This venue doubles as a bar and a club, with bottle service and semi-private VIP tables. For info, visit [1914lounge.com](http://1914lounge.com).

**78: Under 21?**

If you're under 21, you're pretty limited as far as entertainment in Las Cruces, but you do have a few options.

When you want to hear live music, go to D's Back Porch at **De La Vega's Pecan Grill**, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. They have live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Or, order the root beer at High Desert Brewery, 1201 W. Hadley Ave., and enjoy live music Thursday and Saturday nights.

which can cause you to consume alcohol at too quick of a rate. By then, it is too late to realize how intoxicated you have become.

- Use a buddy system when going out or partying. Be accountable for each other.
- Watch your drink to avoid date rape drugs. This affects men and women.
- Remember, it's OK to opt for soda or water. Many establishments offer free soda to designated drivers.

**Crimson Cab:** Get a free cab ride with your NMSU ID. Call 575-524-TAXI (8294) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. seven days a week. Add this number to your contacts right now.

stomach. It's packed with minerals and electrolytes that will minimize the queasy feeling.

- Carbs can bring your blood sugar levels back to normal, so have a light meal like crackers, toast or cereal. If your headache just won't shake, take a pain reliever like Advil or Aleve. There's also no substitution for sleep. Let your body recover while you catch some Z's.

- Lastly, remember the best cure is prevention. Limit your drinks, drink water before you go to bed, and eat before you consume alcohol.

If you like to dance, a trip to El Paso's **Little Bit of Texas**, 5500 Doniphan Roud, might be worthwhile. They admit ages 18 and up, with a \$15 cover charge and play country and dance music until 2 a.m.

Bowling can also be a fun way to spend your evening. **10 Pin Alley**, 1201 E. Amador Ave., is open every day of the week and offers food, drinks, pool, bowling and an arcade. Get your friends together for Rock'n'Bowl from 9 to 11 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Regular admission is \$8, but you can get in for \$6 with a student ID on Thursdays, which is College Night.

For the baseball-savvy  
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Under 21 with nothing to do? Consider joining a glow kickball league at the Sports Skills Institute.

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student, the **Sports Skills Institute**, 3920 W. Picacho Ave., is a new indoor facility with 9,000 square feet of artificial turf to go along with four batting cages, a bullpen and an indoor outfield. Walk-ins are welcome from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays. Appointments can be made at other

times. Also, acquire about the Glow Kickball league at the center.

For movie buffs, check out what the three **Las Cruces theaters** have to offer. Go to [allentheatresinc.com](http://allentheatresinc.com) to see local listings. If you're looking to stay in for the night but still want to catch a flick, stop by a **Redbox** (locations can be searched at [redbox.com](http://redbox.com)) or Hastings Entertainment, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. to rent a movie.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

## 81-90: THE BEST DISHES

# Town's best eats are delightful

For more about food and local restaurants, visit Andi Murphy's blog "Toasted Sister: Andi's Guide to Eating Well" at [toastedsister.blogspot.com](http://toastedsister.blogspot.com). Follow her on Twitter @andimurphy.

slices of cheese, a hot dog, bacon, ham, lettuce, tomatoes, mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise, It's greasy, drippy and spilling out the sides, but it's good; shamefully good. About \$8.

— *Andi Murphy*

**Welcome Inn Café**  
126 E. Amador Ave., 575-527-1400

Is your cholesterol low? Do you need a big dose of meat? If you answered "yes" then the Monster Burger is for you. A large hamburger patty topped with several

**J.C. Tortas**  
1196 W. Picacho Ave., 575-647-1408

The only place in Las Cruces that has tortas in its name has 27 different varieties to choose from

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Welcome Inn Café.



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J.C. Tortas.

## 91: SEXUAL HEALTH

# Date night went well, now what?

Times have changed from the days of our parents, when sex talk was taboo and characters in TV shows slept in separate beds. It seems our generation is overly stimulated by sex. It's everywhere — on TV, in movies and in ads.

In a time and place where sex is talked about so freely and openly, it's important to take the time to discuss your sexual health as well. No one should have to worry about an unwanted pregnancy or STD, and both are

easily preventable.

The easiest way to take control of your sexual health is to be informed and talk with your partner about using protection. If you can't talk about something as simple (and safe) as using a condom with your partner, should you even be sleeping with them in the first place?

