



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### ***EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE***

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS! FELICIDADES!**

\*Congratulations and Farewell to Carmen Kottong, Dean's Office. Carmen has accepted an Administrative Assistant position in the Provost Office. Carmen's last day with the College of Education is October 12, 2005. There will be a "going away" reception for Carmen on Wednesday, October 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the O'Donnell Hall lobby. Stop by and wish her well!

#### **DEVELOPMENT HAPPENINGS...**

*Pat Conn, Assistant Dean for Advancement*

#### **Recent Gifts:**

1. A major gift of \$70,000 from Arturo and Maria Elena Jurado to name the Children's Village Playground "Our Playground, Nuestro Patio de Recreo" in honor of Maria Elena's contribution to education and passion for children.

2. Virginia Foltz's gift to enhance the *Foltz Family Endowment* for student teachers in the department of Curriculum and Instruction.

3. Dr. Leonard Sugarman's gift of \$1,500 to build the *Endowment of Margie Estell* for scholarships in Counseling and Education Psychology.

4. A grant from the Target Foundation of \$3,000 to the Dance Program - *Viva La Danza*.

5. A gift from Robert Langford to the *Wendy and Travis Traylor Scholarship*.

6. A pledge gift from Jose Uranga to the *Jose and Joan Uranga Endowed Scholarship* in the department of Curriculum and Instruction.

7. A pledge gift from Dean Moulton to the Children's Village.

8. A gift of \$5,000 from Drs. Malcolm and Rega Stewart to the *Marie Palm Stewart Endowed Scholarship Fund*.

9. Ongoing payroll deductions of Faculty and staff to the various departments in the College of Education.

#### **Recent Events/Visits:**

- Salt Lake City - meeting and thank you to Jake Hill.
- Sam Bone - meeting and invitation to be on the Board of Advocates.
- Visits with Barbara Bencomo, Liz Marrufo, Lucille Getz, for Student Teaching Scholarships.
- September 12 met with Geri Romero-Roybal, Mel Morgan, Phil Knight, Brenda Vigil.
- Meeting with *Aggies for Kids*: Jan Martin, Olivia Ogas, Eula Fern Thompson, Frances Stevens, Ann Clark, Julie Hughes, Robert Peterson to design the Children's Village Open House.
- Working with Joel Granger ('98) Outstanding Senior Alum from the College of Education.
- Met with Jim Reed from Intel, thanking him for extending the offer of a grant to SEMAA-Dr. Susan Brown.
- Meeting with Judge Larry Ramerize Executive President of the Board of Advocates.
- Met with General Motors along with Laura Lomas to tour the SEMAA Lab.
- September 26 – Dr. Stout, Dr. Rhodes, Dr. Farmer led the tour for *Sertoma*-- David Montgomery, Charles Widgens, Mike Martinez to thank them for the very generous gifts to the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

#### **Upcoming Events/Appointments:**

- October 12 and 13 visit to Carlsbad and Hobbs working with Alumni.
- Student Ambassador meeting on Friday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. with Dr. Savage. Assignments for calling donors and alums and scheduling Homecoming events.
- October 14 lunch with Drs. Stout, Farmer, Rhodes and invited guests of Direct Service Therapy: Able Covarrubias, Bryan Tierney, and Danny

Palma (Alums for the Communication Disorders Program).

- October 17 meeting with *Aggies for Kids* to plan Open House dedication ceremony.
- Monday, October 31 College of Education Board of Advocates meeting.

### **November Tentative Schedule:**

- Friends of Dance Board Meeting
- Sertoma Lunch
- November 9 visits in Albuquerque and Santa Fe with Dr. Smokie Wetherbee and Dr. Bettye Bobroff.

\*Please let us know if you have alumni or donors whom you would like us to visit.

### **UPCOMING HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES**

Theme: *Aggies Around the World*

- Oct. 27 - Danny Villanueva Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the CC-Ballrooms. Henry Cisneros, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will speak at the Fifth Annual Danny Villanueva Scholarship Breakfast.
- Oct. 28 – CoE Distinguished Alumni Reception at 2:00 p.m., OH Patio.
- Oct. 28 – Children’s Village Open House at 4:00 p.m., Children’s Village.
- Oct 28 – CoE Distinguished Alumni Dinner at 6:00 p.m., CC-NM Room. By invitation only.
- Oct. 29 – Vaughn Corley Outdoor Recreation Center dedication at 1:00 p.m., Activities Center Room 101. Mr. Vaughn Corley was the father of the NMSU Intramural program.
- Oct. 31 – Board of Advocates meeting, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse.

### **HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS... COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (CEP)**

\*Luis Vazquez, head of the Counseling and Educational Psychology Department in the College of Education,

was awarded a Presidential Citation in August at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association (APA). APA President Ronald F. Levant presented the award at Levant's session on *Initiatives in Diversity*. Levant recognized Vazquez for his "visionary, creative and courageous leadership in planning, coordinating and implementing the 2005 Multicultural Summit."

\*At this year’s American Psychological Association convention in Washington, D.C. Kelsie Foster, a second year Doctoral student in Counseling Educational Psychology (CEP), attended an all day workshop on national advocacy and lobbyist training. The purpose of the training was to prepare the participants to lobby members of Congress about the value of psychology and to learn how to gain federal support for legislative initiatives of importance to the field of psychology. Kelsie had the opportunity to advocate for the Health Disparities Legislation via the Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act, by traveling to Capitol Hill and meeting with legislative staff from Senator Domenici’s and Senator Bingaman’s offices. She was also able to send a personal “thank you” to the senators from the CEP department for their support of the HRSA grant that the department received two years ago. She extended an invitation to each senator to visit CEP the next time they are in Las Cruces. Kelsie was thrilled to walk through the Senate building past the offices of senators that she has admired. It was an opportunity to learn, network and become more informed regarding the specifics of advocacy and lobbying. It is a process that she hopes to participate again in the future.

