

February 12-February 18, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Community,

Given all that is swirling in our worlds, it is often difficult to remain centered and intentional in our day-to-day work. Our Diversity and Social Justice Committee has helped to remind me and our faculty of the core values we hold as social workers and members of a learning community. These values and our commitment to a safe, diverse, equitable and inclusive space for everyone are beautifully articulated in our Anti-Oppression Statement, which I share below. We are actively working to create more opportunities for our students to be informed of what is happening locally, nationally, and internationally, but also exploring how we can carve out time for us to be together and grapple with our feelings, thoughts and bodily experiences. Please be on the lookout for these events as we will post them in future Buzz editions. In the meantime, take good care of yourself and let us know how we can help you in this endeavor.

> Many Vienn Dr. Mary Nienow, Director









Anti-Oppression Statement

The NMSU School of Social Work is honored to be part of a land-grant, minority and Hispanic-Serving Institution located in the Borderlands that educates students from diverse cultures and lived experiences. Social work faculty and staff celebrate diversity and embrace the university's land acknowledgment statement. We also offers tribute to all Southwest laborers and Indigenous Peoples who have served as stewards of the lands occupied by New Mexico State University. We acknowledge and respect sovereign Indian Nations, Pueblos and Indigenous Peoples and pledge to have a meaningful and respectful relationship with them. Similarly, we recognize the value and contributions of all ethnic groups to the formation of the current New Mexican and American societies.



The School of Social Work stands firm in our commitment to resisting and challenging racism, oppression, and discrimination in all forms. We seek to advance social change and promote inclusion, standing firmly against attitudes and practices that harm our students, communities, and the broader society.



We are dedicated to the pursuit of equity, social justice, and human rights within the School of Social Work and beyond, so that every individual is valued, respected, and empowered. Recognizing the compounding impact of intersecting identities and systemic inequities, we prioritize addressing the unique challenges faced by marginalized and underserved populations.



We understand that systemic racism and white supremacy ideologies are still pervasive in the United States. The attitudes and behaviors associated with these often result in inequitable and unequal access to all the privileges and resources our society has to offer. These inequities in turn lead to health, economic and academic disparities and injustice. We have a moral and ethical obligation to promote social justice and eliminate all forms of oppression and discrimination so that every individual, and every ability, is valued, respected, and empowered.".

End of Statement













Bachelor Student Social Work Association (BSSWA) is an organization where we want to help you develop, practice, and improve your skills to help you become a professional, ethical, and well-rounded social worker. As the year progresses, the BSSWA will organize activities and events for all members to attend, whether for fundraising, community service, or a membership activity. These events will be posted in the announcements and collaborations. Finally, this is an organization to have support from and have fun times with your fellow social workers peers.

How to join: To be applicable to join the organization you need to be enrolled in the New Mexico State University School of Social Work as an undergraduate Social Work major or shall hold an enrolment as a Pre-Social Work major.

Becoming a member takes a few easy steps that include:

Attend at least one meeting

Pay initial membership dues.

Our upcoming events:

Members meeting
When: February 13, 2025
Where: HSS building room 218
Time: 6:30 PM

Flower Sale
When: February 14th , 2025
Where: I-Mall in front of Corbett
Time: 9 AM - 1:00 PM

Group me: We also have a group me in which we send updates and reminders about upcoming events/ meetings. If you would like to join in to see a little bit more of what is going on. Here is the link!!!

For further information on how to join or who we are you can contact our officers:

President Celia Acosta (575) 621-9936 cacosta0@nmsu.edu

Vice President Lyzbeth Pina (915) 803-8342 lyzbeth7@nmsu.edu

Secretary Maria Lazalde maria32@nmsu.edu

Treasurer Andres Uribe andresu2@nmsu.edu







Happy GRADUATION

Vote for your choice of guest speaker at our School of Social Work Pinning and Hooding Ceremony.

This individual can be a faculty or community member.



Or use the link below:

https://forms.office.com /r/re7yWEmASy

Questions?

