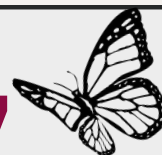




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School of Social Work

August 29- September 4, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students,

I hope the past week has been a good one. I love getting a good solid week of classes under our belts and then having the Labor Day weekend to catch our breath and get our bearings. I'm looking forward to attending the BSSWA BBQ on Friday.



I've also scheduled the first "Dinner with the Director" which will be a series of dinners in which I'll invite students to join me for a meal and conversation about the program. If this is something you'd be interested in attending, send me an email with your name, program (BSW or MSW). For those of you in our Global program who are out of town, I will also be reaching out for some virtual connecting time. Just a reminder that I'm in the Social Work Office Suite-HSS 210- and would love to meet you, so don't hesitate to stop by, or drop me a line and let me know if you'd like to set up a time to chat. Have a wonderful and safe weekend. And for those of you who are curious, here's a short video on the history of celebrating Labor Day: The History of Labor Day. While they don't mention social work, many social workers were involved in the fight for worker rights, including the end of child labor and workplace safety regulations.



Mary Nienow

Dr. Mary Nienow, Director



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ABOUT



The Social Buzz newsletter serves as a key communication tool, keeping students, faculty, and alumni informed about the school news, events, and achievements. It fosters a sense of community, provides educational content, and supports professional development by sharing resources, job opportunities, and updates on social work practice. Additionally, the newsletter promotes school's programs, enhances recruitment efforts, and advocates for social justice issues, thereby connecting and engaging the broader social work community.

EVENTS



BSSWA Meet and Greet BBQ
Hosted by Bachelor Student Social
Work Association
Friday, August 30, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Preciado Park
Please RSVP



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New mindfulness group to meet Fridays

Join us for a relaxing midday break with our new meditation group for NMSU faculty and staff. We will meet from noon to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, starting Aug. 30, in the Socorro Room on the second floor of Corbett Center Student Union. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, this is a great opportunity to unwind, refocus and recharge in a supportive environment. Take some time for yourself and start your weekend feeling centered and refreshed. All are welcome. For more information, contact Erica Aguirre at 575-646-7484 or rossl@nmsu.edu.

International Overdose Awareness Resource Fair | Aug. 29 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

| Corbett Center Student Union, first-floor lobby | Join us for an event to learn about the dangers of opioid misuse, overdose and medication safety practices. University and local organizations will provide essential information, resources and support. Enjoy engaging activities, win prizes and connect with others in our community. For more information, click [here](#), or contact Jude Betancourt 575-646-3372 or jude10@nmsu.edu.



Can't make it to our on-campus mindfulness session? No worries! Join our **virtual Lunchtime Mindfulness Meditation** every Thursday from 12:00 to 12:30 PM on Zoom, starting September 5. Whether you're new to mindfulness or a seasoned practitioner, this session is open to everyone. It's the perfect midweek reset! [Join us here.](#) For more information or any questions, please reach out to Dr. Megan Finno-Velasquez at mfv@nmsu.edu.



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Meet up with the rest of Aggie Nation at the first official **Alumni Association tailgate** of the '24 season! The Aggies will take on the Southeast Missouri Redhawks on **August 31** and we want to kick off the season in true Aggie style!

Snag your tailgate tickets now or score an Aggie All-Star Pass for all five home tailgates for the price of four (plus a free patio party!). Enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner, cash bar, thrilling entertainment, and the best company in the world – your fellow Aggies & friends.

The fun takes place in the PanAm Center parking lot, corner of Arrowhead & Stewart, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Come early, be loud, shake your cowbells, and wear crimson! GO AGGIES!

[Purchase your tailgate tickets here!](#)

Tailgate Time! **SATURDAY** **AUGUST 31, 2024**

Tailgate at 5:00 p.m.
Game kickoff at 7:00 p.m.



NMSU VS. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI



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Career Fair Preparation Workshops: Sept. 4th & 10th

The Office of Experiential Learning will be hosting two Career Fair Preparation Workshops in preparation for the Career Expo and Engineering, Science & Technology Fair (Sept. 17th & 18th).

Please click on event link below for more information and to RSVP.

Please contact the NMSU Office of Experiential Learning at: 575-646-1631 or email: ael@nmsu.edu with any questions.

CAREER FAIR PREPARATION WORKSHOP

September 4, 2024

4:30pm-5:30pm

Science Hall, Room 108



Call 575-646-1631 or email
ael@nmsu.edu for more
information!



Scan QR Code to Register!



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Career Fair Strategies Workshop

Tuesday, September 10th
5:30pm-6:30pm

Business Complex, 106

Scan code to register!
Contact the Office of Experiential Learning
for more info: 575-646-1631 or oel@nmsu.edu



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Save money and enjoy all your campus favorites with Pete's Dollars. Load up and use them at any on-campus retail outlet — plus, they roll over from fall to spring. Don't miss out on the best way to eat, drink and save on campus.

