

Dia de los Muertos

Chamisa Village Apartments hosted an event titled “The Meaning of Dia de los Muertos.” Students enjoyed a riveting discussion with Dr. Laura Gutierrez-Spencer, director of Chicano Programs, and Dr. Graciela Unguez, Chamisa Faculty Fellow and Biology professor, about the history and symbolism associated with the Dia de los Muertos holiday, which is rich in cultural traditions relevant to our local community. Residents had the opportunity to sample elotes (a Mexican corn-on-the cob dish) and hot chocolate while they interacted with charismatic and engaging members of the faculty and staff community.

Campus Beautification

Grounds shop personnel continued with beautification tasks on campus. This week they switched to their winter shift that is 7:00 AM through 3:30 PM. During this week, they focused their efforts on planter box maintenance in the center of campus and winter pruning around Cervantes Village. It is coming to the end of the growing season and the group will be focusing on landscaping projects and enhancements during the coming weeks.



Digital Signage gets an upgrade

Digital signage, also known at NMSU as The Feed or simply the screens in Corbett Center, Hardman Jacobs, and a number of other locations across the Las Cruces campus, was recently updated with a new version of Navori QL Digital Signage Software. The upgrade creates a more intuitive interface for the content manager, which makes it easier to publish new content to the screens.

Peanut Butter = \$

The NMSU Parking Office is offering a new way to pay for your ticket – peanut butter! During the week of Oct. 17-23, the Parking Office will allow 100 “No Current Permit” citations to be paid with 80 oz. of peanut butter based on first-come-first-served. Smooth or chunky, your peanut butter payment will be donated to the Aggie Cupboard. This offer is limited to one citation per person, be certain your peanut butter is not expired, and multiple jars are accepted to make the 80 ounces. Our Parking campaign has made it to national news as a video on MSN and a story in the Miami Herald as well as in Inside Higher Ed.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/us/university-allows-students-to-pay-parking-tickets-with-peanut-butter/vp-AAsZPa0>

NMSU Chief Information Officer (CIO) presents to ASNMSU Senate

NMSU’s CIO, Dr. Norma Grijalva, presented the results of the IT Student Survey to ASNMSU Senate on Thursday, Oct. 5. The data collected expresses students’ satisfaction with technology services from all NMSU campuses and will be used to identify areas needing improvement, which will help guide the future direction of information technology at NMSU. ASNMSU senators were engaged and extremely positive about the results. Several senators gave insightful feedback to various questions posed by Dr. Grijalva.

Temperature Set-Points

Utilities and Plant Operations distributed the fall temperature set-points [memorandum](#) to campus. This is the seasonal reminder that buildings need to be maintained at the defined set points to ensure our energy savings for the performance contract. The memorandum also contained the contact information to discuss any special requirements for laboratories that may be an exception to the standard. Facilities and Services always responds to requests and works to provide a solution that allows NMSU to realize energy savings without impacting research or teaching.

By Land or Sea

Sodexo Campus Dining enticed students with filet mignon, bacon wrapped shrimp, full-service dining, and the convenience of dining on-campus. For dinner on Friday, October 13, Taos Restaurant hosted By Land or Sea, part of Sodexo's Elite Events series which will be held twice a month this semester. The events will feature gourmet sushi, steak, and seafood served in the Taos dining hall. Taos Restaurant will set up a formal dining area exclusively for this event, and meal plans are accepted for these Elite Events in order to provide accessibility for students.