Contact Avianna Amancio avi_99@nmsu.edu or Celia Acosta cacosta0@nmsu.edu









On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, the California Chapter of NASW-CA will be hosting an online town hall titled "Social Workers Unite: What's Next? Supporting Communities After The Wildfires. This webinar will bring together professionals who were on the ground responding to the wildfires, community leaders, and advocates to discuss numerous topics surrounding these recent events. **Participants will earn 2 free CEUs.**

This event will take place from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST (11:00 AM-1:00 PM PST)

You can click here to find out more information and register: <u>National Association of Social</u>
Workers - California

We hope that you will join us! About The Event:

The Los Angeles wildfires left a lasting impact on our communities, and while the flames may have subsided, the recovery journey continues. Social workers played a vital role in the immediate response, but now, we must focus on what comes next.

This webinar will bring together professionals who were on the ground, community leaders, and advocates to discuss:

Lessons learned from providing immediate support

✓ The long-term needs of affected communities

▼ The role of social workers in disaster recovery & advocacy

✓ How policy and politics are shaping the response

Join us for this critical conversation as we continue to unite for our communities.

7 Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025

(Line:11:00 am - 1:00 pm (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST)

₹ Location: Virtual

Thank you!

Kimberly Warmsley, LCSW Executive Director, NASW-CA Interim Executive Director NASW-NM







Make your Voice Heard



"LEGISLATIVE 101" Training

February 21, 1:00-2:00pm Mayor Pro Tem, MSW and Community Organizer Johana Bencomo https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83679570418

Join Faculty and Students for **SANA Day**

(Student Advocacy & Action) at the Legislature in Santa Fe Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Lunch Provided)

This free event is for students interested in learning about the NM legislative session, policy, advocacy and action! Students will have the opportunity to connect, see the legislative session in action, and participate in SANA and Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature activities. Notable speakers will present about policy, advocacy and community organizing. Lunch will be provided. *Practicum agencies are encouraged to consider providing credit to students for participating in this event.

For more information and

possible funding visit

bit.ly/register-SANA-day



For More Information Contact Mari Tellez Practicum Director at tellezm@nmsu.edu





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STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES

NMSU Police Department

(575)646-3311 police@nmsu.edu

SSW Peer Mentors

NMSU DACA





American Indian Program

(575)646-4207 amerid@nmsu.edu

Black Student Programs

(575)646-4208 blackpro@nmsu.edu

Border Servant Corps

(575)805-2832 info@bscnm.org

Children Thrive Action Network

Visit childrenthriveaction.org for more info

NMSU General Counsel

(575)646-2446 gencounsel@nmsu.edu In instances of raids or other executive order related incidents on NMSU Campus

NMSU Timely Care

(575)646-1512 campus_health@nmsu.edu https://timelycare.nmsu.edu/

Global Student Resources

(575)646-3121 globaladmissions@nmsu.edu

LGBT PRogram

(575)646-7031 lgbt@nmsu.edu

Asian & Pacific Islander Program

(575)646-3680 api_support@nmsu.edu

NM Immigration Law Center

Visit nmilc.org or call (505)547-1023

Colonias NM

Visit coloniasnm.org or call (575)647-2744

NMSU Latin American Program

(575)646-4206 aclopez@nmsu.edu



Visit our website for a complete list











Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship (DFBOS) Program

Are you a highly-motivated student who took a break from education and is now returning to college? This scholarship is designed just for you! The **Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship (DFBOS)** is now open for applications! Qualified students may receive up to a **\$2,000 scholarship** as part of this program, which empowers students to leverage education to build a better future for themselves and their families. The scholarship is available to students in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming pursuing undergraduate degrees in high-demand career fields who have had a break in pursuing their college degree.

Eligibility Criteria. To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a legal resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Complete a Scholar Dollar\$ Application at https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/.
- Major(s): Computer Science, Social Work, Business Administration, Management, Finance, Family & Child Science, Civil & Industrial Engineering.
- Deadline for Spring 2025 is Friday, February 14, 2025

Scholarship Program Expectations

Recipients of the DFBOS scholarship will receive academic and career support throughout the program. To maintain eligibility, students must participate in a variety of activities, which will be included in the program's year-end report.

Program Requirements:

- Attend an orientation session.
- Participate in one Financial Literacy workshop (in person or online).
- Attend two academic or career development workshops (in person or online).
- Participate in three career development events (e.g., career fairs, workshops, or employer information sessions).
- Meet with the BOS Program Coordinator.

