

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

April 16- April 22, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Celebrate Spring!

This Friday is a University spring holiday. I hope all of you will take a few moments for yourselves to do something fun. Your faculty have been talking a lot lately about ways we are taking care of ourselves (so we can take care of YOU) and I was really inspired by some of their ideas. While hot baths and massages are popular, other, less obvious, ways of disconnecting and recharging can really help improve your mood, attitude, and mindset.

Some of these include:

- Taking a COLD shower until you can regulate your breathing
- Spend time in nature (without your phone!)
- Take an electronics sabbatical (even for a few hours)
- Allow yourself a set amount of time to read/watch the news and doomscroll, but then stop after the time is over
- Give yourself space to grieve, scream, rage, cry over all the hurt you and the world are experiencing
- Bike, walk, hike, swim
- Dance in your living room
- Call (yes on the phone!) someone you love
- Take a nap
- Laugh
- Meditate
- Read (for FUN)
- Create: Draw, paint, color, garden

Remember, this is not a "to do" list. It isn't meant to make you feel like you SHOULD be doing all these things but rather offers ways to find some joy and take a break from all the stressors of daily life.

I wish you all an amazing spring holiday and look forward to hearing how you rejuvenated your mind, body and spirit!



Dr. Mary Nienow, Director





I wanted to take this opportunity and share with you, the “Lovely Welcome Sign” SWK Student Intern “Aubri Block” did for our program “FREEHAND” No tracing whatsoever!!!

Talk about her talents 😊 This is NOT the only signs she has done for events, (She did two for Hatch events, and the one for the Pride Day Event)

Aside from the above-mentioned talents she assisted us with follow-up “tracking” (She was assigned to track 25 students, after they successfully completed the program and submit those reports for end of the month billing.)

Has co-facilitated both TIPP And Positive Action classes/ She had the opportunity to start the first T.I.P.P classes with me (The only program in the state that has developed a program to specifically address youth who are charged with Battery Against a Household member, And see the first class graduate with a group that had 100% attendance, the participants of the first class NEVER missed a class in their 12 required classes



Aubri was also certified on the Positive Action Model as a Facilitator.

She has served as an advocate with families in assisting one family in understanding IEP’s and being a support and attending those meeting with mother as per her request

And advocating for another family, in hope that youth was provided opportunity to not get Long-Term Suspension and attending with them the hearing as a moral support for him and family.

She also engaged youth in the importance of Community Engagement, Teaching the difference between” Sympathy and Empathy” in a class she co-facilitated.

And she will be facilitating a class with TIPP boys’ class, on the topic of “ Checking in with our Feelings” and “Intimidation”.

In closing help, me give “Aubri” a HUGE, KUDOS Applause with Sincere Appreciation, for her contributions to our program.



-Practicum Instructor-Supervisor, Pat Acosta from the City of Las Cruces, Youth Development & Diversion Program





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The School of Social Work at New Mexico State University is hiring a Lead Academic Advisor. This full-time position is responsible for providing academic advisement, evaluating transcripts, assisting with curriculum planning, and supporting recruitment and retention efforts for Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advise prospective, current, and former students.
- Review transcripts and transfer credits.
- Support student retention and success initiatives.
- Participate in recruitment and orientation activities.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in a related field.
- 3 years of relevant experience.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.



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MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR MSW PRACTICUM STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO BE IN FALL/SPRING 2025-26 PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

Welcome MSW Practicum Students,

We are reaching out to invite you to attend a mandatory orientation for your upcoming practicum placement for Fall/Spring 2025-26. This orientation is a crucial step in ensuring that you are prepared for your practicum and able to move forward with the placement process.

During the orientation, we will cover important details, including:

1. Instructions for purchasing Tevera, the platform used for practicum management
2. The process to begin your practicum placement
3. Information about your practicum coordinator

Please note that attendance is required in order to gain access to NMSU's full list of approved practicum agencies. *Without attending an orientation session, you will not be able to proceed with securing your placement for Fall 2025.*

If you are unable to attend the scheduled orientation, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss alternate arrangements. Failure to attend could delay or hinder your ability to obtain a practicum placement.