If you do end up finding yourself in an unlucky situation, you'll want to know what symptoms to look for and what steps need to be taken next to take care of

your body. The Campus Health Center offers STD testing for \$50 with HIV testing, and \$46 without HIV testing. In the spring semester, the Campus Health Center offers free STD testing with the Get Yourself Tested Campaign.

A walk to the Campus Health Center shouldn't be that hard to squeeze in before a night out, or in, and they have multiple resources — like free condoms — readily available.

— *Jocelyn Apodaca*

## 92: NEW PLACES TO EAT

# Try out new eateries on campus

NMSU has added a few new restaurants recently.

Craving some Asian cuisine? **Panda Express** near Barnes & Noble, the **Mix Express** in Frenger Mall, and **AFC Sushi** in Corbett Center can cure that hankering.

If you're in the mood for a green chile cheeseburger, or some barbeque, hit up **Dick's Cafe/Smokey Dick's BBQ** in Frenger Mall. How about a late breakfast? Head over to Corbett for some bagels and iced coffee at **Einstein Bros Bagels**. Or, chow

down on a taco from **Taco Bell** in Corbett.

**Online:** [nmsudining.com](http://nmsudining.com)

## 93: 100 West Café

NMSU's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management operates a restaurant — what they call a "food laboratory" — called 100 West in Gerald Thomas Hall Room 100. It is open for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through

Fridays and for dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, for \$8 a person.

100 West Café has an a la carte menu for Wednesday and Friday lunches and a buffet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The times are strictly adhered to, so get there early. Seating is limited, so you may be asked to sit with someone you do not know.

**Info:** [aces.nmsu.edu/100west](http://aces.nmsu.edu/100west) or call 575-646-5995.



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Spirit Winds.

## 94: DELIVERY

You're hungry, you're at home and there's nothing in the fridge, but you don't want to leave the house. No problem — these places deliver.

### Asian

#### Mix Express

1001 University Ave., 575-532-5553

#### Pho Saigon

1160 El Paseo Road, 575-652-4326

### Deli

#### Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

901 E. University Ave., (575) 373-1555

sauce and a red chile sauce. Both are pleasantly spicy and extremely flavorful. Add a drink to your lunch and pay about \$7.

— Andi Murphy

### Spirit Winds

2260 S. Locust St., 575-521-1222

The black bean burger is a vegetarian option, a mashed black bean patty mixed with spices to give it a savory, better-than-meat taste. It almost tastes like a falafel, but the wonderful black bean flavor comes through nicely. It can hold its own against any beef patty. For \$7, this burger comes with either chips and salsa or a

### McAlister's Deli

2800 Mall Drive, 575-522-3287

### Mexican

#### Cha Chi's

2460 S. Locust St., 575-522-7322

### Pizza

#### Domino's

3111 N. Main St., 575-528-0900  
421 Avenida de Mesilla, 575-525-0900  
2645 Missouri Ave., 575-522-7700

#### Fox's Pizza Den

1340 E. Lohman Ave., 575-521-3697

#### Great American Pizza

3100 W. Picacho Ave., 575-526-4277

### Little Caesar's

1609 El Paseo Road, 575-523-6262  
2499 N. Main St., 575-523-2112

### Papa John's

3855 N. Main St., 575-373-0000  
1701 Solano Drive, 575-521-3456

### Pizza Hut

1492 N. Main St., 575-524-0953  
2205 Missouri Ave., 575-522-4566  
1605 El Paseo Road, 575-524-4110

### Roadrunner Pizza

1426 Missouri Ave., 575-522-3600

salad. Add a mango iced tea, or one of Spirit Winds' specialty coffees if you need a pick-me-up.

— Andi Murphy

### Third Floor Bistro

Stan Fulton Athletics Center at Aggie Memorial Stadium, 575-646-4763

This bistro overlooking the NMSU football sta-

dium has class, a beautiful view and an impressive menu — and complimentary housemade kettle chips and French onion dip. (Guys, it's an excellent date option). For a satisfying dish, order the shredded pork Reuben for \$7.50. It's chargrilled bread supports a nice heap of smoked pulled pork, house

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including single fillings and combinations. We suggest the "Norteca," with steak, cheese and green chile, and add avocado for 50 cents; the "JC" with breaded steak, ham and cheese; and "The Mexican" with pork, chorizo and ham. The tortas are served with a green jalapeño



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Tiffany's Pizza and Greek Cuisine.