How to Apply

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Apply for the Daniels Boundless Opportunity Scholarship through **Scholar Dollar\$** at https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/. Be sure to address the following question in Scholar Dollar\$ (if applicable): "**Are any of these criteria relevant to your personal situation?**"

There has been a gap in my educational sequence between high school and college.

There has been a gap in my university studies.

For more information, contact Yvonne Franco at yrel@nmsu.edu.







PRACTICUM FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend the practicum fair and student workforce panel, where you can meet with agencies face-to-face and have on-the-spot placement interviews.



DATE February 28, 2025



08.30AM -12.00PM





ACTIVITY CENTER, NMSU 1572 STEWART ST. LAS CRUCES, NM 88003

Register Here for information on In Person and Online Fair: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qIfso7ifWEG6i_EbrOHrqqaC6iAkC8pFhUAMwNu8OY1UMEpOTiE0TFVKMldIOUtLVIZDTDcvSlhZNi4u

STUDENT WORKFORCE PANEL



DATE February 28, 2025



TIME 01.30PM-4.00PM



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NMSU Campus and Zoom: Register Here! https://nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/ajMafshlQVK3JhFlCZkH1w

FOR MORE INFO

BSW: SFACIO@NMSU.EDU

MSW MAIN: TNIETO@NMSU.EDU

MSW GLOBAL: MDNUNEZ@NMSU.EDU

REGISTER NOW

This is an opportunity to stand out, bring extra resumes, dress professionally, and aim to leave a lasting impression.







Hello Students!

We would like to invite you to participate in our School of Social Work Practicum and Employment Fair. This year we will host agencies from Southern New Mexico and El Paso Tx. at the James Delameter Activity Center. Come join us and find out more about agency practicum placements and employment for those who are eligible. Agencies will be available for students to network and gain information about the agency and share their resumes. For students that are graduating this May, agencies are also coming with employment opportunities. Come and see what jobs are available.

Students are highly encouraged to attend as this is a convenient way to connect with practicum agencies. You will have the opportunity to network with multiple agencies. Please take note, practicum placement is a competitive process and you are not only trying to solidify a placement along with your classmates, but also with social work students from around the state and nation. It is so important that you stay on track with our requirements.

For students in the Northern Region of New Mexico, New Mexico Highlands University will also be having a Practicum Fair on April 9 , 11:00-1:30 pm at UNM Continuing Education Conference Center, North Building, 1634 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

For our global students, we will be having a virtual fair on March 5.

We are also asking students to attend the workforce panel that same day at 1:30-4:00pm. This event will be in person and virtual. You will hear from practitioners in our area about their area of expertise. Do you want to know what kind of job a medical social worker can have? Or what you can do as a macro social worker? We will have practitioners from the medical, education, etc community to talk about their experiences.

Please register below so that we can provide you with the correct information.

Practicum Fair Student in-person, February 28, 2025

<u>Register HERE</u>

Workforce Panel, February 28, 2025

Register HERE

For students in Norther Region of NM, April 9
Register HERE

Global Students, March 5
Register HERE







ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

AVAILABLE

Why Should I Get This?

- All tuition fees are free
- There is pocket money for everyday life
- There are fun special activities
- Excellent education that is simple to grasp

CONTACT US

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Application Deadline 28 ebruary









CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM
2-DAY LICENSURE EXAM

PREPARATION SEMINAR

\$50 Students \$75 Non-Students Financial Assistance Available

ONLINE COURSES

Facilitators will help participants understand the exam dynamics and demonstrate how to effectively use strategies for selecting and using the information provided within each exam item to choose the most appropriate choice to increase their success with the exam.

Child Welfare Scholars
Attend free of charge
and have priority.
First come, first serve
basis for all other
participants.

3/21/25 & 3/22/25 9:00 AM - 4:00PM





Call to Find Out More +575-646-5711



Child Welfare Scholar Program
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FYI+ **FYI+ Presents:** FAMILY VALENTINE'S **OPEN HOUSE & RESOURCE FAIR**

Thursday, February 13th 5:30-8pm

Family Activities

- Face painting
- Card Making
 Mandala Coloring
 Kindness Coupons
 Collaborative Vision Boards
 - and more!

