



The Social Buzz



School of Social Work

October 2- October 8, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Can you believe we're already approaching the midpoint of the semester? Time flies when you're... juggling readings, practicums, and life, right? And for those of you wrapping up your first mini-mester next week—congratulations, you're almost there!

Don't forget your success matters to us. Whether you're thriving or hitting a rough patch, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your faculty, our fantastic academic advisor Martin Arvizuo, or your faculty advisor are all here and ready to support you. Seriously—we've got resources, we've got your back, and we're invested in helping you cross that finish line strong.

Here's where you come in: Your voice shapes our program. Course evaluations aren't just busy work—they're how we learn what's working and what needs tweaking to make this the best social work education possible. Take a few minutes to fill them out. We're listening.

And hey, my door (virtual or otherwise) is always open. Got thoughts, concerns, or ideas? I want to hear them.

Here's to crushing the second half of the semester—and to temperatures that don't make us question our life choices every time we walk to class. ☀️



You've got this!

Mary Nienow

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director





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Transformative Political + Social Work Education Group



TPSWE
Group

Join a student-led initiative reimagining political & social work education from a place-based lens!

Through student-facilitated conversations with local collective impact and policy leaders to supplemental readings on political social work and critical pedagogy, undergraduate students will have an opportunity this fall to co-create a shared understanding of how to use education as a transformative tool for system-level change and leadership preparation.

What to expect:



Benefits:

<p>Social Work Students: Priority consideration for UConn's 2026 Campaign School of Social Workers funding</p>	<p>Political Science Students: <i>Extra credit</i> opportunities in select Fall 2025 courses</p>	<p>Supplim-ental Reading</p>	<p>Guest Speakers including... Johana Bencomo, MSW NMSU Social Work/ Government Alum & Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem</p>
		<p>Reflective Dialouge</p>	<p>Collective Knowledge Building</p>

Get Involved! First Gathering Tomorrow (10/01)!

From October 1st through October 24th, convening at least once per week, be a critical partner in reimagining our education while networking with local change agents.

Welcome & Question Workshop:

- **Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 | 6PM - 7:30PM
- **Location (On-Campus):** NMSU Health and Human Services (HHS), Room 219
- **Overview:** Group introductions, team activity, and question workshop and assignment for upcoming panel and roundtable. Snacks provided!

For questions or concerns, please contact this project's coordinator, Andrés Uribe, at andresu2@nmsu.edu.





SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

School of Social Work | DSJ Committee



Celebrate Pride With Us

Join the School of Social Work this Saturday
on the Plaza de Las Cruces for the 2025
Southern NM Pride Celebration!

Visit the SSW table (across from Little Toad)
and say hello to your classmates and faculty!

CLICK HERE

Saturday 10/4



Pride Parade: 4pm - 5pm
Pride on the Plaza: 5pm - 10pm



More Info: snmpride.org



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Social Work Students: Your Voice Matters!

Listening Session

Come share your voice and discuss opportunities to advocate for change in the School of Social Work!

Scan the QR code to join our Zoom!

Zoom link:

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/8643038801>



CLICK HERE



**Tuesday, Oct.
7th, 2025**

**6:00 pm -
7:00 pm**





GSSWA

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom link on GSSWA Canvas page
(November Meeting is tentative)



Let's Connect!



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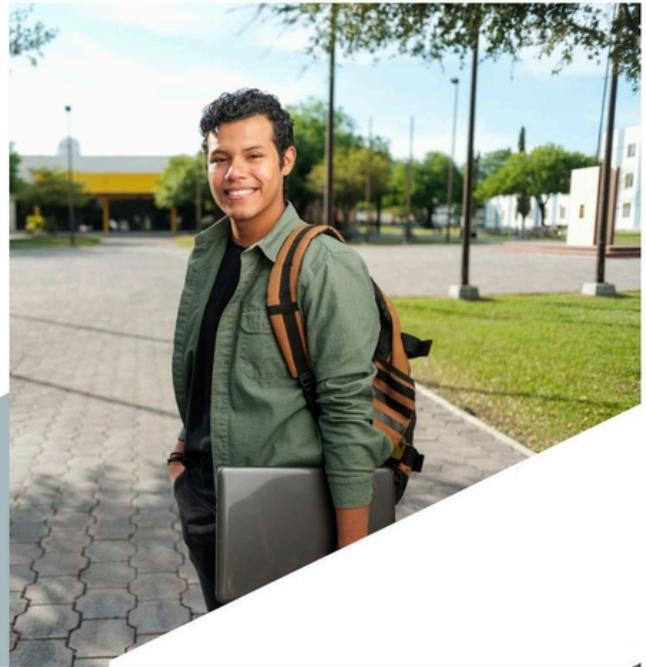


