

Hugh Meglone Milton:
A Life Beyond
Duty



You are cordially invited to the
spring Pioneers Luncheon

Wednesday, March 15
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

3rd Floor Bistro
Stan Fulton Athletics Center
1815 Wells Street

Guest speaker:
Martha Andrews, University
Archivist, will talk about her
book, *Hugh Meglone Milton: A*
Life Beyond Duty

Please RSVP by March 13, 2017. You can
pre-pay for the Pioneers Luncheon in
the following ways:

• Submit the enclosed form and mail
to:

NMSU Foundation
PO Box 3590
Las Cruces, NM 88003

• Call Terra Winter at (575) 646-1613
• Email tvwinter@nmsu.edu

Wine Tasting
and Lectures

Gerald Thomas
Chair Program
(College of ACES)

Bobby Lee Lawrence
Academy of Wine
Cost \$15
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28
Topic: Beverage Brand
Management

Tuesday, April 4
Topic: Mixology Marvels



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Save the Dates:

• **Friday, April 7 and**
Friday, May 5, The
Adjustment Project,
100 West Café,
Gerald Thomas Hall

• **Wednesday, April**
26- 11:30-1:30pm
Founders Day and
Faculty & Staff
Campaign Launch -
Traders Plaza

• **Wednesday,**
June 14,
NMSU Pioneers
Board of Directors
meeting - 10-11am
University Center &
Residence

• **Wednesday, June**
14 (BBQ) - 11:30-
1pm University
Center & Residence

• **Wednesday,**
November 15
Luncheon -
11:30-1pm
Location to
be determined

NMSU Pioneers Book Scholarship



Pictured above: Shane Griffin, Charles Trujillo, and
Leihani Clark Rodriguez Pioneer Book Scholarship
recipients.

To the NMSU Pioneers:

Thank you for believing in me
and helping fund my educa-
tion. This gift has alleviated
some of the financial burden
from school and for that I am
grateful.
Thank You!

~ Charles Trujillo, College of
Engineering, Class of '18

The NMSU Pioneers have focused on awarding scholarships
and in 1995, the NMSU Pioneers funded the first current use
scholarship to provide two \$250 book scholarships to students
at NMSU. With dedicated board leadership, generous donors,
and administrative support from the NMSU Foundation office, the
program has grown to support five \$1,000 scholarships annually.

In recent years, the Board decided to honor past leaders of the
NMSU Pioneers who have recently passed away. This tradition
continues, and scholarship recipients have the opportunity to
meet with the Pioneers as well as the families of honored board
members at the luncheons and other special events.

Your gift to the Pioneer Book Scholarship will have an impact
on NMSU students. The cost of books continues to be high, and
an award of \$1,000 can make the difference for NMSU students.
Donations to the scholarship assist students and ensure they are
able to carry their textbooks to class and take them home to
study, without the need to share with a classmate. Your gift will
put books into the hands of our NMSU Aggies now.

Your commitment and donations will assist with further Pioneer
Book Scholarships. Join us as we impact our students today!

NMSU Comprehensive Campaign Launch!

The impact of NMSU will be even more visible during the events
leading up to the launch of NMSU's comprehensive campaign.
The NMSU faculty and staff campaign launch will take place
on Wednesday, April 26, followed by the student launch on
Thursday, April 27. Please join us on Friday, April 28, from 4 to
6 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts for the public launch
that celebrates the impact of NMSU and its alumni, faculty,
students, staff and friends.

Denise Welsh Elected 2017 NMSU Pioneers Board President



Denise Welsh retired in January 2015 after 30 years of service with NMSU. She was the director of Media Technology Services, facilitating worldwide live interactive distance education programs and video conferencing. She has been an active Pioneer and dedicated board member since 2009, and served as NMSU Pioneers President in 2013. She also serves on the American Southwest Theatre Board.