We will be joined by our Community Partners:

- DACC Workforce Development & **Career Readiness**
- Child Support Services Division
- Presbyterian Health Plan-Turquoise Care
- ECECD Families First
- Turning Point of Las Cruces

Join us for family fun, Valentine's arts & crafts and pizza (first come, first served)! FYI+ La Vida Project 118 S. Main St. Las Cruces, NM 88001















Apply for Degree

All undergraduate and graduate students must submit their degree application online through myNMSU. Students are advised to complete a final STAR degree audit and verify with an academic adviser that all requirements are in progress, before submission of application. The application deadlines are not flexible and late applications will not be accepted.

Students who fail to meet graduation requirements by the date indicated on the Application for Degree (Diploma) must reapply and pay fees again. Changes to applications must be submitted by email to diplomas@nmsu.edu early in the semester.

Fall 2025			
DEADLINE	DATE	DATE	
Application period opens	April 10, 20	April 10, 2025	
Last day to apply without a \$50 late fee	August 29,	August 29, 2025	
Application deadline with late fee	October 1,	October 1, 2025	
Spring 2025			
DEADLINE		DATE	
Application period opens for Spring 2025 and Early Petition for Summer 2025		November 14, 2024	
Last day to apply without a \$50 late fee		January 27, 2025	
Application deadline with late fee		March 3, 2025	
Early Petition Application Deadline for Summer 2025 (*Undergraduates Only)		March 3, 2025	
Summer 2025			
DEADLINE	DATE	DATE	
Application period opens	April 10,	April 10, 2025	
Last day to apply for degree	July 7, 20	July 7, 2025	
Early Petition Application Deadline for (*Undergraduates Only)	March 3,	March 3, 2025	

Completing the Online Application

Log in to myNMSU. Click the "Your Student Profile Page" option, then click "Apply to Graduate" on the left side screen prompts. Follow the on screen prompts to submit your application. Each submission will incur a degree application fee, as follows.

For more information visit:_ Apply to Graduate









Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Professionals

Davena Norris Pharmd, Phc. BCPS, DipACLM

DR. DAVENA NORRIS IS A REGISTERED PHARMACIST, PHARMACIST CLINICIAN, BOARD CERTIFIED PHARMACOTHERAPY SPECIALIST (BCPS), AND CERTIFIED LIFESTYLE MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL (DIPACIM). SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AT MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN LAS CRUCES, NM WHERE SHE WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH AN INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM TO CARE FOR PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT CLINIC. SHE HAS MANY TEACHING ROLES INCLUDING FACULTY FOR A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, COORDINATOR FOR A PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM, AND PRECEPTOR FOR TWO COLLEGES OF PHARMACY, IN ADDITION, DR. NORRIS IS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE NMSU MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY PROGRAM. PRIOR TO HER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DR. NORRIS OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE FROM NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY AND DOCTOR OF PHARMACY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO. SHE IS A FREQUENT PRESENTER AT CONFERENCES ON ISSUES INCLUDING MEDICATION CONSIDERATIONS IN OLDER ADULTS. LIFESTYLE MEDICINE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES AND OTHER CONDITIONS, HEALTH POLICY, AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

UTEP WELCOMES DR. NORRIS TO THIS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP WHICH WILL DISCUSS THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF COMMONLY PRESCRIBED PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS. STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE POLYPHARMACY, POTENTIALLY INAPPROPRIATE MEDICATIONS IN GERIATRIC CARE, AND THE USE OF TOOLS SUCH AS SBAR AND CUSS TO ENHANCE INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Location: UTEP CAMPUS**

Building: Blumberg Auditorium (UTEP Library, 1ST Floor)

Cost: \$90.00 Professionals / \$30.00 Students

CEU Credits: 3 CEUS

Registrations: Open to Social Work, LPCs and all professionals



Registration OR Code:

Payment Submission:



















