Housing Recycling Bins
This week, Housing & Residential Life encouraged students living in Chamisa Village apartments to recycle by delivering recycling bins to each apartment (about 250 in total). This kicked off a series of sustainability and recycling programs in Chamisa. In a spring 2017 survey, we learned that sustainability education is a significant factor influencing overall satisfaction and student learning for our apartment community residents. To meet this important need, we are offering a variety of programs designed to educate residents about sustainable living in campus housing.

System Support
The Structural Maintenance and Mechanical Shops performed repairs on the condensate return line at NMDA. This repair required excavating a portion of the parking lot. Representatives from Environmental Health & Safety provided guidance on the excavation to protect our personnel. The repair was completed and the excavation has been backfilled.

Carlos Lobato appointed NMSU’s Chief Privacy Officer
Carlos Lobato, NMSU IT Compliance Officer, has been appointed the University Chief Privacy Officer. Carlos has been leading the effort to ensure that NMSU complies with the federal and state data privacy regulations and laws. He will work with, and seek the assistance of, relevant entities around NMSU to develop appropriate rules and procedures as they relate to data privacy.

Facilities and Services Outreach
At the bi-monthly Building Monitors meeting was conducted this week. Representatives from Operations, Project Development & Engineering, and Sustainability spoke to 20 building monitors. The topics included a sustainability overview, Facilities Winter break projects, and room temperatures. It was an interactive meeting and the attendees asked many good questions. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2018.

Campus Beautification
Grounds performed the scheduled restoration of the landscaping in the Wooten Hall courtyard. The crew trimmed the trees and bushes, updated the irrigation system, replaced aging plants, power washed the walkways, and top dressed the gravel. This project was identified and managed by the supervisor for the west campus zone. This initiative demonstrates his commitment to providing an attractive campus for the students and community.