

The Social Buzz

School of Social Work

November 14- November 20, 2024

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Happy Veterans Day to all our students who are veterans or currently serving in our military. I hope you know how much we appreciate you and the sacrifices you have made on behalf of serving our country.

Yesterday we had a great turnout for our first student town hall. Dr. Erika Gergerich shared findings from last year's student surveys and students shared their insights and experiences within the program. This is truly invaluable information as we strive to make this a strong and responsive program for everyone in our community. If you weren't able to make it this week, we will have another one next week (see flyer below!) on Wednesday (11/20) from 5-6 p.m. If you have something to share, but can't make it to either town hall, feel free to reach out to me directly!

Good luck these next couple of weeks as we start to wind down the semester. I know the Thanksgiving break will be a welcome respite, but there is a lot of work to do before then. You got this and we've got you.



Dr. Mary Nienow, Director



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

STUDENT TOWN HALL

JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK!!

NOV 11 AM
JOIN US
NOV 11 AM

Zoom Attendance is
Welcomed. Scan QR code
or use code: 5101299345

NOV. 20, 2024 5PM-6PM
IN HSS ROOM 219



WHY ATTEND:

- Get inside look at program performance data
- Share experiences and suggestions
- Connect with program coordinators
- Help shape future improvements
- Be part of decision making process

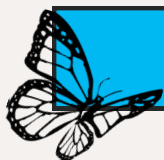
Light refreshments will be provided!



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Attention BSW Students!

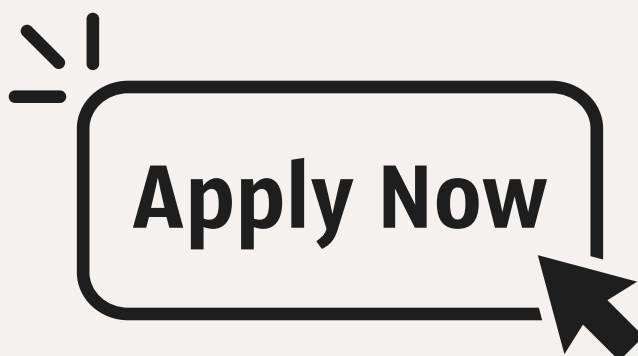
Our NMSU Master of Social Work program is now accepting applications! Join a community dedicated to empowering individuals, embracing cultural humility, and promoting social and economic justice. Learn how you can make a difference and advance your career in social work. Apply today and take the next step toward becoming a leader in service and advocacy!



NMSU's masters of social work program is committed to serving people through the promotion of empowerment, cultural humility and competence, and social and economic justice.

**Learn how you can
make a difference today!**

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Participants sought for Student Lifestyle Survey

Are you an NMSU student? Are you 18 years or older? The Office of Health Promotion would like you to participate in The Student Lifestyle Survey! This fall semester, OHP will be conducting the survey that will help us learn alcohol and drug behaviors, attitudes and perceptions among college students. By voluntarily participating in this survey, the data collected will help OHP measure program effectiveness and help fill any knowledge gaps of drug and alcohol behaviors amongst NMSU students. If you are a student interested in participating in this very important research, please follow this link to complete the survey. For more information, contact Cecy Corona-Madrid at 575-646-5239 at ceciliac@nmsu.edu

Live Your Dream Award applications due Friday

Undergraduate female students who are the primary wage earner/source of financial support for their families (including children, spouse, siblings and/or parents) are encouraged to apply for the Live Your Dream Award given by Soroptimist International of Las Cruces. Soroptimist International is a civic organization that seeks to improve the lives of women and girls through education and economic empowerment.

To be eligible, students must have at least one person besides themselves that they are financially supporting. Students from the Las Cruces campus as well as branch campuses may apply.

The award can be used for tuition, books, transportation, child care or any other expense associated with completing an undergraduate degree. Eight awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 will be given.

Applications are available online. The application form and reference form(s) must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15. For more information, contact Esther Devall at 575-642-3322 or edevall@nmsu.edu.





October Newsletter



A quick Look:

- General Information
- October 2024 Highlights
- A Quick Thanks
- Metrics, Basecamp and Staying Connected

World Mental Health Day – October 10



World Mental Health Day was on October 10, and this year's theme is "Prioritize Mental Health in the Workplace." It also marks the final phase of the World Federation for Mental Health's 75th Anniversary Campaign, focusing on mental health and well-being at work.



Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/WHOWMHD24>

New Year, New Trainings!

If you're interested in becoming an LC3 training partner for the upcoming year, reach out to a coordinator using the contact information at the bottom of each page to explore this opportunity.

Upcoming: Trainings:

November 7-8th (2 Day Training - In-Person Only)

Motivational Interviewing (P1)

Serna Solutions - Brian Serna

9AM-4PM (12 CEUS)

Food & Beverage Provided

FYI + (1320 S Solano Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001)

November 14th (In Person-Only)

Cult. Competency: "A Bit of History Repeating"

InsideOut Advocacy

1PM-4PM (3 CEUS)

La Vida Project (118 N Main St, Las Cruces, NM 88001)

November 15th & 18th (2 Days: Virtual-Only)

Mindfulness for Helping Professionals

Center of Innovation

10AM-12PM (3.75 CEUS)

November 20th (Virtual-Only)

Verbal Intervention

NLBHA

9AM-4PM (6 CEUS)

November 25th (In-Person Only)

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Center for Health Innovation

9AM-5PM (7.5 CEUS)

FYI + (1320 S Solano Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001)

RSVP For All Trainings @
WWW.TINYURL.COM/LC3TRAININGS

Our Vision:

To build a behavioral health system that is inclusive, organized, centered on the individual and family, and is committed to advocating for and providing comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services for people across Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Contact Information



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ICS Community Coordinator

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Amanda Vega (She, Her)

ICS Community Coordinator

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Our Next Meeting

November 19th (Tuesday)

11:30AM-1PM

1320 S. Solano Dr.

Las Cruces, NM 88001





AGGIE CUPBOARD & NMSU GLOBAL

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

OCTOBER 28 - DECEMBER 6

HOW YOU CAN HELP FELLOW AGGIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

The Aggie Cupboard provides free food assistance to students, faculty, staff, and the wider NMSU community. Whether it's food or gifts, your donations help ensure no Aggie family goes without this holiday season.

Non-Perishable Food & Toiletry Items

- Canned Goods
- Rice and Pasta
- Cereal
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

Gifts for Children (Ages 0 - 12)

- Books and Games
- Blocks and Legos
- Cars and Dolls
- Farm Animal Toys
- Musical Toys
- Water Toys

DROP OFF OR SHIP YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADDRESSES BELOW:

Drop Off Donations at:

NMSU
185 A Milton Hall
Las Cruces Campus

Ship Donations to:

Milton Hall
2915 McFie Circle
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88003

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Team up with the Aggie Cupboard this holiday season! We need volunteers to distribute food at Pete's Pantry in the Park every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Contact us for more details:

aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu (575) 646-7636



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Affordable Health Insurance Info Session by BeWell

November 14th 11 AM via zoom

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4eWLA>

**Learn about Health Insurance Marketplace,
enrollment dates, eligibility of DACA
recipients for coverage, essential health
benefits included in all Marketplace plans,
and how to apply for coverage.**



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Center for Excellence in Social Work Updates

Join us for upcoming Professional Development opportunities including:

Date: 11/14/24 (Thursday) & Time: 12 pm–1 pm (Mountain Time)

Details: CEUs 1 | Level: All | Cost: Free

Title: [Listen] Listening Session: Social Workers of New Mexico Survey

Presenters: Survey Research Team Members Sreyashi Chakravarty, PhD; Mónica Rae Otero, LMSW & Anna Nelson, PhD, LCSW

Organizer: Center for Excellence in Social Work

Location: Zoom

Registration: [Click Here](#)

Description: The Center for Excellence in Social Work invites you to a Listening Session about the recommendations and action steps that came out of the 2024 Social Workers of New Mexico Survey. This is a virtual Lunch & Discuss event. There will be a brief overview about the survey by research team members but the majority of the event will be an opportunity to share your experience and thoughts about putting needed change into action.

View the Center for Excellence in Social Work's recent and upcoming events: [Click Here](#)





Coffee with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy



Thurs November 21
12:00 PM
O'Donnell 111

The recent election results have raised many questions about DACA, TPS, and undocumented immigrants.

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy will provide information on legal services, human rights support, and resources for ALL immigrants.



Coffee and pan dulce while supplies last



Latin American
Programs



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IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY CENTER

All Aggies Welcome!