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Kim-Chi House.



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Third Floor Bistro.



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Katana Teppanyaki Grill.



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Ranchway BBQ and Mexican Food.



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Burger Nook.

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made sauerkraut, green chile dressing and melted Swiss cheese. Get it with a side of Bistro fries, which come with a green chile aioli sauce. Need we say more?

— *Andi Murphy*

### Tiffany's Pizza and Greek Cuisine

755 S. Telshor Blvd., 575-532-5002

The best gyro in town. It's slow-cooked meat (a beef and lamb mix unless you ask for other variations), onions and tomatoes on top of a nice warm pita bread. The cuts of lamb are very juicy and plentiful and the tzatziki sauce served on the side is delicious. The gyro comes with fries or for an up charge, you can get it with a Greek salad. For an added treat, start with the warm pita bread triangles and hummus dip.

— *Andi Murphy*

### Kim-Chi House

1605 S. Solano Drive, 575-652-4745

Hungry as a hippo, but not in the mood for a heavy meal? Get a bowl of soup that has variety, flavor and enough leftovers for tomorrow's lunch — the Spicy Ramen. For \$7.95, it's a large bowl of regular Ramen noodles in a beef broth, flavored by special spices, red peppers, green onions, celery, carrots and cabbage. There's mushy squash bits, too. And eggs bits for accent. You'll be sweating halfway through the bowl, and thankful for the side of kimchi.

— *Andi Murphy*

### Katana Teppanyaki Grill

1001 E. Universtiy Ave., 575-522-0526

Katana's all-you-can-eat Mongolian buffet is great, but if you're shorty on time, consider the \$5 sushi rolls. The most popular rolls are the California and the Vampire (cream cheese, Sriracha sauce and tempura shrimp). Try the Kamikaze

roll, which has jalapeño bits and spicy salmon, for one that captures New Mexico. If you're a sushi beginner, ease in with the Genki roll, a mix of crab, cream cheese and avocado in a pecon-breaded capsule.

— *Sylvia Quintanilla*

### Ranchway BBQ and Mexican Food

604 N. Valley Drive, 575-523-7361

Ranchway is one of those places you save up for; you work hard and do good deeds all month and you build up a craving for a nice juicy steak. The ribeye is topped with green chile and it takes up most of the plate. This thin cut is by no means dry. This steak has a pretty good marbling — but not so much that you want to cut any of it off. It's cooked how you want it and steak sauce doesn't even come to mind. On the side is a spoonful of the best refried beans you've ever had. But wait, there's more! This steak dinner also comes with a single cheese enchilada, a dollop of guacamole and a tortilla — not to mention chips and salsa. For \$11, this tampico steak is sure to satisfy and reward.

— *Andi Murphy*

### Burger Nook

1204 E. Madrid Ave., 575-523-9806

The Great Burger title

does this simple dish justice. It's a large beef patty, not too juicy, not too dry, that's perfectly seasoned and topped with lettuce, mustard, pickles, onions, green chile and cheese on a large bun. Get a large serving of homemade fries on the side. Your patty won't hit the grill until you put in your order, but the burger is guaranteed to be worth the wait. A Great Burger with all the fixin's and fries will set you back about \$7.

— *Andi Murphy*

### Teriyaki Chicken House

805 El Paseo Road, 575-541-1696

Treat yourself to an East-meets-Southwest flavor combination of teriyaki and green chile with the Yakisoba plate. Ask for the green chile to be warmed before you order (it's served cold otherwise). A couple of spoonfuls of the New Mexican delicacy are served next to strips of grilled chicken in teriyaki sauce on top of a bed of flavored wheat noodles. It'll cost \$6.25. Tack on an order of the Green Chile Wontons for \$1.79 for another East-meets-Southwest wonder. You won't have to wait long for your order, and when it comes, you'll be thankful you didn't pay money for a dry, pre-heated meal elsewhere.

— *Lucas Peerman*



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Teriyaki Chicken House.





