



The Social Buzz



School of Social Work

October 9- October 15, 2025

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Director's Message: You're Halfway There!

Welcome to Week 8 – yes, you read that right. We've hit the midpoint of our 15-week semester, and you're still standing. That deserves recognition!

Real Talk About Right Now

I know your to-do list is probably overwhelming right now. Papers stacking up. Projects demanding attention. Presentations keeping you up at night. Here's what I want you to remember: **this isn't busywork**. Every assignment, every late-night study session, every moment of struggle is shaping the social worker you're becoming.

How you show up in the classroom predicts how you'll show up for your clients. So take risks. Make mistakes. Ask the hard questions. This is your safe space to learn and grow.

Next Monday: Indigenous Peoples Day

Take a moment to pause and reflect. The land we walk on, the communities we serve, the culture we're part of – all have been profoundly shaped by Indigenous Peoples.

Want to go deeper? I've shared this piece in my policy class before, and it's eye-opening: [The United States is Founded Upon the Model of European Conquest](#) by Roxann Dunbar-Ortiz. It challenges what many of us learned in history class.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October holds special meaning for me. My first professional social work job was at a domestic violence agency in rural Wisconsin. It changed my perspective on everything. This issue hasn't gone away – in fact, it remains one of our most pressing social concerns. If this work calls to you, or if you need support, our community is here.

WAIT – Don't Scroll Past This!

The School of Social Work has **NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS** in scholarships and practicum stipends available.

Yes, you read that correctly: **\$500,000**.

But here's the catch: **you must have an application on file with Scholar Dollar\$** to be eligible. Check out the flyer in this week's Buzz for details. This could literally change your financial situation this year. Don't leave money on the table.

You've got this. Make it a great week.

Dr. Mary Nienow,
Director





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NMSU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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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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!

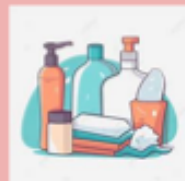
BSSWA and 100% Family Center agency will distribute all collected items to local families in need.



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





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NM
STATE

GSSWA

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom link on GSSWA Canvas page
(November Meeting is tentative)

OCT

10

5PM

Friday

NOV

3

6PM

Monday

Let's Connect!



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[gsswa.nmsu](https://www.instagram.com/gsswa.nmsu)



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Child Welfare
Scholar
Program

Information Session

We are looking for people dedicated to
child welfare.

Join Us

**October
17th, 2025**

12.00 PM – 1.00 PM



HSS Research Suite 232

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 0395 4488



Scholar Benefits

- ☒ Specialized child welfare coursework
- ☒ Invaluable experience with foster & adoptive care
- ☒ Opportunity to network & collaborate w/community organizations
- ☒ Attend, participate, and present at national conferences

For program
requirements or
more information:

Click Here

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RESEARCH STUDY RECRUITMENT



**Are You
Latino/a/x
Hispanic
Youth
Aged 14-29?**

**You May be Eligible to
Participate in a
Research Study!**



Click Here

**We want to learn about
your experiences pursuing
higher education in the
U.S.!**



See If You Qualify:

- Latin-American Origin
- Between 14-29 Years Old
- Speak English or Spanish

**Join Us For An Interview
To Discuss:**

- In-State Tuition and Financial Aid
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Social Life and Community



For your time and sharing
your experiences, you will
receive \$30-40

**Temple
University**
School of Social Work



Latinxed@temple.edu



215-500-1613





CAREER OPPORTUNITY!!!

NEWSLETTER

Single Mothers' Transitional Living Home

Thank you for attending our community meeting in July when we introduced our new endeavor to create a transitional living home for single mothers and their children. There has been quite a bit of movement since then and we're excited to share the progress!

FALL 2025

WE'VE BEEN BUSY!

What's been accomplished so far:

- Amistad Family Services, Inc.'s Board of Directors approved moving forward with leasing a property for our program's home-share residence and are providing initial startup costs.
- Amistad has agreed to contribute operational infrastructure, fiscal oversight, and expert clinical supervision from licensed mental health professionals.
- We have submitted grant proposals and we are seeking more opportunities for sustainability funding.
- Members of our steering committee visited a successful single mothers' transitional living program in Artesia, NM called Haven of Hope (HOH). HOH has generously shared their insight, advice, and operational documents with us so that we aren't "reinventing the wheel".

