



Operations Welcomes New Mechanical Shop Supervisor

Facilities Operations welcomes Mark Blachford as the new Mechanical Shop Supervisor. He started his career at NMSU in the Mechanical Shop as an HVAC Technician in 2002. During his tenure, he advanced through the ranks to become an HVAC Mechanic Lead then Supervisor of Plant Operations in 2014. Mark is also a graduate of [ALTA](#). On December 1, 2017 he returned to the Mechanical Shop as the Supervisor. Graduations on your promotion.

NMTIE Conference held Nov. 15-17 in Albuquerque:

New Mexico State University continues to maintain a strong presence at the Annual New Mexico Technology in Education (NMTIE) Conference. Norma Grijalva, CIO, along with other ICT staff and research faculty from NMSU, attended this year's conference where IT professionals working in educational institutions across New Mexico, from kindergarten through higher education, come together to discuss issues affecting access to technology across the state. Each year, ICT interacts with New Mexico's various technology service providers and shares lessons learned with colleagues. ICT's Student Technology and Planning students Eli Ramos and Tiersa Cisneros, along with manager, Araceli Hernandez, presented on the Chat Feature their department has been piloting on their websites this semester. Also, Robert Kelly and Matt Henderson, from ICT System Administration, participated in the poster session with a poster about NMSU's Virtual Desktop Infrastructure.

Finals Week at Corbett Center Student Union

Corbett Center partnered with ASNMSU to host a study break event this week (Monday-Friday) called "Chill Out before You Fill Out" with a nap station, coffee & tea station, coloring station, and DIY stress balls in the Rio Grande Room. Information Desk staff handed out bubble wrap squares and Smarties candy as stress busters throughout the week. Therapy Dogs International was here Tuesday from 2pm-4pm in the Aggie Lounge. Late Night Finals Breakfast was held in Taos Restaurant on Tuesday night. Over 800 students attended along with Striking the Wonder Dog!



Operations Supports Graduation

Facilities Operations shops have been preparing campus for graduation on December 9, 2017. Grounds shop personnel have been hanging banners and cleaning campus to make it a memorable day. Facilities Maintenance Shops have been setting up tables and chairs for commencement events. Custodial crews have been performing extra cleaning duties in the buildings to make it shine for the special day.

Celebrating ICT Students and Staff

In honor of all the work that ICT student and staff employees do, ICT hosted its annual appreciation luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 29th. The purpose is to recognize and reward staff for the amazing things they do, especially providing great support to ICT and the university community. More than 100 people attended the luncheon.

Discounts at the Golf Course

The NMSU Golf Course is proud to announce the launch of the Faculty/Staff discount card which offers great discounts in the restaurant, on merchandise, green fees and the driving range. We have already distributed 500 discount cards and we will continue to deliver discount cards to departments/colleges in the upcoming weeks. You can always stop by the Golf Course to pick up your discount card. The Pro Shop is a great place to shop for the Aggie on your Christmas list. With the Faculty/Staff discount card you will receive 10% off all regular priced merchandise or you can add a LOGO hat for ONLY \$15 with the purchase of a regular priced polo or outerwear. We also offer gift certificates and we will be running various promotions throughout the holiday shopping season!

Facilities and Services Winter Workforce Meeting

Chancellor Carruthers, Administration and Finance Senior Vice President Burke and over 300 staff attended Facilities and Services (FS) Winter Workforce meeting on December 4, 2017. FS gave Chancellor Carruthers a standing ovation for his support over the years. Dr. Lauri Millot presented on “Merging Lanes and Grocery Carts.” At the meeting, FS honored 2 individuals for 20 years of service, 16 people for 10 years of service and 14 people for 5 years of service. FS also celebrated the 19 people who were promoted this year. FS had many successes and here is a year in pictures of some of the things we did and it’s best played in Google Chrome: https://prezi.com/qzmopz6t3bjq/2017-year-in-pictures/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy.

Utilities Preventive Maintenance

Utilities and Structural Maintenance shops have been performing preventive maintenance on the campus sewer system. They have contracted a local vendor to perform maintenance on the sewer lift stations. A crew was dedicated to replacing sewer manhole covers to prevent infiltration at the manhole. This prevents storm water from entering the system and directs it to the campus retention ponds which reduces our sewer bill.

