Pizza and a Prof

On Tuesday, October 10th, Rhodes Garrett Hamiel (RGH) hosted Danielle Halliwell, Assistant Professor in Communication Studies, for a Pizza and a Prof evening event. Dr. Halliwell teaches the COMM 265 section that many of the residents are taking and also serves as one of the Faculty Fellows for RGH. She facilitated a presentation about social media as a tool, including its dangers and pitfalls, to a group of eager first-year students. The event was informative, interactive, and included multimedia elements to engage students in a meaningful conversation about social media in the job market. The students enjoyed interacting with their instructor in an informal way and also learned a great deal of information they can apply as they work toward future career goals.

Tip-Off

Flavours Catering by Sodexo catered the NMSU Athletics 6th Man 2017 Tip-Off Dinner on Oct. 18 in the Stan Fulton Athletics Center. Over 400 people attended the event to support NMSU Athletics and enjoyed a meal featured marinated beef skirt steak; chicken piccata; bowtie pasta with garlic, olive oil and parmesan cheese; sautéed zucchini with squash and red peppers; and tiramisu. On Oct. 19 they catered the NMSU Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic at Preciado Park serving chicken Mesilla, machaca, calabacitas, chipotle rice, warm flour tortillas, guacamole, cinnamon crispas, and churros.

Collaboration for the Best

PD&E Project Manager Jon Padilla worked with NMDA Albuquerque and ESA Construction by helping improve the property by painting the main building and two metal storage buildings which included the installation of a new security panel fence. NMDA and ESA are neighbors; they both agreed it was time to upgrade the property fence and together they made it happen.

After

Before

ACANS

The Association of Computing and Network Specialists' (ACANS) meeting and luncheon was held on Friday, Oct. 13, in Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center. ACANS is the university-wide organization of individuals who work with/are interested in computing, networking, and other technologies at NMSU. This year's meeting topics included Data Security, Distance Education, IT Compliance, Identity Management, Banner 9, Cyber Infrastructure, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, NMSU Virtual Tour, and IT Governance. Approximately 120 people attended, participating in person or online.

Humans Vs Zombies

In its 10th year at NMSU, Humans vs Zombies is a campus-wide game of tag that is played at over 1,000 colleges and universities. This competitive and interactive weeklong event is sponsored by Residence Hall Association and has become a staple of the month of October for residential students. The activity features individual and team competition and is marked by students across campus wearing bandanas to identify them as "humans" or "zombies," and participating in a variety of "missions" to gain points. This year, over 180 players registered to play in this hugely successful program. RHA is already beginning planning for next fall's event.

NMSU Chief Information Officer (CIO) presents at NSF PI Workshop:

NMSU's CIO, Dr. Norma Grijalva, along with Jason Collet, CIO at Western New Mexico University, and Jorge Crichigno, Chair and Associate Professor of Engineering at Northern New Mexico College, presented at the 2017 NSF Campus Cyberinfrastructure and Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure PI Workshop that was held Oct. 2 – 4, in Albuquerque. The topic of their presentation, "*Cyberinfrastructure Investments for New Mexico Campuses*," was moderated by Steve Perry, Director of Networks at University of New Mexico. The workshop provided an opportunity for NSF award recipients to meet in-person, exchange project findings, interact with national cyberinfrastructure experts and collaborate across program areas, project areas, and project regions. It also promoted dialogue across a range of important and timely topics related to campus networking, including the larger context of campus cyberinfrastructure and cyberinfrastructure security.