Pay \$135 and get \$150 in Dining Dollars

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Pay \$405 and get \$450 in Dining Dollars

Buy them through <https://my.nmsu.edu/>, or call us at 575-646-4801 for more questions.



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Check Out Crimson Kickoff Paths

Crimson Kickoff is a series of events for new and returning NMSU students to start the academic year. The week officially begins with the First Day of Move-In Day and ends with the first football game of the season. During the first two weeks of the fall semester, students will be introduced to college life, resources, meet new people, and gain a sense of Aggie pride.

[Click Here](#) for instructions to download your Event Pass so you can check in for prizes! More information about the Crimson Kickoff and other events on campus can be found on [Crimson Connection](#).



Don't Miss A Thing!

CRIMSON KICKOFF 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						17 MOVE-IN WEEKEND WELCOME BACK BBQ
18 NMSU V. UNM FIRST YEAR WALK & PHOTO MOVE-IN WEEKEND	19 1ST YEAR CONVOCATION TRADITIONS SCAVENGER HUNT NMSU AUXILIARY SERVICES BLOCK PARTY AGGIE LAUNCHPAD	20 CORBETT BINGO GO AGGIES DAY HYPNOTIST SHOW ACES NIGHT OUT @BOOKSTORE	21 1ST DAY OF CLASSES 1ST DAY PHOTO BOOTH	22 OEL OPEN HOUSE NMSU V. OREGON	23 ALL WEEK - ROCK CLIMB AT THE AC WITH FREE SHOE RENTALS	24
25 NMSU V. WESTERN NM CONCERT ON THE GREEN	26 FREE SPEECH CRASH COURSE	27 WELCOME HOME AGGIES STREET FESTIVAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FAIR	28 AGGIE CARNIVAL	29 UREC NIGHT 3-ON-3 BBALL	30 POOLAPALOOZA	31 1ST FOOTBALL GAME OF THE SEASON NMSU V. SEMO

CRIMSON KICKOFF 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPT. 1	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY	3	4	5 FREE SPEECH CRASH COURSE MEET THE GREEKS	6 WELCOME BLACK BBQ	7 NMSU V. LIBERTY
8	9 IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT	10 AMERICAN INDIAN PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT	11 FREE SPEECH CRASH COURSE IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT	12 IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT	13 SORORITY RECRUITMENT IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT	14 SORORITY RECRUITMENT GRATITUDE WALK / RUN
15 SORORITY RECRUITMENT	16 SORORITY RECRUITMENT	17 CAREER EXPO STEM FAIR CONSTITUTION DAY	18 CAREER EXPO STEM FAIR	19	20	21



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we're back


HEST HOOPLA

HEST FRESHMAN! JOIN US FOR OUR
THIRD ANNUAL HEST HOOPLA

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
12 P.M. - 2 P.M.
RENTFROW HALL

ACROSS THE STREET FROM O'DONNELL

ENJOY FREE CANES, MEET HEST &
NMSU STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



**+ CHANCE
TO WIN A
PARKING
PASS**

HEST! Join us for our third annual HEST Hoopla!
Enjoy free canes, pizza and games all while learning what HEST &
NMSU has to help support YOU!

Plus, a chance to win a free parking pass!
Join us on September 12 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. in Rentfrow Hall.

If you would like to register for your student organization or
program to host a table, please sign up at

<https://forms.office.com/r/SwS3fh4JyC>

Register by Wednesday, September 4 to join in the fun!



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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.

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 enrollment 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



Upcoming event: Our first meeting!!!

When: September 12th , 2024

Where: HSS building room 218

Time: 6:30 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
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- Treasurer Andres Uribe
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



DOÑA ANA COUNTY RESILIENCE LEADERS 2024 SUMMIT

We invite the community and our partners to join us as we reveal the results of our county-wide survey and collaboratively work on our strategic plan to continue our work preventing adverse childhood experiences and trauma. Together, we can make a lasting impact!



FRIDAY

30 AUGUST, 2024



LAS CRUCES

CONVENTION CENTER

680 E UNIVERSITY AVE
LAS CRUCES NM 88001



START AT

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

REGISTER TODAY

<https://bit.ly/DACRL2024>



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RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES



We are hiring a social worker and family peer support navigator. The jobs are posted on the State of NM Personnel website.

Here are the links:

[Behavioral Health Therapist II/Social Worker](#)
(OFRA /ISD #10117101))

[Family Peer Support Navigator](#)
(OFRA/ISD #10116942)



Student Position - The BSW Student Representative is the NASW New Mexico chapter's link to Bachelor of Social Work students nationwide. This role includes organizing events tailored to BSW students, advocating for their needs, and facilitating chapter-student communication.