[gsswa.nmsu](https://www.instagram.com/gsswa.nmsu)





Child Welfare Scholar Program Information Session



Scholar Benefits

- ✓ No-cost professional licensure preparation for scholars.
- ✓ Opportunities to network, participate and present at state and national conferences.
- ✓ Specialized coursework and training in the field of child welfare.
- ✓ Opportunities to network and collaborate with a wide variety of community organizations.
- ✓ Invaluable experience in the field of foster and adoptive care.



Join Us

October 17th, 2025
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 0395 4488

Contact Erica Tontodonati
for more information

 575-646-5711





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ABQ-BASED
SOCIAL

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17

6 - 8 PM

DWTR

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1ST 2-DAY SEMINAR

Friday, 1/23/26
&
Saturday, 1/24/26
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dissemination Session:
Saturday, 2/14/26
9:00 am - 11:00 pm

2ND 2-DAY SEMINAR

Friday, 2/20/26
&
Saturday, 2/21/26
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dissemination Session:
Saturday, 3/7/26
9:00 am - 11:00 pm

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3RD 2-DAY SEMINAR

Friday, 4/17/26
&
Saturday, 4/18/26
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dissemination Session:
Saturday, 5/2/26
9:00 am - 11:00 pm

4TH 2-DAY SEMINAR

Friday, 6/12/26
&
Saturday, 6/13/26
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dissemination Session:
Saturday, 6/27/26
9:00 am - 11:00 pm

CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM





NMSU ANNOUNCEMENT



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College of Health, Education
and Social Transformation

Scholarship Information AY2026-2027



Scholar
Dollar\$



Apply Today!

New Mexico State University's College of HEST would like to remind you that the online application for scholarships is **available now**.

APPLY TODAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY!



TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS visit
scholarships.nmsu.edu

APPLY TODAY

***Priority deadline is March 1st, 2026.** Applicants who submit their applications before this date will be given first consideration.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT FINANCIAL AID &
SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE!**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

College of HEST Scholarship Coordinator:
Sapphira Garner, email: sfgarner@nmsu.edu





ART AND RESEARCH STUDY GROUP

Cut, Paste, Resist: Zines for Reflection



Adriana Cárdenas
PhD candidate at New Mexico State University

This virtual session explores how zines serve as liberatory tools for researchers and educators working at the intersection of language, identity, and critical reflection.

Adriana shares how zine-making can function as a decolonial and arts-based research method, one that centers lived experience, invites vulnerability and joy.



<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/81518441461>

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD

11:30 AM - 1:00PM
MOUNTAIN STANDARD
TIME

Materials You Can Bring:

