IT IS TIME - FOR THE STRICKLAND AWARDS

Charles Strickland served as NMSU’s Physical Plant director for 45 years, from 1911 through 1956 (remember: statehood came in 1912). In honor of his long service to our organization, the Strickland Award was created in 1997 to recognize individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the organization that is now Facilities and Services.

**ROSE MELENDREZ**
**RECORDS TECHNICIAN**
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Rose is a records technician for Environmental Health and Safety and is an expert on inputting data. She is responsible for defensive driving and safety training records as well as evaluating employee performance on training exams. Rose started working at NMSU for Environmental Health & Safety in 2008, and plans to pursue an Associate's degree in Business.

**JOSE LOERA**
**PROJECT MANAGER**
**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING**

Jose Loera is the epitome of professionalism and is always the first to volunteer for challenges big or small. Jose is a silent leader who is always willing to roll up his sleeves and lead by example, and is easily the most well organized person in Facilities.
**OLGA HOLGUIN**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Olga’s accomplishments include: the 2012 and 2013 Annual Fire Report, representing the Fire Department at several fire safety booths, serving on “the Voice” and “Pride” committees, and development and maintenance of the Fire Department website. The development of the website was an extremely difficult and time consuming. Olga greets everyone with respect and helps them to the best of her ability.

---

**ESTHER AMEZQUITA**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**GROUNDS**

Esther started as a clerk part time in 1999 and in 2002 she became a full time employee as a Records Specialist for Facilities and Services. Esther’s past work has included managing the Heavy Equipment section of Facilities daily operations. Esther supports the department in many capacities; she serves on the Administrative and Finance Pride and Voice Committee and also on the Facilities Internal Advisory Committee. Esther also oversees the Facility and Services Inventory, staff uniforms, safety wear, radios and the vehicle inventory.

---

**FLORARINE JONES**  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Florarine Jones has used her experience and unique skills to step into a shorthanded office and make transitions look seamless. Florarine strives to make the office better today than it was yesterday and supports numerous customers with excellent and stellar service.
AVP’S AWARD

The Strickland Award was created in 1997, and for the last two years one employee from each of the major work units has been selected. I rely heavily on the department staff and / or unit heads to provide input for these awards, but three years ago I added the AVP’s Award. Like the Sometimes Monday Morning Memo, this award is given out annually or whenever the AVP feels like it. This award recognizes an employee or group of employees for a significant achievement or collection of outstanding work representative of the facilities and services values, goals, and mission.

DALE HARRELL, PH.D., P.E.
LEAD FACILITIES ENGINEER
OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT

Dale – or maybe I should say, Dr. Harrell – has a title of “Lead Facilities Engineer” although he really is serving more as the University Engineer by beginning to coordinate all facility engineering in the same manner as the University Architect does with professional design firms.

For the past 3 years, Dale has played a pivotal role in the development of the NMSU Performance Contract Phase 1, a $15 million dollar, guaranteed energy savings project that will, in addition to other energy conservation measures, replace most of the T-12 fluorescent lamps and ballasts on the Las Cruces campus. When this project retires the debt in 14 years, NMSU will be able to keep the improvements and the entire $1.8 million in savings that will be generated annually by then. Keeping one’s “eye-on-the-ball” for a three year project is a challenge, and Dr. Harrell has handled this one very well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS!!