Run for Elected Office

NASW -New Mexico (NM)- Chapter Special Elections

Joining the elected, member-driven Board of Directors at NASW-NM is a unique opportunity. It's a chance to contribute to the profession, gain valuable training and experience, and expand your network. The Board supports the Chapter's efforts to represent all social workers in New Mexico through benefits, programming, legislative advocacy, and capacity-building opportunities and efforts.

If you're not yet a member of NASW-NM but are interested in nominating yourself (or a non-member) for an elected position, we encourage you to do so. However, please note that you will need to become a member of NASW-NM before being listed on a formal election ballot and to remain a NASW-NM member for any elected position.

Election Submittal

To be considered for the Board, please email your resume and bio to info.naswnm@socialworkers.org to be considered for nominations in the special elections. This is a straightforward process, and we are here to guide you every step of the way.

Please indicate the role and position you are interested in in the subject line.





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Child Welfare Scholar Program Licensing Preparation Program

The Licensing Preparation Program, offered by the Child Welfare Scholar Program, supports social workers preparing for their BSW, MSW, or LCSW examinations. This program is designed to help participants understand the structure of the exams, develop effective strategies for answering questions, and enhance their overall success. Through comprehensive seminars, participants will learn proven techniques for navigating multiple-choice questions and receive an organized, in-depth content review to boost their readiness for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Examination.



UPCOMING SEMINARS

1st Fall 2-Day Licensing Exam Preparation Program Zoom Seminar

Friday, September 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1st FALL Dissemination Zoom Session

Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Fees: \$50 Students \$75 Non-Students

Scholarships are available for students facing financial difficulties. Child Welfare Scholars are eligible to attend at no cost and are given priority. Registration for all other participants is on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 25 participants per seminar

Child Welfare Scholar Program Resource Room

The Child Welfare Scholar Program Resource Room is a dedicated space within the School of Social Work located in suite 232 of the Health and Social Services building, designed to support your academic and professional journey. Where you'll find various essential resources, including specialized social work and child welfare materials, licensing exam prep resources, and a quiet study area for focused work. The room is equipped with new computers, free printing, and a conference room available for group work or meetings. Whether you're preparing for exams, working on assignments, or collaborating with peers, this space is here to enhance your success.

More Information: Erica Tontodonati at ericatn@nmsu.edu or 575-646-5711



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Child Welfare Scholar Program Scholarship Deadline

Attention social work students! We are now accepting applications for the Child Welfare Scholar Program's scholarships until August 31, 2024. This program offers financial support and specialized training to those pursuing careers in child welfare. If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and families, don't miss this opportunity. Apply today to join a community dedicated to improving outcomes for New Mexico's children.

*Note that if you are accepted into the program, financial support will be prorated to the start of the semester.

Academic Program	Award Amount	Work Obligation	Per Award
BSW (Full-Time)	\$11,000	18-month employment	
MSW (Part-Time)	\$10,000	12-month employment	
MSW (Full-Time)	\$12,000	18-month employment	



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YOU?



ATTENTION SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Meet our Senior Student
Program Coordinators

Crystal Artalejo

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Academic Requirements
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Program Information
Support Services
Career Guidance
Workshops and Events
Personal Support

Administrative Assistance
Notary Services Available
Asistencia en español disponible

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SOCIAL WORK SPOTLIGHT

SHARE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS: SUBMIT A SPOTLIGHT!

We're excited to showcase the incredible accomplishments and stories within our School of Social Work, NMSU community! Whether you're a faculty member, staff, or student, we want to hear from you.

What's a Spotlight?

A spotlight is a brief highlight of your recent achievements, innovative projects, or inspiring stories. It's a chance to celebrate the amazing work happening at NMSU and share it with our entire community.

How to Submit:

- Prepare Your Spotlight: Keep it short and sweet—just a few sentences or a short paragraph. Include any relevant details, such as awards, research, events, or personal milestones.
- Send It In: Email your spotlight to mkeeper@nmsu.edu

Help us shine a light on the remarkable contributions of our NMSU family! We look forward to sharing your stories.





Stay Connected with Crimson Connection!

Looking for ways to engage with the NMSU community? Whether you're on campus or online, Crimson Connection has all the latest events happening at the university. From workshops and webinars to social gatherings and special lectures, there's something for everyone.

Click the link below to explore upcoming events and join in on the action!

[Explore Events on Crimson Connection](#)

Walk-In IT Help Desk at Zuhl Library

NMSU Library is excited to announce Walk-In IT Help Desk at Zuhl Library. Friendly IT student technology experts will be available to assist students with a variety of technology needs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Services offered include:

- Device troubleshooting: Get help with laptops, tablets and smartphones.
- Software assistance: Support for installing and using student software applications.
- Network connectivity: Help with Wi-Fi and internet issues.
- Account support: Assistance with email, student portals and password resets.

Don't miss this opportunity to get your tech questions answered. See you there. For more information, contact Erica Aguirre at 575-646-1508 or aerica@nmsu.edu.



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!



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