Please register for only one orientation, by clicking the zoom link below for MSW Students. All students need to attend one orientation.

Thursday April 17, 2025 12:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/5TCDwNdhTfetXdJpSdklBw>

Monday April 21, 2025 5:30pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/KtuPhWq9T_OdptS7eMXIWQ

We look forward to your participation in the orientation and are here to assist with any questions you may have.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BSW AND MSW STUDENTS GOING INTO PRACTICUM FALL 2025

Dear Students,

As you prepare for your upcoming practicum, please make sure the following steps are completed by **May 1, 2025**:

1. **Purchase Tevera** and complete the site placement process.
2. **Attend a Practicum Orientation** with the Practicum Team.
3. **Secure your practicum placement.**

If you haven't completed one or more of these steps, please reach out to the Practicum Team as soon as possible. **Please note:** *Students who do not complete all three requirements by the deadline will not be eligible to begin practicum in **Fall 2025**.*

We're here to support you through the process—don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions!

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🎓 Student Volunteers Needed Pinning & Hooding Ceremony 🎓

We're looking for 10–12 student volunteers to assist with our upcoming Pinning and Hooding Ceremony! This is a great opportunity to get involved, support your fellow graduates, and be part of a meaningful tradition.

Volunteer Duties May Include:

- Assisting with guest seating
- Guiding graduates through the ceremony process
- Distributing programs and pins
- General event support

 Date: May 10th

 Location: ASNMSU Center for the Arts

 Time Commitment: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

If you're interested in helping out, please complete the short form below:

👉 [Sign Up HERE](#)

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you!

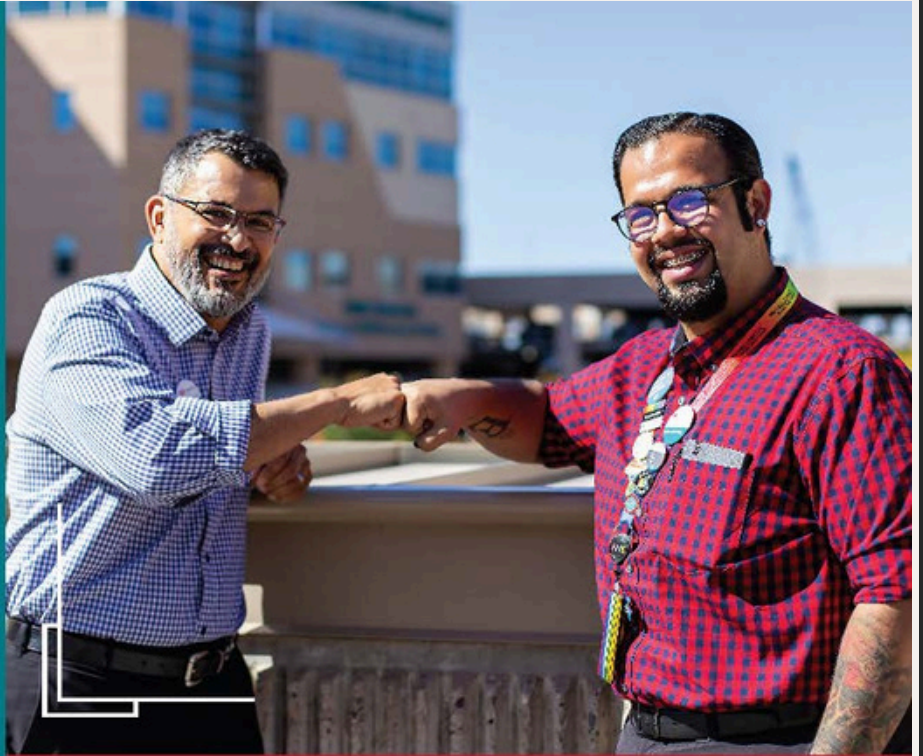




VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Inpatient Case Management

Gain insights and explore
career opportunities by
chatting with our Case
Management team!



Sign-On Bonuses Available!

Thursday, April 17

9 a.m. - Noon

Virtually via Radancy Events
(formerly Brazen Events)



**Click here or scan
QR Code above to RSVP**



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BSW and MSW Students!