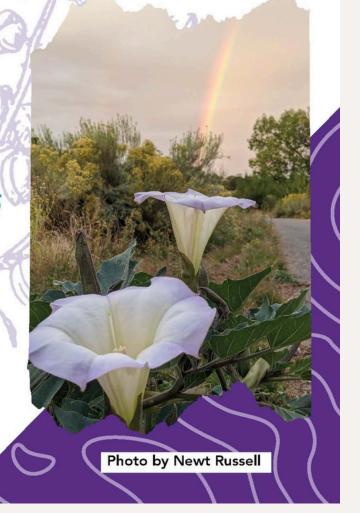
NEW MEXICO SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Future of Social Work

March 28, 2025 Albuquerque, NM

Event Registration NOW OPEN! bit.ly/sw-ed-summit-2025











BACK BY DEMAND! HEALTHY HEART MONTH IS BACK

Aggie Health and Wellness Center

(Open to students that have paid the health fee and NMSU employees only)

Complete Metabolic Panel (CMP) w/Lipid Panel only \$20.00

Includes: total cholesterol, triglyceride, HDL, LDL, glucose, electrolytes, kidney/heart/liver function

Make your appointment today!



Feb. 10th - 14th Feb. 17th - 21st Monday-Friday 8:00am - 10:30am



- *Results can be picked up at Aggie Health and Wellness Center ~I week after lab draw
- *It is recommended that you fast (avoid eating/drinking 10-12 hrs. before testing)
- *Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, or AggieCa\$h



wellness.nmsu.edu 575-646-1512



Appointments are limited, so book yours today! Call 575-646-1512 to secure your spot. Testing will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 10:30am.

Important details:

Location: Aggie Health and Wellness Center Results available for pickup one week after the lab draw Remember to fast (no eating/drinking except water) 10-12 hours before testing Payments accepted: cash, check, credit card, or AggieCa\$h This offer is exclusively for NMSU students who have paid the health fee and NMSU employees.

Don't miss this opportunity to prioritize your heart health.

For more information, visit wellness.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-1512 to schedule today!

Let's make Healthy Heart Month count!



The Social Buzz



NMSU BLACK PROGRAMS & NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATE

*ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO NMSU STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Luncheon

12PM - 1:30PM



History Month Lunch



BHM

Quiz

Bowl





Series





Our Story:











Black Programs Corbett Center, Suite 234, NMSU





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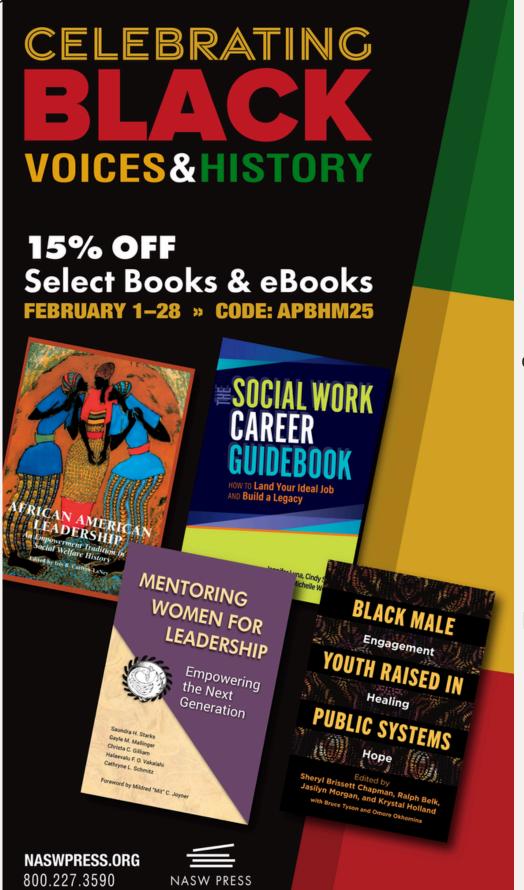












February is **Black History** Month, and we are celebrating by offering 15% off of select **NASW Press** books and eBooks through February 28th, 2025. Use code APBHM25 at checkout! Follow the link here to learn more and purchase books to commemorate Black authors, community, and history: https://bit.ly/42s auip

You can also check
out a video
message from
NASW as we
celebrate Black
History Month:
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STAY CONNECTED

Exciting News for Our Social Work Community! We've launched a new 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!







BUZZ IN NEXT WEEK

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!