I am excited to present the first newsletter of 2017, welcoming a new year full of opportunities to connect and reconnect with Aggie friends through the NMSU Pioneers. If you are an employee who has worked for at least 20 years at NMSU or have retired from NMSU, and you have made a gift to NMSU in the past year, you are a Pioneer – thank you!

The NMSU Pioneers began in 1984 by NMSU President Emeritus Gerald Thomas, whose vision was to preserve the relationship between NMSU and its former employees. The NMSU Pioneers have upheld this vision, and are proud to continue to support students through the NMSU Pioneers Book Scholarship. We continue to maintain a close relationship with NMSU and pride ourselves in assisting with recruiting great students and encouraging students to do their best. The NMSU Foundation supports us in our efforts to stay connected in all facets of NMSU.

I hope you'll join other retirees and NMSU employees at events across campus or at the NMSU Pioneer luncheons. I believe that we can sustain our membership and continue to grow. So come and enjoy a great lunch, great conversation, and great programming designed just for you!

We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Thank you, Debbie!

Debbie Widger has been a devoted Aggie alum since 1981, and dedicated her career to NMSU. After her retirement in 2015, she was elected to serve as the president of the NMSU Pioneers and we are very thankful for her service and commitment to NMSU and our students. Thank you, Debbie!

Thank you for serving on the NMSU Pioneers Board of Directors!

The following board members completed two terms on the NMSU Pioneers Board of Directors, each serving from 2012-2016. We are grateful for their service, and look forward to seeing them at future Pioneers events.

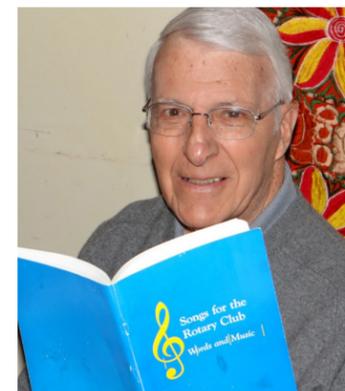


Dr. Gary Donart, emeritus professor of Range Science

Gary B. Donart joined NMSU as an associate professor of range science in January 1972. He was heavily involved in both teaching and research, serving as campus coordinator of the range science research at Fort Stanton and range fertilization and plant physiology. He worked closely with representatives of the Bureau of Land Management, the Soil Conservation Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. He is still connected to NMSU as a season-ticket holder for football, basketball and volleyball, but notes that since he now has a grandson who is a sophomore in engineering, he is getting an even closer view of NMSU.

Dr. George Mulholland, emeritus professor of Mechanical Engineering (no picture available)

Dr. George Mulholland is an emeritus professor of mechanical engineering. He received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University after getting both his undergraduate and master's degree at NMSU. Mulholland enjoyed 30 years at NMSU and retired in August 1996. He was a professor and department head of Mechanical Engineering. In addition to serving on the Pioneers board, he was a board member for NM Lions Eye Bank, NM Lions Eye Foundation, NM Lions Operation Kid Sight, Children's Reading Alliance, and the NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation. He also serves as a judge for the Annual WERC Environmental Design Contest. Mulholland said that serving on the Pioneers Board of Directors was a great experience.



Dr. Paul Comeau, emeritus professor of French

Paul T. Comeau studied Latin, classical Greek, and French for more than four years at Joliette Seminary in Quebec. He received a B.A. in liberal arts from Assumption College, an M.A. in French language and literature and a Ph.D. in Romance languages and literature, both from Princeton University. As professor of French and head of the Department of Foreign Languages at New Mexico State University, he established a two-year Latin program and taught that language for nine years, along with courses in French language, literature, and culture. Now retired as professor emeritus of French, he is past president of the New Mexico Chapter of the American Association

of Teachers of French and a life member of the Modern Language Association of America. He served a previous term on the NMSU Pioneers Board from 2002-2004.

If you would like to become a NMSU Pioneers board member, please contact Terra Winter at (575) 646-1613.