



The Social Buzz



School of Social Work

October 30- November 5, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Social Work Students,

As the leaves change and autumn settles over Las Cruces, I hope you're finding moments of balance amid your coursework, field placements, and the approaching end of the semester. This week brings both Halloween festivities and important reminders as we prepare for the final stretch of Fall 2025.

 Halloween Office Hours: Stop by for candy and informal advising on Friday, October 31st, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Costumes welcome but not required!

 Self-Care Reminder: As social workers, we champion wellness for others. Remember to extend that same compassion to yourselves during busy weeks.

Looking Ahead

November 13: Early Registration Begins!

November 24-28: Thanksgiving Break

December 12: Last day of classes

Quote of the Week

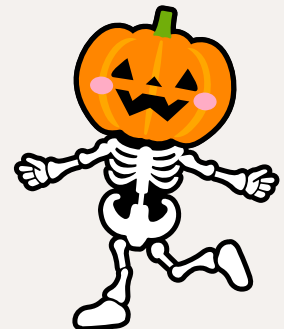
"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."

— Audre Lorde

As always, my door is open. Whether you need academic guidance, professional mentorship, or just someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!


Dr. Mary Nienow,
Director



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SHARE YOUR HEST EXPERIENCE!!

Dear HEST Student,

We'd love to hear from you! The College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation (HEST) wants to learn more about **how your experiences at NMSU help you feel supported, included, and connected.**

Your honest feedback helps us understand what is working well for students in allied health fields and where we can do more to help you thrive—academically, socially, and personally. Allied health fields in HEST include Kinesiology, Nursing, Social Work, Public Health Sciences, Counseling and Educational Psychology, and Communication Disorders (including pre-programs too).

The survey is anonymous and takes about **10 -15 minutes to complete.** As a thank-you, **the first 200 students** to complete the survey will receive a **\$10 Amazon e-gift card.**

Please complete the survey at the link below by Tuesday, November 11th.

<https://survey.nmsu.edu/surveys/?s=N8W989N7M8A9E8PJ>

If you have any questions, please contact **Dr. Becky Palacios, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of HEST, at rpalacio@nmsu.edu.**

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your experiences to help us improve NMSU's HEST Allied Health Programs!





BSSWA

POTLUCK-STYLE

BOO BASH

OCTOBER 30 | 6PM
HSS BUILDING 219

Bring a dish to share!

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
SNAPJOY PHOTO BOOTH

HOSTED BY
NMSU BSSWA PROGRAM





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HYGIENE DRIVE



ORGANIZED BY BSSWA AND 100% FAMILY CENTER AGENCY



Help Us Spread Health, Hope, and Dignity!

Good hygiene is vital not just for health, but for personal dignity and confidence.

Many in our community face daily challenges accessing basic hygiene essentials that many of us take for granted. You can help!

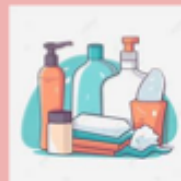
BSSWA and 100% Family Center agency will distribute all collected items to local families in need.



Items needed but not limited to:

Body wipes
Sunscreen
Feminine products

Bug repellent
Body wash
Chapstick



Collection Dates: 10/1-10/31

8 Locations:

O'Donell	Activity Center
HSS (2 nd Floor)	Branson Library
HSS (1 st Floor)	Science Hall
Zuhl Library	Writing Center



Any questions email Abby Gutierrez @gutiea21@nmsu.edu





You are never alone.



**AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER
SUPPORT GROUP
STARTING NOVEMBER 3RD**

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Call 505-585-2451 or email
mcbrown@nmsu.edu if you
have any questions



**Join us
Most 1st and 3rd Mondays
5:30PM–7PM
Through Spring 2026
Cherry Hills Public Library
Meeting Room**

Our mission is to gather
regularly to connect
people with
autoimmune disorders,
and to share resources,
ideas, and hope.





GSSWA PRESENTS
*Member
Meeting
Social Hour*

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST
MEMBER MEETING OF THE
YEAR FOR FOOD, FUN, AND
CONVERSATION.

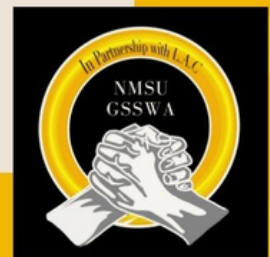
CLICK
HERE

HSS 219 or via
Zoom

11/3/25
6PM



Please RSVP
so we can plan
for food and
supplies





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Empowering Future Change-Makers

🎓 MAJOR FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW! 🎓

Exciting News! Over **\$440,000 in scholarships and stipends** are now available for NMSU Social Work students!