Also at the APA Conference, Drs. Eve Adams and Michael Waldo participated in a symposium titled, “*A Social Justice Perspective on Prevention.*” Dr. Adams presented a paper titled, “Using a social justice approach to prevent the mental health consequences of heterosexism,” and Dr. Waldo was a discussant.

## **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION (C&I)**

\*The Dove Learning Center has received a letter of award for the second year of funding (\$150,000) for Proyecto Avanzar: Head Start Hispanic Latino Service Partnership. The purpose of this grant is to support Head Start staff in degree completion at the AA and Bachelor's degree levels. PIs are: Drs. Nancy Baptiste, Huerta-Charles, and Reyes.

## **EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER**

\*The Southern New Mexico Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy received an award from the national NASA SEMAA office. The academy, one of 24 in the country, received the award "for achievement of high leverage and sustainability of the NASA SEMAA program through intrinsic design and the development of local, regional and national partners."

\*New Mexico State University is part of a new \$15 Million five-year Department of Education grant lead by Ohio State. NMSU will receive \$1.25 Million over the next five years to develop learning games and simulations for new technologies. Our efforts, lead by the College of Education, will focus on mathematics games for the i-pod and is a partnership with Ag Communications (Barbara Chamberlin), the NASA digital media lab (Harry Schulte), the department for mathematical sciences ( Ted Stanford) and the Public Education Department (Ferdinand Serim and Claudia Ahlstrom). The director for the New Mexico project is Karin Wiburg and the project will be coordinated by Rocio Benedicto. Other groups involved include the University of Kansas and several businesses including Apple and Quantum Technologies.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION & DANCE**

\*Joe Berning presented a poster with original data (pilot study) on the *Acute Effects of Functional Isometric Squatting* at the Fifth

Annual URC Research and Creative Activities Fair held in conjunction with the annual New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (New Mexico AMP) Undergraduate Student Research Conference, on Friday October 7, 2005 in the Corbett Center. The research investigates how three seconds of high intensity activity followed by 4 and 5 minutes of rest can cause a super stimulation on the nervous system leading to enhanced power output. This type of research provides insight into potential acute enhancement of physical performance.

\*Body Fat? One of several studies currently being conducted by Joe Berning at the Exercise Physiology Lab is investigating body composition and self perception of body composition. We are currently seeking interested participants who would like to learn more about their body (fat and lean body mass) using the hydrostatic weighing technique. This technique is considered to be the "gold standard" for body composition analysis providing the most accurate results. All testing is done in private and all results are immediate and confidential. The entire process takes about 30 minutes and visits are by appointment only. There are no fees for this research. If you are interested please contact Joe Berning at 646-3660 for details.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**

\*At its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sertoma Club of Las Cruces presented NMSU a check for \$5000 to support the activities of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Drs. Steve Farmer, Connie Stout, Robert Rhodes, and Nina Flores (representing the NMSU Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association) accepted the check on behalf of NMSU and thanked Sertoma for its continued commitment to the needs of individuals with speech-language-hearing problems.

\*Jozi De Leon has been named to the post of Deputy Secretary for Academic Affairs, Research and Planning in the New

Mexico Higher Education Department. Although Jozi has been the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at NMSU for the past few years, she is a Professor and former Department Head of the SPED/CD department. The SPED/CD faculty and staff honored Jozi at a luncheon on October 6.

\*Recent publications for Robert Rhodes include: Ochoa, S. H., & Rhodes, R. L. (2005). Assisting parents of bilingual students to achieve equity in public schools. *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*, 16 (1&2), 75-94.

Hess, R., & Rhodes, R. L. (2005). Providing neuropsychological services to culturally and linguistically diverse learners. In R. C. D'Amato, E. Fletcher-Janzen, & C. R. Reynolds (Eds), *Handbook of school neuropsychology*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.



Support Staff meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 11:30 a.m. SPED/CD conference room 243. Dean's Office is hosting lunch.

With Carmen leaving, the Support Staff Board will be short one officer. Please step up to the plate and volunteer.



Submissions: The electronic newsletter is released within the first week of each month. Deadline for submission is the last week of the previous month. Email submissions to [iquinone@nmsu.edu](mailto:iquinone@nmsu.edu) or by mail to: MSC 3AC

BOSSSES DAY IS BEING CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005. FOLLOWING IS A LITTLE HISTORY FYI...

## National Bosses Day

Patricia Haroski, a secretary originally from Deerfield, IL originated *National Boss Day* in 1958. "I had worked for a large company and noticed that they never had a regular date set to pay tribute to our bosses," Haroski wrote in 1970. "I made inquiries, and through my network of secretaries, decided to establish a day in their honor. Reflecting on how my father had helped his white-collar daughters and sons many times with their problems concerning their work, I decided to register his birthday, October 16, as 'The Day.' In 1958, I gave it some authority by registering October 16 as National Boss Day with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In 1962, Illinois Governor Otto Kerner proclaimed the day. This observance is fun for our bosses, and they do a lot of smiling that day."

*Note: Since October 16 falls on a Sunday in 2005, it is suggested that the event be observed in workplaces either Friday, October 14 or Monday, October 17.*

Common observances of National Boss Day (aka "Bosses Day") include giving a greeting card, gift, or some other token of appreciation to the "boss" (managers, supervisors or executives). Some organizations hold group activities such as executive appreciation events or boss-of-the-year presentations.

THANK YOU, BOSSES!!!