**Looking
forward to
opening our
doors in
2026!**

LOCATION DECISION

We're excited to have options! There are multiple properties in the Las Cruces area we are currently considering.

bpatch@amistadnm.com

575-523-2288

<https://www.amistadnm.com>





CAREER OPPORTUNITY!!!

NEWSLETTER

Single Mothers' Transitional Living Home

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Our steering committee is hard at work on the creation of the program's Policies & Procedures, as well as, general program development.
- We have two annual fundraisers planned. Look out for information in future communications regarding a Pickleball Tournament & a Casino Night. ♠♥♣♦
- Thanks to our supportive community we have begun to establish collaborative partnerships. We would love for you to join in our mission. Please contact us if you'd like to be included.

GET INVOLVED!

If you are interested in joining our steering committee please reach out to our Program Director, Breckon Patch, using the contact information below.

bpatch@amistadnm.com

575-523-2288

<https://www.amistadnm.com>

[CLICK HERE FOR JOB DESCRIPTION](#)





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School of Social Work | DSJ Committee

HAPPY PRIDE!



*Left to right: Prof. Bennet, Aubrey Caballero (MSW Generalist),
Shane Caballero (BSW Junior, DSJ Fellow)*

We are so thankful for the fun and community experienced during last weekend's Pride event! It was an honor to

celebrate all identities

, a pleasure spending casual time with students and faculty, and a joy to have current students from both programs and SSW alumni stop by to say hello! Our thanks to everyone!



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Latin American
Programs

Latin Heritage MONTH 2025



September

October

**TUE
16**

Get Ready for Cumbia Night
5:30-7:30 PM
Corbett Lounge

**WED
01**

Voces Latinoamericanas III
11:00-12:00 PM
Senate Chambers

**THU
18**

Cumbia Night II: Live Concert!
7:00 PM
Pan American Center

**THU
9**

**Fascism in El Salvador: A Talk
by Daniel Alvarenga**
12:00-1:30 PM via Zoom

**MON
22**

Workshop: The Power of Performance
by Paola Ramirez
12:00-1:30 PM
Corbett Auditorium

**FRI
10**

**Culture Game Night: E-Sports
Video Games**
6:00-7:30 PM
E-Sports Lab

**WED
24**

**Ándale prieta! Author Talk by
Jazmin Ramirez & Book Giveaway!**
5:30 PM
Corbett Auditorium

**WED
15**

**Nuestra Lucha: Luchador Guest
Speaker: Cassandro, El Exótico
& Food Truck "Luchador"**
12:00-1:00 PM
Corbett Parking Lot



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Residential
Life



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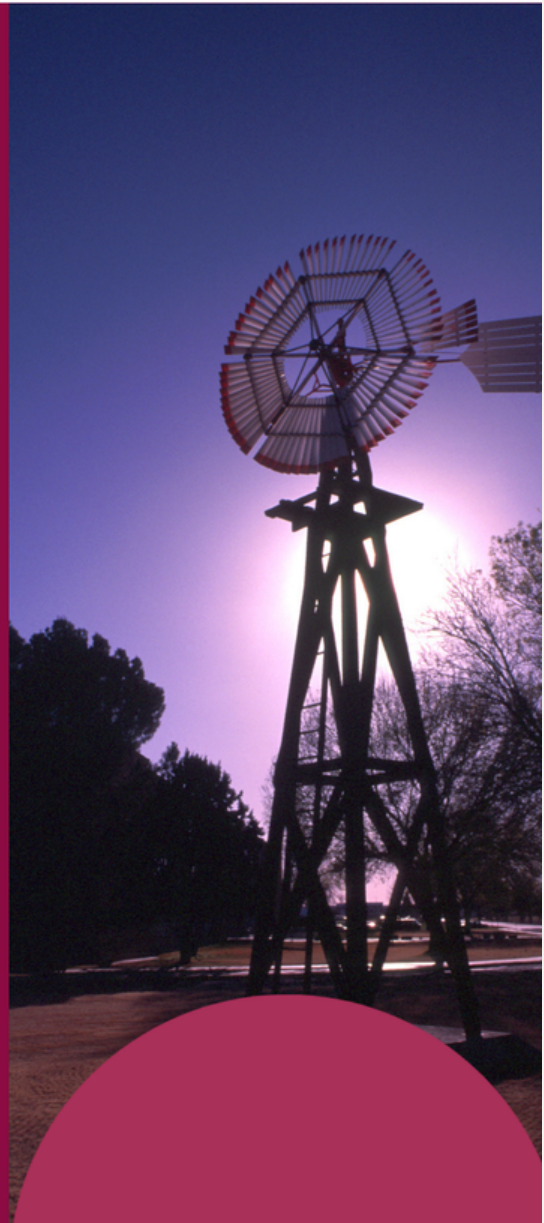
COMPLETE RESPECTEDU FOR COLLEGE TRAINING BY OCT. 24