💰 Scholarships

\$250,000

- B BSW Students:** 20 scholarships of \$5,000 each to help cover tuition and educational costs
- M MSW Students:** 20 scholarships of \$7,500 each to support your graduate education

💼 Paid Practicums

\$190,443

- B BSW Students:** 10 stipends of \$10,000 for students completing **unpaid** practicum placements
- M MSW Students:** 9 stipends of \$10,000 for students completing **unpaid** practicum placements





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Eligibility Requirements

✓ New Mexico Resident

✓ GPA 3.0 or Higher

✓ Demonstrated Financial Need

DON'T MISS OUT!

Apply today through Scholar Dollar\$ to secure your funding

APPLY ON SCHOLAR DOLLAR\$ →



Angel Tree Project



Join the Angel Tree Project - Holiday Gift Drive and support children in state protective care. You can help by volunteering your time, donating gifts, or contributing funds to ensure every child feels remembered this season.

How You Can Help?

Use the QR code below to let us know how you would like to help!



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Graduate Research & Arts 2025 Symposium

SHAPING THE FUTURE SINCE 1896

[CLICK HERE](#)

Posters, artistic, and
oral presentations



October 31, 2025



Corbett Center



Awards available!



Submit your abstract due October 10th



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Student
Council
of New Mexico State University



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NMSU ANNOUNCEMENT

MULTI-CAMPUS INTERDISCIPLINARY ART & RESEARCH STUDY GROUP

Facilitated by Dr. Rhianna Thomas, NMSU

NOV. 7TH

11:30AM- 12:30PM MST

Dr. Manal Hamzeh

Full Professor in the Department of
Borderlands and Ethnic Studies at NMSU

This month, Dr. Hamzeh of New Mexico State University (NMSU), discusses the shahadat-haki-shahadat approach as outlined in her recent publication in the International Journal of Qualitative Research. Her recent article is titled "Graphic Representations of Women in the Egyptian Revolution: An Arabyya Research-Art project with Feminists in Cairo."

We hope you can join us for this special session!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ZOOM.](#)

ZOOM ID: 82013060338

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NMSU STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS **AGGIE UP!** **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**SCIENCE
OLYMPIAD
NM
SOUTHERN
REGIONAL
COMPETITION**

**JAN
31
2026**



NEEDED
Volunteers
Judges
Proctors
Role models
STEM activities

PERKS
SWAG, food,
volunteer
hours, lifetime
impact on
young lives!

2025 LEARN-A-PALOOZA



2024 LAP Highlights



**NOV
8**

9:30 AM- 2 PM



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2025 NMSU Learn-A-Palooza

save the date

Featuring indoor and outdoor STEM activities, participation in the NMSU Homecoming parade, games, performances, entertainment, raffles, free food, football game, and more!

NOV 8, 2025
10AM-1PM

**ALL COLLEGES AND
STUDENT/SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVITED
TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR PROGRAMS
AT THIS EVENT**

Presenter registration link here!!



Questions? Email: jmreyes@nmsu.edu or call us at 575-646-1397





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mesilla Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Presents

The Growing Through Loss Conference



November 20th, 2025



6:00PM - 7:00PM



Burrell College of Osteopathic
Medicine
3501 Arrowhead Dr. Las Cruces
NM 88001
*Lecture Hall Room 160

This presentation will be available
to the community for FREE
Donations are welcomed



Debora Garrison MAEL, from
The Grief Center will be
presenting "What is Grief?"
(1 CEU Pending)



For questions please call
(575) 523- 4700



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mesilla Valley Hospice & Palliative Care Presents The Growing Through Loss Conference



Join us to learn more about Grief and Loss
Continuing Education Units will be available
(Cultural CEU's are Pending)



November 21st, 2025



8:00am-5:00pm



St. Paul's United Methodist Church
225 W Griggs Ave
Las Cruces NM 88005

Students- Free
General Admission- \$25.00
CEU's Admission- \$60.00
*Lunch on your own

Presentation Topics: Navigating Ambiguous Loss, Crisis & Grief, Faith & Grief, Play Therapy & Grief, Suicide & Loss, Next Step Planning, Trauma Informed Care, Therapaws and Alzheimer's/Dementia in Relationship to Grief

Limited spots available register by November 10 (Students must call to register)
You can register by using the QR Code or Calling (575) 523-4700



Click Here!



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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





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
21#success](https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83191259221#success)



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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!



Careers & Opportunities



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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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🏢 Office: HSS 210

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

