

Fun Under the Sun

An event hosted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 on the Corbett Outdoor Stage, provided students a great social outlet. Students enjoyed a blow-up water slide, dunk tank, water activities (bubbles, squirt guns and water cannons), and the music of DJ Narray. A special thanks to Mikki Shaw, RHA Public Relations Director and Morgan Boone, RHA Advisor.



STEM-interested high school students get a boost at NMSU.

ICT kicked off the semester by introducing twenty Las Cruces High School juniors and seniors to the Cyber Infrastructure Training and Mentoring (CI-TraM) program. The NSF funded program, which is directed toward STEM-interested students, helps the national interest by developing and increasing the cyberinfrastructure literacy of undergraduates who are interested in STEM careers. Students will gain basic technology/computational knowledge, discuss with faculty their favorite topics and get exposure to various career options and the paths to those options.

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night or Art Talent Show, held in Pinon Hall on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 was hosted by Resident Assistants Coleton DerGregorian and Yolaus Quispe-Olaya. Approximately 75 students attended, and 20 performed in Open Mic night or Art Show talent event. The event showcased the amazing, diverse, and unique talents of first-year students living in Piñon Hall.



ICT graduate assistant places third at RMACC.

Five NMSU students attended and presented posters at the Rocky Mountain Associated Computing Consortium (RMACC) High Performance Computing (HPC) Symposium, with one student finishing in the top three of the poster competition. Mohammed Tanash's *Evolution of HPC use at NMSU* poster's third place award provides him with an expenses-paid trip and entry to the SuperComputing Conference in Denver, CO later this year. Mohammed is pursuing his interdisciplinary Doctorate degree in Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering. He is a graduate assistant for ICT's Cyber Infrastructure Architect (CIA), Dr. Diana Dugas. Mohammed's poster presented the results of the CIA team's high performance computing efforts over the past year.

Game Night

Vista Del Monte Game Night on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 was produced by Resident Assistants Jenny and Alana Murphy for upperclassmen residents. Board games and card games were enjoyed by 25 residents, who also participated in the educational, non-adult premium beverage “water pong game.”

In the water pong game, each cup had a trivia question about campus (ex: Where can you go to get free scantrons?) and if the student got the ping pong ball in the cup, he or she had to answer the question correctly in order for it to count. Residents had a fantastic time and built a stronger sense of community in our apartment area on the Southside.



Utility System Improvements



Facilities and Services Utilities Department is currently installing over 200 feet of new column pipe and pump bowl assemblies as part of an ongoing water well refurbishment project. Enhanced water level monitoring instrumentation will also be installed which will provide valuable information on any changes to the water table during well operation. Camera inspections of the well casing and filtration screens indicate that this well should provide many more years of service to the campus once this final phase of refurbishment is complete.

Improved Wireless Solutions

Housing & Residential Life would like to give a Shout-Out to ICT for improved wireless solutions in our South Campus communities. ICT has completed an upgrade package using Zoom Wireless Routers that were installed in all the occupied Cervantes Village apartments, Vista Del Monte K-P, and a modified version in VDM Q-X. This service coverage is now beginning installation in Tom Fort & Sutherland Village starting with our veterans housing in the 1500 block of Tom Fort and working on through Sutherland. Housing wanted to call out the phenomenal work of our ICT partners who came to us with a solution to better meet the needs of students, especially Student Family Housing students, who have been requesting a stronger wireless service in high need residential areas of campus. Great job, ICT! (especially Ramon Cadena, Robert Alba, Hugo Villalobos, Jacob Gandara, Veronica Mendoza, Bill Rutherford, and Piyasat).