Stay Safe Online; October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

ICT’s Information Security Group would like to share some tips with the university community on how to keep information and access to computer systems protected. Avoid common passwords that would be easy to guess and do not create passwords that are difficult to remember. Be vigilant, watch for email scams; if you didn’t expect it, then reject it. Remember, if in a public place with public wireless access point, personal information transmitted wirelessly may be intercepted by others. The Information Security Group will be holding Cyber Security presentations on campus throughout the month of October. Dates and locations will be available soon. For more information or to report issues, contact abuse@nmsu.edu.

Taos Confidential

Taos Confidential, on Wednesday 9/27/17, in the Taos Dining Hall, was presented by Housing & Residential Life in collaboration with Sodexo Dining Services. The event was designed to engage students in retention conversations in the sixth week of classes. This week, early alert grades were posted by faculty members teaching 100 and 200 level courses. Residential Life staff (Resident Assistants and Resident Directors) as well as Faculty Fellows staffed five stations in the Taos Dining Hall designed to get students talking about how their first six weeks, academically and socially, have gone. Students participated in Gab Galore & Connect Four, the Illumination Station, Hail to your Health, Quick Draw, and “Residential Revelations – True Confessions” for a chance to win prizes. Participants included our Faculty in Residence (Residence Halls), Becky Corran, as well as a cadre of Faculty Fellows. Thanks to Sodexo’s student intern, Yazmen, for her hard work spearheading this event.

Elite Events

Sodexo Campus Dining enticed students with gourmet sushi, full-service dining, and the convenience of dining on-campus. For dinner on Friday, September 29, Taos Restaurant hosted Wasabi and Ginger, part of Sodexo’s Elite Event series which will be held twice a month this semester and will feature gourmet sushi, steak, and seafood served in the dining hall. Taos Restaurant setup a formal dining area exclusively for this event, and meal plans will be accepted for these Elite Events in order to provide accessibility for students.

Facilities and Services UTEP Tailgate Lunch

Facilities and Services held a tailgate lunch on Friday September 15, 2017, in support of the NMSU vs UTEP football game. The event was organized by our Internal Advisory Committee and was an opportunity for all employees to meet for lunch. The event was well attended and many employees were provided an opportunity to interact with other groups which they have limited interactions. Everyone had a good time and it was capped off by the Aggie win on Saturday.

Facilities Operations Building Monitor Meeting

Facilities Operations conducted the bimonthly Building Monitor Meeting on September 27, 2017. Deputy Fire Chief Louis Huber presented the building inspection and pre-plan program. Art Lucero discussed the desk side recycling and trash collection program which included providing the campus service schedule by buildings. The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2017, and we coordinating a room in Jett Hall.
Campus Beautification
Grounds personnel have been focusing on beautifying Arrowhead Drive. This week the crew has been trimming trees and bushes in the median, weed removal, and applying pre-emergent herbicide to help minimize weed maintenance in the future. The team is dedicated to improving the appearance of campus and their dedication is greatly appreciated.