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Elephant Butte, New Mexico's largest lake, provides camping and water sports opportunities.

## 95: OUT AND ABOUT

# Daytripping at 5 nearby locations

**DRIPPING SPRINGS** » Located at the base of the Organ Mountains, Dripping Springs Natural Area is a wonderful spot for visitors to picnic, hike and enjoy the amazing scenery. There are over four miles of novice-friendly hiking trails, as well as 22 picnic sites. Beyond hiking, visitors can also enjoy the multitude of wildlife like desert mule deer, red-tailed hawk, ladder-backed woodpecker and if you're lucky, maybe even an occasional sighting of a mountain lion. The park is open year round and is located on the west side of the Organ Mountains, 10 miles east of Las Cruces on University/Dripping Springs Road. It is open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. April through September and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October through March. The cost is \$3 per vehicle. For information, call 575-525-4300.

**AGUIRRE SPRING** » Hauling over the San August-

in Pass on Highway 70, it's easy to miss the road leading to the Aguirre Spring campground and hiking area. Nestled in the Tularosa Basin, the Bureau of Land Management zone on the east slope of the Organ Mountains is one of the area's gems. There are two main hiking trails at Aguirre: the Baylor Pass Trail and the Pinetree Trail. Baylor Pass, a straight-line, six-mile path that leads to Baylor Road, with primitive camping areas along the way for overnight backpackers, is open to both hiking and equestrian use. Pinetree, which loops, is novice-friendly, and clocks in at about four miles. The campground includes 57 family sites and two group sites, there are 55 small picnic sites and two large family group areas.

**WHITE SANDS** » Whether you're interested in a beautiful scenic drive or a fun-filled ride down its sandy

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## 96: COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# Lots to see and do this semester

### Aug. 24

**WWE: WWE Superstars** live performance at the Pan American Center. \$15 to \$95. 575-646-1420, panam.nmsu.edu/wwe-live.

### Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 2)

**Hatch Chile Festival:** Sample some of the finest chile while you enjoy food, crafts, an auction, live music and more in Hatch. 575-267-5050, hatchchilefest.com.

**New Mexico Wine Harvest Festival:** Celebrate New Mexico's wine harvest with grape stomping, wine tasting, live entertainment. Call 575-522-1232 for admission fee. nmwine.com.

### Sept. 7-11

**White Sands International Film Festival:** Intended to screen outstanding short and feature length documentaries and narratives of all genres from around the world, but also retain a special focus on Latino and New Mexican filmmaking, as well as celebrate outstanding cinema that has been shot in the amazing back drop of Southern New Mexico. Allen Theaters (Mesilla Valley Mall), Hotel Encanto and New Mexico State University. 877-345-6973, wsiff.com.

### Sept. 15

**Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta:** Join the village of Mesilla as they commemorate Mexico's independence. Enjoy folklorico dances, mariachi music and authentic Mexican cuisine. Free. 575-524-3262, mesilla-nm.org.

### Sept. 21

**White Sands Balloon Invitational:** A collection of colorful balloons filling the air over the white gypsum dunes. White Sands Na-



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The annual Harvest Wine Festival over Labor Day Weekend draws thousands out to the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

## 97: DISCOUNTS

Through the ASNMSU Student Discount Program, students can get discounts at area businesses by showing their NMSU ID. The following are active discounts, though ASNMSU intends to add more businesses as the year progresses. Log on to <http://asnmsu.nmsu.edu/student-services/services> to see the latest active discounts.

**Arete Bureau of Professional Services LLC:** 20 percent off referral program and incentives

**Chilitos:** 10 percent discount (excluding alcohol)

**Domino's (Missouri location):** 20 percent discount

**national Monument, Lift-off** at 7 a.m. \$3. 575-679-2599, nps.gov/whsa.

### Sept. 27-29

**The Whole Enchilada Fiesta:** Roberto Estrada is back to fry the world's largest enchilada as Las Cruces hosts one big street party. Meerscheidt Recreation

**La Posta de Mesilla:** 10 percent off food purchase (student's food only)

**Med Park:** 10 percent off all purchases

**Metropolitan Deli:** \$5.49 5-inch sandwich, drink and small chips

**Pre-Paid Legal Services (Eldelisa Nava):** \$10 enrollment fee waived

**Red Wing Shoes of Las Cruces:** 10 percent off shoe purchases

**Valley Pizza:** Daily specials (excludes \$7 pizza and coupons)

**Wienerschnitzel:** 10 percent discount

Center. 575-526-1938, en-chiladafiesta.com.