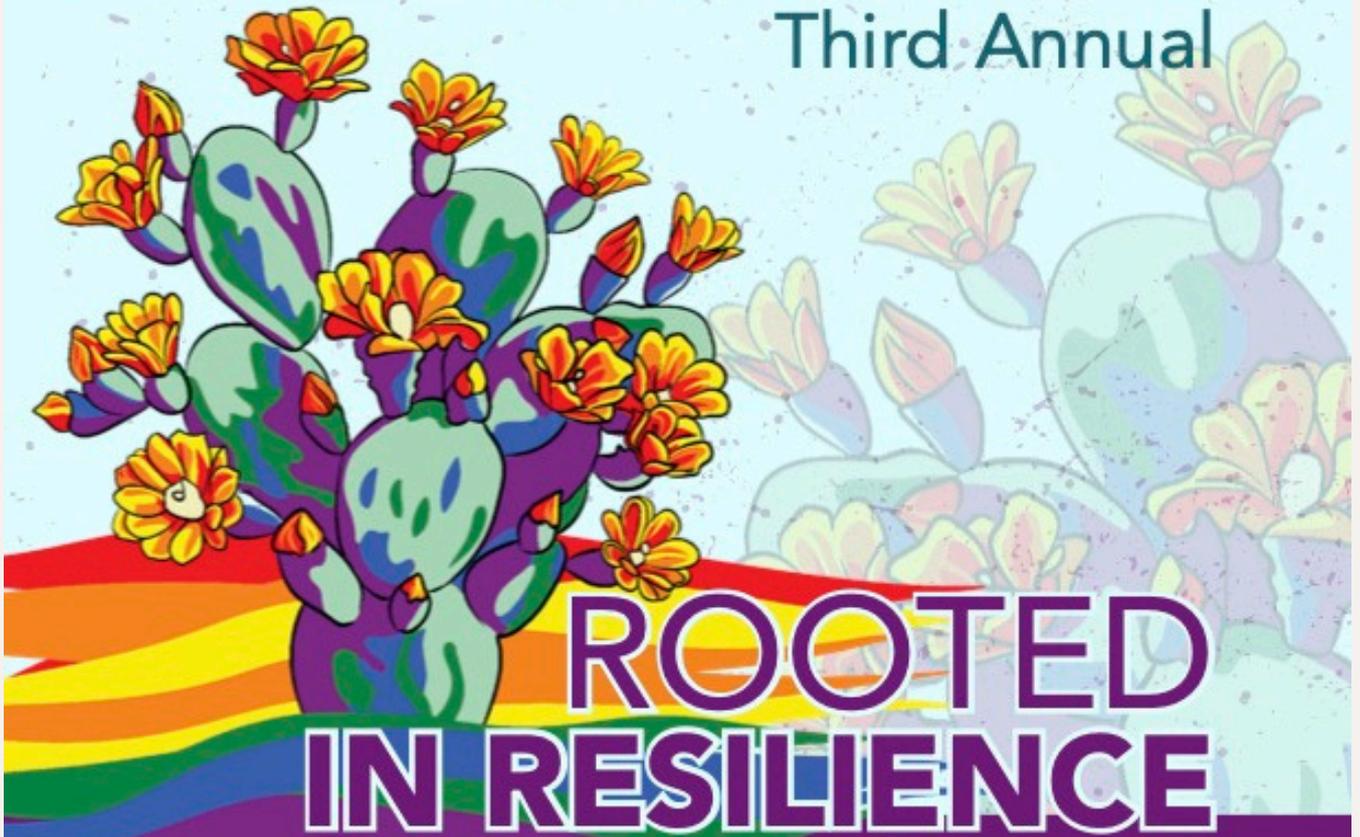
- Magazines
- Old books or newspapers
- Scrap paper, cardboard, or envelopes
- Markers, pens, colored pencils
- Scissors & glue sticks
- Watercolors, stickers, washi tape—anything goes!





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

LAS CRUCES PRIDE PARADE 2025 Third Annual



ROOTED IN RESILIENCE

Downtown Main St. Las Cruces
Saturday, October 4th 4:00 PM



Participant
Sign up



Volunteer
Application

CLICK HERE



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



**Registration
Open!**

A Conference for Mental Health Heroes

Join us for a 3-day training experience like no other — where counseling, play therapy, ethics, culture, and advocacy collide. Whether you're a clinician, supervisor, or systems-level superhero, SITH offers connection, creativity, and a call to action.

- ✦ Courtroom simulations
- ✦ Cultural humility workshops
- ✦ Self-of-the-therapist reflection
- ✦ An absolutely ridiculous game called Dodge the Subpoena

📅 Save the date. Sharpen your lightsabers. Bring your ethical cape.

THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Blue Door Venue
Mesilla, NM 

