Collaboration and Outreach

Pat Chavez, Director of Plant Operations and Utilities, and joni newcomer, Sustainability Manager, were judges representing Facilities and Services on the 2017 NMSU Sustainability Design Challenge panel held November 3, 2017. The judges were able to see ideas and presentations from a bright group of students. At the end of the event, all of the participants were encouraged to advance their projects and work with The Aggie Innovation Space, teachers, Capstone Projects, etc., to ensure their ideas and solutions involving sustainability become something more than just an "idea."

Regional Leadership Conference

The Residence Hall Association sponsored a group of 15 campus residents to attend the Regional Leadership Conference for the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls. The student-run conference took place November 3-6 at the University of New Mexico and students attended leadership development, programming, and legislative sessions. The delegates learned valuable leadership skills and returned home motivated to make a positive impact on their campus communities.

Operations Outreach

Mark Blachford, Plant Operations Supervisor, and the staff of the Central Utility Plant conducted a tour of the facility for the ME445 lab sessions. Fifty-six students participated in the tours during seven separate sessions throughout the week. They were able to see a real-life application of the concepts they have been studying within the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department.

Eating Healthy

Sodexo Campus Dining partnered with NMSU Housing and Residential Life to educate students about healthy campus dining options. The Sodexo marketing team set up an information table in the lobby of Garcia Hall from 3 - 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6. The team engaged students with free food samples of hearty beef vegetable soup and black bean cheese quesadillas, each representing Sodexo healthy "Mindful" recipes which are served every day at Taos Restaurant, NMSU's dining hall. The Sodexo staff also conversed with students about how to embrace a healthier lifestyle and gave out information about how to take advantage of Sodexo's Mindful dining initiative.

NMSU Students test Virtual Desktop Interface (VDI) technology in Knox Hall computer lab

In late October, NMSU students helped ICT Student Technology and Planning department test VDI technology that will be deployed in select NMSU Las Campus Locations. Students were asked to perform a list of tasks on Knox Hall VDI terminals and report their findings. The virtual technology replaces the desktop computers in the lab by moving the computing technology from the desktop into servers located in the Computer Center. The student testing is essential to the deployment as it ensures that the VDI solution is efficient and effective for the university.
Environmental Health & Safety Laboratory Safety Refresher
Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) took Laboratory Safety Refresher training to four department locations where 395 participants attended and received credit to meet compliance requirements. EH&S just released new online research safety training courses to facilitate research and academic laboratory safety.

Ron Flores is awarded the Golden Scooper
The Golden Scooper is awarded to the ICT staff member who, through course of action, best represents those attributes of Shaun “Scooper” Cooper: leadership, fellowship, mentorship, integrity, intelligence, humor, ingenuity and a knack for mischief. Ron Flores, the Help Desk Supervisor, who was selected by the most recent holder of the Golden Scooper, perfectly represents these traits. The Golden Scooper is kept for a maximum of three months and a minimum of one month before being passed on to the next deserving Scooper recipient.