ALL NMSU STUDENTS MUST
FULFILL THIS IMPORTANT
REQUIREMENT

This one-time requirement
covers key topics such as **Title
IX** and the Clery Act.

STUDENTS WHO MISS THE
DEADLINE WILL HAVE A HOLD
PLACED ON THEIR ACCOUNT,
BLOCKING SPRING 2026 CLASS
REGISTRATION

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!





NMSU ANNOUNCEMENT



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.*
College of Health, Education
and Social Transformation

Scholarship Information AY2026-2027



Scholar
Dollar\$



Apply Today!

New Mexico State University's College of HEST would like to remind you that the online application for scholarships is **available now**.

APPLY TODAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY!



TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS visit
scholarships.nmsu.edu

APPLY TODAY

***Priority deadline is March 1st, 2026.** Applicants who submit their applications before this date will be given first consideration.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT FINANCIAL AID &
SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE!**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

College of HEST Scholarship Coordinator:
Sapphira Garner, email: sfgarner@nmsu.edu



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Scholarship Opportunity!!!!

Live Your Dream Award application due Nov. 15

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, childcare or any expense associated with attaining an undergraduate degree. Nine awards ranging from \$1,500-\$2,500 will be given. The local winner will then be eligible for awards of up to \$5,000 at the district level and \$10,000 at the national level.

Applications are available at <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>. The application form and reference form must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 15.

For more information, please contact Dr. Esther Devall at edevall@nmsu.edu or 575-642-3322.





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DISCOVERY SCHOLARS PROGRAM!

invites

ARTS & SCIENCES
AND HEST MAJORS

to APPLY to work with a faculty mentor
on a **research project** &
a **professional development** project
to **GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS!**

JOIN OUR TEAM!

EARLY REVIEW DEC.02.25

APPLICATIONS CLOSE DEC.15.25

(REVIEW BEGINS DEC.02.25)



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

SITH
conference

GUARDIANS OF THE SYSTEM

9-11 OCTOBER 2025 | MESILLA, NM

A New Hope
ACADEMY

**Registration
Open!**

A Conference for Mental Health Heroes

Join us for a 3-day training experience like no other — where counseling, play therapy, ethics, culture, and advocacy collide. Whether you're a clinician, supervisor, or systems-level superhero, SITH offers connection, creativity, and a call to action.

- ★ Courtroom simulations
- ★ Cultural humility workshops
- ★ Self-of-the-therapist reflection
- ★ An absolutely ridiculous game called Dodge the Subpoena

🍷 Save the date. Sharpen your lightsabers. Bring your ethical cape.

THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Blue Door Venue
Mesilla, NM



What We Offer

Up to 17 CEs available ☒

Lunch included ☒

A conference like no other ☒

Learn More

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www.anewhopeacademy.org/sith25



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



Yazzie/Martinez Community Meeting



Where Community Shapes
the Future of Education

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

5:30PM - 8:00PM

**ALBUQUERQUE, LAS CRUCES AND
NORTHERN NEW MEXICO**



I want
to come
to school.

Join us to take a close look at
PED's draft Education Plan to
point out what looks good and
what raises concerns—because our
education system should ensure
every child thrives.



Food, Childcare &
Interpretation Services
Available

REGISTER NOW



New Mexico State University
Borderlands and Ethnic Studies



**TRANSFORM
EDUCATION**
—NM—



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**NMSU
MSW**

**ABQ-BASED
SOCIAL**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 17**

6 - 8 P M

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Sean 310.994.8958

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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





SW STUDENT PEER SUPPORT

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!

