



# Provost Post

## New Mexico State University



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Colleagues –

Welcome back – or for those of you who are new to NMSU, Welcome! – to NMSU.

The 2012-2013 academic year is already off to a great start, with orientation activities behind us, classes in full swing, and events happening right and left.

The summer included celebrations of the Morrill Act of 1862, one of which was sponsored by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and took place at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Centennial of New Mexico statehood was commemorated at field days at several of our agricultural science centers. The field day at the Mora center was also a rededication ceremony: the facility is now officially the John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center at Mora in honor of its long-time superintendent.

We piloted a new program, Meet New Mexico, which gave a set of faculty and administrators an opportunity to learn firsthand what NMSU is doing in other parts of the state. The group visited the agricultural science centers in Los Lunas and Alcalde, the NMSU Albuquerque Center and NMSU Grants campus, and the Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service office. Extension agents from more than a dozen counties presented aspects of their programs at various points in the trip. We also had the opportunity to visit Acoma Pueblo one morning.

The Center for the Arts is nearing completion. I recently got my first tour of the facility, which promises to be a world-class performance venue. Pictured from left to right are Ted Shelton, Malcolm Holzman, Paul Couture, Christa Slaton, Wendy K. Wilkins, Greg Fant.



This issue of the Provost Post features articles about the new Faculty-Led International Programs (FLIP) initiative; our successful efforts to hire new faculty members, 46 of whom are joining us this semester; and my participation on the executive committee of the APLU Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence.

Best wishes for a rewarding fall semester!

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## **NMSU welcomes 46 new faculty members for fall 2012**

The NMSU Las Cruces campus welcomes 46 new faculty members this semester, a robust hiring class for

the university, particularly considering the current economic situation. All of the academic colleges are represented, as well as the NMSU Library. The intensive hiring effort was supported in part by a Board of Regents decision to allot \$1 million in funds to Academic Affairs for that purpose.

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## **NMSU provost serves on executive committee of national commission**

As the state's land-grant university, New Mexico State University is a member of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, a national organization of 218 higher education institutions whose mission is primarily to advocate on behalf of public colleges and universities and develop practices among its member institutions to improve higher education.

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## **Faculty-Led International Programs (FLiP) Office Established**

The Office of International and Border Programs, through its Office of Study Abroad (OSA), is happy to unveil its Faculty-Led International Programs (FLiP) Office to help NMSU faculty develop educational opportunities abroad. Cornell Menking, NMSU's new Associate Provost for International and Border Programs, and Kristian Chervenock, NMSU's Director of Study Abroad, both feel that these types of programs offer the best opportunities to expand our students' learning opportunities abroad.

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## **"Waffling about College" I.D.E.A. proposal provides pathways for Zuni Students**

This past summer a group of Zuni High School students experienced new insights through a special college introductory program. "Waffling About College" was one of eight projects funded through the I.D.E.A. grant program. These small grant awards are made in support of efforts to increase **inclusion, diversity, equity, and access** (I.D.E.A. Grants). They are intended to promote projects that yield a campus culture resulting in the successful recruitment and retention of an increasingly diverse academic workforce and student body on the NMSU Las Cruces campus.

Co-Principal Investigators Wendy Hamilton and Michael Patrick led a successful recruiting endeavor partnering with the Zuni Pueblo, our American Indian Program, NMSU Grants campus, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, University Admissions, and the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Working together they gave this group of Zuni High School students a great "taste" of college. The students indicated that before participating in this orientation program, they had little or no understanding of why they should attend NMSU. As a result of the project, these students learned firsthand the benefits of not only attending college, but the benefits of attending an NMSU campus. [Read more](#)

## Reminders and Announcements

### Rumberos de Cuba

Those who joined the fun this past Saturday know that this is not your standard ballroom rumba. This is real Afro-Cuban rumba, born in the poor sections of Cuban cities and carrying dance styles and rhythms that echo the African traditions of Cuban slaves. The dominant musical elements are singing and drumming; the dancing is energetic, sensual and colorful. NMSU welcomed the Afro-Cuban music and dance troupe Rumberos de Cuba along with world-famous percussionist Jose Luis Quintana, better known as "Changuito" last Saturday to kick off five days of special presentations. See [rumberos.nmsu.edu](http://rumberos.nmsu.edu) for a complete list of events and join us on Thursday September 13 at 5:00 PM for the Farewell Concert on the Nason House lawn. Bring your lawn chairs as we celebrate the work of these fabulous artists.

### Study Abroad Fair to be held Sept. 12

The Office of Study Abroad will host the Fall Semester Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Corbett Center, ground floor. Encourage students to drop by and learn more about study abroad opportunities at NMSU. Many of our international exchange partners and program providers will be in attendance and are excited to speak to students and faculty that are considering a semester or academic year exchange, summer intensive language program or faculty led international program.

For more information contact [ktcherve@ad.nmsu.edu](mailto:ktcherve@ad.nmsu.edu).

### Westhafer Ceremony scheduled for Sept. 21

The Westhafer Ceremony is scheduled for 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 in O'Donnell Hall, Room 104. This ceremony will recognize Shuguang Deng from the Department of Chemical Engineering for excellence in research and creative activities. Please join to celebrate Deng's accomplishments.

For more information, please contact Azadeh Osanloo at [azadeh@nmsu.edu](mailto:azadeh@nmsu.edu) or 646-5976.

### Community College Roundup scheduled

This year's Community College Roundup, "Student Success: The Time Is Now," is scheduled for Oct. 5-6 at Doña Community College. The keynote speaker is Vincent Tinto with an additional guest speaker, Denise Chávez, local novelist and artist.

Registration is now available for the Community College Roundup at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/bis/roundup/>.

The "Call for Proposals" deadline is Sept. 7 by 5 p.m. Please submit registrations and proposals to Denise Lilley, [dlilley@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:dlilley@dacc.nmsu.edu). Many excellent proposals have already been received.

Please refer to the website often for updates and additional information.

