NMSU Staff Presents at Technology Conference
New Mexico State University continues its strong presence at the yearly New Mexico Technology In Education conference held in Albuquerque in early November. Norma Grijalva, NMSU Chief Information Officer and Diana Dugas, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Architect, led a special panel session that discussed supporting researchers, NSF grant writing, and working more collaboratively to leverage technology resources across the state. In addition, ICT’s Student Technology & Planning and Classroom Technologies staff, Araceli Hernandez, Manager and Francisco Martinez, Classroom Tech Specialist presented on NMSU’s Digital Signage Service successes and challenges. Isaac Davis, NMSU Creative Media Institute student and COOP staffer created a video for the session: ICT Student Technology and Digital Signage (https://youtu.be/COaRD5GgONc). Isaac, who manages “The Feed” digital signage screens across the Las Cruces campus, is a key member of the ICT family who is credited with much of the success of digital signage at NMSU.

Sodexo Student Engagement Event
The Sodexo student engagement event in Taos on November 7th was Cityscapes: Chicago. Staff presented authentic flavors with a menu featuring Chicago style deep dish pizza, Greek gyros, classic Italian wedding soup and Italian almond cookies.

NMSU Fire Department Awarded $100,000 Grant
The FY2017 State Fire Protection has $28 million in needs and only $10.1 million to distribute. The awarded $100,000 will purchase 20 complete sets of firefighting turnout gear with in-mask communication, 5” supply hose, forcible entry training props and a face mask tester. The NMSU Fire Department is composed of 14 full-time students and 6 career staff. This new equipment will enhance the safety of each of the firefighters while responding to emergencies.

Sustainability Outreach
Presentations were made to three groups last week to talk about sustainability on campus. NMSU Sustainability Manager, joni newcomer, spoke to a DACC blueprint class about LEED v4; Tom Dormody’s AXED466 “John Muir” class about the 10 Sustainability Initiatives; and was interviewed along with the Carolin Scott, student coordinator for “Take Back the Tap,” by KRUX radio station DJ William Peck. It was a busy week educating about the importance of climate change resilience and adaptation.
“KEEP IT LABELED” and “KEEP IT CLOSED”
Environmental Health & Safety implements new visual reminders for those working with hazardous materials. The stickers are attached to waste collection areas to facilitate compliance with the NM Environment Department regulations for hazardous waste collection and handling. These efforts help avoid monetary fines. Thanks to Steve Moates and Michael Lucero for initiating this effort to emphasize our procedures for hazardous waste management and promoting safety to students and staff dealing with the waste hands on.

Operations Job Well Done
The Structural Maintenance shop performed the installation of new benches in the Fabian Garcia Horticulture Farm building 158 Greenhouse. This project required assembling the benches and pouring the mounting piers. This was performed in all four rooms of the greenhouse. The team was recognized by Dr. Geno Picchioni, Plant and Environmental Science Professor, for a job well done and appreciation for their dedication to providing a quality product.