What We Offer

Up to 17 CEs available

Lunch included

A conference like no other

Learn More

Click Here

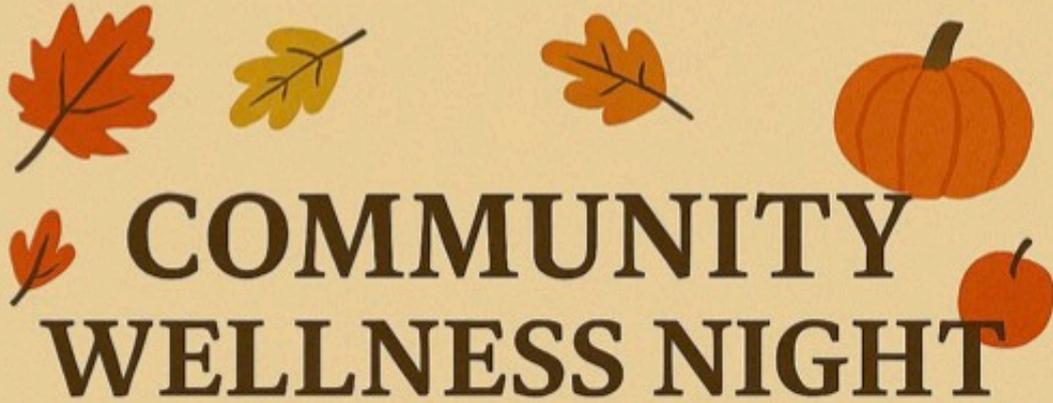


www.anewhopeacademy.org/sith25





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



COMMUNITY WELLNESS NIGHT

Fall into Wellness

Hosted by LCPS Physical Education
Department & Athletics Department

 Wednesday, October 22

 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

 FOD Baseball Complex

VENDOR REGISTRATION

- Bring your own table, chairs, and tent
- Provide an interactive game or activity
- Setup begins at 3:30 PM

Scan to
Register

REGISTER





SW FACULTY RECOGNITION

Welcome back students! Last Spring we launched a **Faculty Recognition program**. We are excited to continue recognizing faculty this year. If there is an instructor/advisor/administrator who has helped you during your time at NMSU, consider nominating them for this honor. Please scan the QR code or click link below to vote!

CLICK HERE

Outstanding Faculty Recognition Form





SW STUDENT PEER SUPPORT

How SW Student Peer Support can Help!



Emotional Support

With the most current events and changes, we are here to listen to your concerns, provide a safe space for all thoughts and feelings, and offer coping strategies. You are not alone, and we are in this together!



Academic Support

We are students too, and we want to share our knowledge and tips to help you all succeed as you navigate the Social Work Program and develop the skills and confidence throughout your journey



Professional Development

We can help you with all inquiries regarding resume building, filling out applications, interview preparation, career planning, skill development, and networking opportunities



Community Building

We strive to create an inclusive and welcoming environment where students can build meaningful connections with their peers through social events, meet & greets, and collaborative learning experiences



Scan here to make an appointment with us:



We hope to connect with you!





OFFICE HOURS

Monday
5 PM - 7 PM

Tuesday
7 AM - 9 AM / 5 PM - 8 PM

Wednesday
7 AM - 9 AM

Thursday
7 AM - 9 AM / 5 PM - 8 PM

Friday
7 AM - 9 AM / 1 PM - 7 PM

Can't meet at these times? Schedule an appointment using our QR code!

Office Location:

HSS Building, 2nd floor, room 201

Zoom Link:

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/831912592>

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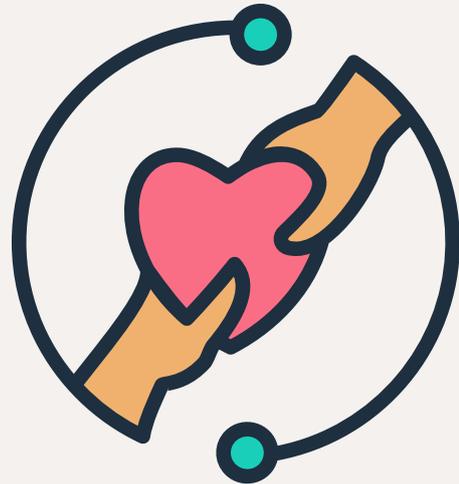
SW CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Careers & Opportunities webpage dedicated to connecting you with meaningful job openings. From roles within NMSU to opportunities in the broader community, this page is designed to help you find positions that align with your passion and expertise. Visit the page to explore the latest listings and take the next step in your career!



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Stay tuned for the latest updates, stories, and highlights from the School of Social Work!

In next week's edition, we'll bring you:

- Spotlights on Recent Achievements
- Upcoming Events and Workshops
- Student and Faculty Features
- Useful Resources and Tips

Got something to share or a question to ask?

Feel free to reach out to us:

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We'd love to hear from you and feature your news in our next issue!