### Oct. 2-6

**Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo:** Fair has something for everyone ó a midway, an auction, food, music, livestock shows and a cowboy rodeo. Call for time and admission. 575-

524-8603, snmstatefairgrounds.net.

### Oct. 3

**Rascal Flatts, The Band Perry and Cassadee Pope:** 7:30 p.m. at the PanAm Center. \$49.50 to \$69.50. 575-646-1420, panam.nmsu.edu.

### Nov. 2-3

**Renaissance ArtsFaire:** Spend a weekend with kings and queens at the 36th annual fair. High-quality arts and crafts are accompanied by live theater, dancing, music and food, all presented with a Renaissance theme. Young Park. 575-523-6403, las-cruces-arts.org.

### Dec. 24

**Christmas Carols and Luminarias on the Plaza:** The historic village of Mesilla is aglow with thousands of luminarias and caroling. Free admission. 575-524-3262, mesilla-nm.org.

## 98: SPRING BREAK

# Plan ahead now for a great trip

For some, spring break means going back home to comfort food, old friends and your bed. For others, it means travelling somewhere exotic, maybe a beach, to booze it up and dance 'til the sun comes up.

While on spring break remember these things:

- If you're out of the country, respect the laws, customs and natives of the country you're visiting.
- Take note on weather and driving conditions before planning your trip.
- Make a budget and stick to it. Use sites like kayak.com, expedia.com and tripadvisor.com to find the best deals.
- Don't go out at night alone, especially if you're drinking.
- Keep your important documents in a safe place at all times.
- Have fun!



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## 99: GRADUATION

# Are you prepared to graduate?

The chapter you call college is coming to a close and not far ahead a new chapter begins and you'll have to study the realities of being out on your own, finding a path that suits your lifestyle and going after your happiness.

Before you cross the other side of that stage at commencement, take a look at this graduation checklist:

- If you're doing any extended learning, be sure you've taken the appropriate tests, have the correct paperwork and have made living and financial adjustments.
- Did you network while you were here? If you



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haven't already, start making a list of potential ties that could help you in the long run. Professors, department heads and class-

mates make great contacts.

- Write thank you notes. The last four or five years have been a blast, and you've made it, but you didn't do it

completely alone. Thank the people that helped you get this far.

- Make copies of your résumé, cover letter, letters of reference and transcripts. You'll need them at hand when applying for jobs.
- Have your finances mapped out. If you have loans, know your lender, make a budget and stay on track with payments.
- Travel. If you can make a trip before you're glued to a 9-to-5 desk job, do it! This is the best time for adventure.

**Commencement dates:** Dec. 14, 2013 and May 10, 2014

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slopes, White Sands National Monument is a great place to visit year round. This 275-square mile spread of gypsum is the largest in the world of its kind, and offers an abundance of activities to its visitors including hiking, camping, tours, picnicking, stargazing and much more. The monument is located on Highway 70, 52 miles east of Las Cruces and is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the summer and 7 a.m. until an hour before sunset in the winter. For information, visit [nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa) or call (575) 679-2599.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE** » If you're interested in some great water activity, but don't have the budget or time to head to the beach, you can visit Elephant Butte Lake, the largest lake in New Mexico. You can swim, fish, camp, hike, boat or enjoy and variety of water sports like water skiing and inner-tubing. The lake is located five miles north of Truth or Consequences via Interstate 25, exit 83. The cost is \$5 per vehicle per day. For information, call 575-744-

## 100: HAVE A FAMILY?

The Family Resource Center established in 2001, serves as a multipurpose center to meet the needs of students with families and provide them with the tools they need to meet success at NMSU and Doña Ana Community College.

The FRC provides students with housing, activities for children and events to promote family social skills, cultural awareness, and sensitivity to others.

**Info:** [aces.nmsu.edu/familyresourcecenter](http://aces.nmsu.edu/familyresourcecenter), C-100 Cervantes Village, 575-646-2065, [frc@nmsu.edu](mailto:frc@nmsu.edu)

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