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ALBUQUERQUE MSW SOCIAL #2
2381 AZTEC NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107

FRIDAY 11.15.24 4:30-6:30P



EMAIL RSVP OR QUESTIONS TO ANNA OR LEIA
HORNER@NMSU.EDU OR LEIATC@NMSU.EDU

Hello fellows MSWs!

We're coming back together one last time before the fall 2024 semester ends!

Please join us for our second ABQ-Based MSW Social on Friday, November 15.

We'll be meeting at the Canteen Brewhouse at 2381 Aztec Rd. NE, between Comanche and Candelaria and Princeton and Stanford. There's construction at I-25 and Comanche itself, so try to avoid that route.

See the emails below to RSVP or air questions.

And if you want to be added to the ABQ-based NMSU MSW contact list, let us know!

More details below...

Who: YOU! (cool NMSU MSW students)

What: ABQ-based MSW social

When: Friday, November 15th from 4:30-6:30 PM

Where: Canteen Brewhouse at 2381 Aztec Rd. NE, Albuquerque 87107

Why: Because online grad school is better with in-person community!

RSVP: horner@nmsu.edu, leiatc@nmsu.edu

Fall has been skipped over by an early winter and for space, we'll be on the covered patio outside, but they do have space heaters for our comfort and sanity.

We'll send one more reminder next week. Hope to see you all there!

Warmly,

Anna Horner, Leia Cunningham, and Sean Cardinalli



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CAFECITO WITH Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy



Thursday November 21

12:00 PM

O'Donnell Hall 111

**Join us to learn about the services offered
by Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy.
Ask questions and receive information
about their legal services, human rights
advocacy and resources for ALL
immigrants.**

ALL NMSU STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF ARE INVITED!



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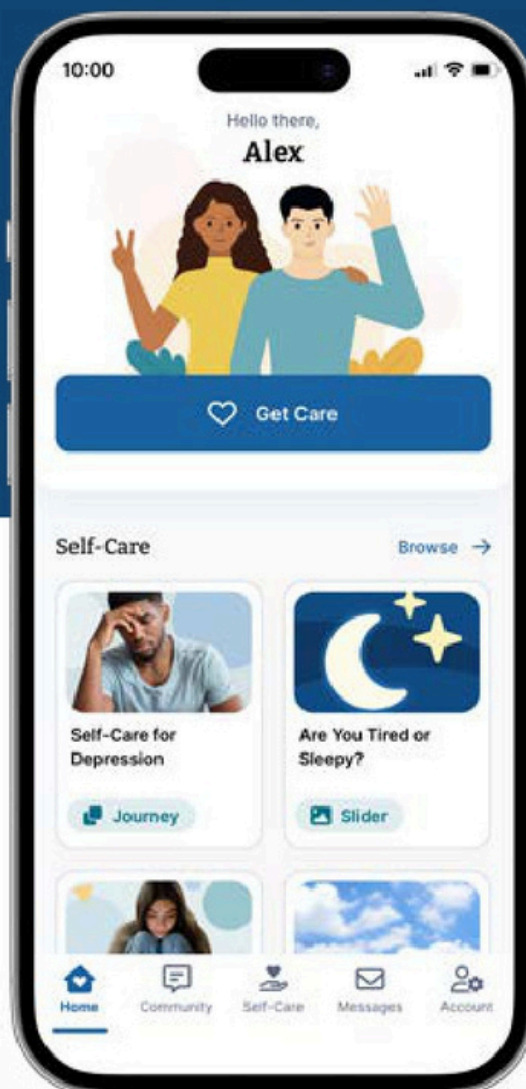




Basic Needs Support When You Need It

Get connected to free or reduced-cost programs that provide support for:

- In-person health care
- Food assistance
- Housing assistance
- Transit
- Paying bills
- Child care
- Legal resources



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Join Our Weekly Mindfulness Practice

Take a break and center yourself with our weekly Zoom mindfulness practice with Dr. Finno-Velasquez, open to both novice and experienced practitioners. Sessions are held every Thursday from 12:00-12:30 PM. If you'd like to receive weekly reminders via Outlook, please contact Maribel Lopez to get set up!

When: Thursdays, 12-12:30 PM

Where: [Join via Zoom](#)



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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!



CLICK HERE



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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☎ Phone: 575-646-7599

🏢 Office: HSS 210F

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



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