The School of Social Work is hiring 3 College Assistant Professors and your input is VALUABLE! Join us for the student interviews of the finalists on the following dates and times:

Thursday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m.
Interviewee: Marisa Gonzalez

Monday, April 28th at 4:00 p.m.
Interviewee: Amanda Ortiz

Tuesday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.
Interviewee: Angelina Valdespino

Here is the zoom link:

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/4423658548>





We extend our sincere gratitude to all applicants for their interest in this year's state-sponsored practicum stipends. All selected recipients have been contacted directly via email. If you did not receive a notification, we regret to inform you that you were not selected for this cycle.

Thank you again for your time, effort, and interest. We encourage you to apply in the future and wish you continued success in your academic journey.

Maribel Tellez, BSW, MSW
Practicum Education Director





As we near the end of the semester, we are launching a Faculty Recognition program. If there is an instructor who has helped you during your time at NMSU, consider nominating them for this honor.

Please scan the QR code below to vote!

Outstanding Faculty Recognition Form





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Heathcare and Communication: Contexts and Communities

April 24, 2025



Dr. Maricel G. Santos
San Francisco State U

“Towards Linguistic Acceptance in Health Care: Who are the ‘good’ patients?”

May 1, 2025



Dr. Rachel Showstack
Wichita State U

“Partnerships for Health Care Access in Multilingual Contexts: Building Interdisciplinary and Community Coalitions for Structural Change”

May 15, 2025



Dr. Dalia Magaña
UC Merced

“Centering Latinas’ Breast Cancer Narratives to Enhance Linguistic and Cultural Proficiency in Healthcare”

May 29, 2025



Dae Romero, MA
New Mexico State U

“Navigating Communication through Empathy”

June 5, 2025



Francisco Ronquillo, PA, MA
UNM Health Sciences

“Innovations in Community-based Health Care”

All presentations
scheduled on Thursdays,
1:00-2:15 p.m. MDT
on Zoom

Registration (free) is
required to join
events in this series



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

EOP Short-Term Urban Project

Urban funding to support New Mexico School-Based Mental Health graduate students in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces is back! Qualified fields of study include social work, counseling, psychology, and applied behavior analysis. Licensure Reimbursement up to \$300 is also available for graduate students who have successfully obtained a license in social work, counseling, psychology, or applied behavior analysis within the past year.

Applications for the Urban EOP Academic Support, Practicum/Internship, and Licensure Reimbursement Stipends will open on March 3, 2025. Funding is limited and first come first served to qualified applicants. Applications will remain open until funding runs out or August 29, 2025 (whichever comes sooner).

EOP participants who have received rural funding and attested to work in a rural school are not eligible for urban funding.

For more information and to apply please visit the [NMEOP Urban Project Website](#).





Student Spotlight

We want to celebrate the incredible achievements and talents of our students! Whether it's for academic excellence, leadership, creativity, or any other noteworthy accomplishment, we'd love to hear about it. Students are welcome to self-nominate, or you can nominate a fellow student who deserves recognition. Please submit your nominations through the form below and help us spotlight the outstanding individuals in our community!





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!



Career Listings

Internal Opportunities (NMSU)

1. Please visit [NMSU's Career Website](#)
2. [Extension District/State Specialist/Behavioral Health, Cooperative Extension Service](#)
3. [Lead Academic Advisor, School of Social Work](#)

External Opportunities (Community)

1. The State of NM, Office of the Governor
 1. [Department of Finance & Administration–Project Manager: Prevention and Emergency Response Initiatives](#)
 2. [Department of Finance & Administration–Project Manager: Youth and Family Initiatives](#)
 3. [Executive Director for New Mexico Chapter of NASW](#)
 4. [Eight \(8\) Northern Indian Pueblo Council Career Opportunities](#)
 5. [ENIPC, INC. Behavioral Health Services](#)
 1. Therapist
 2. Clinical Supervisors
 6. [Contract Social Worker: University of New Mexico of Law Clinic](#)
 7. [Program Coordinator, Southwest Behavioral & Health Services](#)

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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!

