



Provost Post

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Happy New Year, and welcome to the first edition of the *Provost Post*, a newsletter produced by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost. We hope this finds you returning to campus from a restful and happy holiday break, and ready to begin the work of the semester.

The year 2012 is not only the centennial anniversary of the State of New Mexico, it is also the sesquicentennial of the Morrill Act that created the system of land-grant universities. It would seem appropriate at this time to reflect on NMSU's mission within our state as well as the educational and research responsibilities that we share with our sister land-grants across the country. You may be interested in viewing the sesquicentennial "kickoff" video produced by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). It can be found at <http://youtu.be/7laR7-IHqI8>.

In connection to our institutional mission, please recall that a group of faculty and staff have worked over the course of the last nine months to develop a draft of Building the Vision, the academic strategic plan for our NMSU Main campus. The most current BTV document is available for your review at <http://provost.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/BTV-Draft-Plan-for-Review-12-16-11.pdf>. It will be presented for consideration to the NMSU Board of Regents at the March meeting.

As you peruse the following articles in our first *Provost Post*, please provide us your feedback on what you read as well as ideas for what you would like us to feature in upcoming editions. The goal is for this newsletter and our website to be your sources of academic and student affairs information at New Mexico State University.

I look forward to seeing you this winter and wish you the best for a great semester.

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Study Abroad Thriving at NMSU

Participation in study abroad among NMSU students this past year has never been greater and we expect this trend to continue as our program and scholarship opportunities expand. Spring semester 2012 will see 113 NMSU students studying abroad in Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. This is the largest cohort of Aggies abroad in the history of our program; reflecting an increase of 66% in students participating in study abroad from Spring semester 2011.

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Students welcomed at new Transfer Center!

Recently overheard in the Educational Services Building:

NMSU staff member: Can I help you?

Student, looking lost: I think I need all these offices—I'm a new transfer student.

Staff member: Ah! We just opened a Transfer Center that can help you with all these offices! Welcome to NMSU! (Student and staff member exit to Room 6.)

Students who transfer to NMSU face a lot of questions other students do not have: How can they re-start financial aid? How many of their courses apply to their new degree program? Does NMSU have all their transcripts?

To serve this type of student better, NMSU is now welcoming new Aggies with college experience someplace else at the Transfer Center in Room 6 of the Educational Services Building. Danielle Staley, admissions advisor with the Center, emphasizes that they help anybody who comes in the door. "We are seeking to serve students from inside the NMSU system and those from other community colleges and universities."

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Staff members of the Transfer Center stand at the entrance of the Center.

Reminders and Announcements

Please join your colleagues on Tuesday, January 17 for the Spring Convocation. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 8:30 with the program beginning at 9:00 AM in the Atkinson Recital Hall (Music Center). We will be honoring recipients of the 2011 Donald C. Roush Awards.

Save the Date – The 2012 Spring Summit will be Friday, April 13 in the Farm and Ranch Museum's new ballrooms. Watch for more information.

The search for the Associate Provost for International and Border Programs is underway. Search committee members include: Tilahun Adera, Kristian Chervenock, Iñigo Garcia-Bryce, Mary Jaspers, John Mexal, Rola Idriss, Dana Christman, Maria De Boyrie, Khaled Abuhasel, Greg Fant, and a Faculty Senator to be appointed.