

Save the Dates:

Meet student recipients of the book scholarship!
Fall Luncheon
Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 11AM-1PM
Columbus Center
901 Avenida de Mesilla

Giving Tuesday will be here before you know it!
November 29, 2016

Look forward to the Campaign Kick Off!
April 28, 2017

Changing Seasons, Changing Bylaws



Left to right: Conrad Keyes, William Conroy, Diana Gibson and Debbie Widger

After a long, hot summer with 100 degree temperatures, fall has arrived with beautiful days and evenings. The changing of a season is a great time to reconnect with friends we made at NMSU and renew the strong bonds we have built over the years.

When Pioneers was started in 1984, the paramount goal of the organization was to support higher education at NMSU. Along with that, the Pioneers also championed school pride, worked to keep the university recognized as a top-tier institution, and maintained a close relationship with NMSU's mission, goals and objectives.

Today we have an opportunity to strengthen the original Pioneers' vision. We have been working with the NMSU Foundation team to design a stronger partnership with our long-time employees and retirees. Across the country, many dues-based organizations have seen a decline in their membership, and our Pioneers have been facing this same challenge.

After conversations with our members and a look at other university models, the board has made a decision to move away from being a dues-based organization. According to the old bylaws, Pioneers who paid dues were considered "active" Pioneers. Now, with the new bylaws, any Pioneer who gives a gift to NMSU through the NSMU Foundation will be "active" — no dues required! In other words, a 20-year employee or retiree is still a Pioneer, but giving to NMSU automatically makes you an active member of the Pioneers.

While it may sound like a big change, it really isn't. By opening up our active membership, more Pioneers will be reached with invitations to engage in our activities both on and off campus. As your Pioneer President, I know I speak for the board when I say we are excited to have more Pioneers involved.

Go Aggies!



NMSU Pioneers President

New Mexico State University - All About Discovery!

Connect with Aggie Friends!

The Adjustment Project
100 West Cafe
Gerald Thomas Hall
Drinks \$3-5
5-7 pm
Fridays:
Nov. 4, Dec. 2

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Wine Tasting and Lectures
Gerald Thomas Chair Program
(College of ACES)
Bobby Lee Lawrence
Academy of Wine
Gerald Thomas Hall
Cost: \$15
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 10
Topic: Belgian Beers



Zero increase in taxes associated with the approval of GO Bond C
\$27.5 million funds available to help the NMSU system
1,350 estimated jobs that would be created

The NMSU Department of Art ranks 7th in enrollment among 26 departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, but it is constrained by the limitations of D.W. Williams Hall. More than \$800,000 in private funds have been raised for its renovation, but more is needed.

The new Williams Hall will be carefully planned to inspire creativity and cross-pollination of talents among students and faculty.

Dates to remember:

- Oct. 22-Nov. 5, early in-person voting
- Nov. 8, absentee voting ends at 7 pm
- November 8, Election Day

NMSU joined the global GivingTuesday movement for the first time in 2015. The worldwide day of giving that celebrates generosity and philanthropy was a huge success with a dollar-for-dollar match incentive for gifts to scholarship funds. NMSU retirees contributed more than \$244,000. More than 250 current faculty and staff contributed \$229,000. We are a caring community gearing up to give again Tuesday, November, 29, 2016! Join us at GivingTuesday Headquarters at the Aggie Lounge at Corbett Center Student Union. Free designated parking will be available.

For more information:
advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday



Your Generosity Provided Books to Students

Thank you for your generosity! Thanks to our long-term and retired employees, five students received a \$1,000 Pioneers Book Scholarship this year. All of the students are in their junior year and are family of NMSU alumni. Before meeting them in person at the November 16 luncheon, find out a bit more on them here:

Charles Trujillo received the scholarship in honor of former board member Eddie Groth. Charles graduated from Gadsden High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in information engineering technology with a minor in security technology. His mother earned an associate degree in business, a bachelor's degree in secondary education, and a master's in the College of Education.



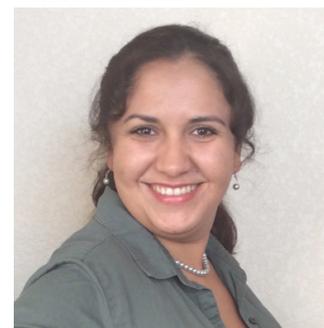
Charles Trujillo

Shane Griffin received the scholarship in honor of former board member Joe Creed. Shane graduated from Oñate High School and is now pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering physics and plans to pursue a master's degree in physics and a PhD. Both of his parents and grandparents graduated from NMSU.



Shane Griffin

Leihani Clark Rodriguez received the scholarship in honor of former board member Glyn Throneberry. Leihani graduated from Oñate High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her mother graduated from NMSU's College of Education and her father graduated from the College of Engineering.



Leihani Clark Rodriguez

Brent Carrillo received the scholarship in honor of former board member C. Quentin Ford. Brent graduated from Las Cruces High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and plans to earn a master's degree in organic chemistry or pharmacy. Both of his parents are graduates of NMSU.

Kayla Johnson received the scholarship in honor of Pioneers founder Gerald Thomas. Kayla was home-schooled, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in music in the College of Arts and Sciences. Her mother graduated from NMSU with a bachelor's degree in social work.

A Legacy of Leadership

Dr. C. Quentin Ford, 92, passed away on May 1, 2016. From 1941 to 1946, Ford joined the Merchant Marine Corps, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering and served as a chief engineering officer in the U.S. Navy in both the WWII Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

After the war, he returned to New Mexico College of A&M, earning a B.S. in mechanical engineering in 1949. Ford completed his Ph.D. in 1959 from Michigan State University. As the first doctoral professor in mechanical engineering at NMSU, he became the head of that department (1960-1969). In 1974, he was appointed associate dean of academic affairs in engineering, serving in this position until he retired in 1988. He was the dean of engineering from 1980 to 1981.

René Casillas, 77, passed away on July 4, 2016. He began his research career at the Army Chemical Center while serving in the U.S. Army. Casillas earned his doctorate in biochemistry at Oregon State University and his bachelor's degree from California State University.

He joined the faculty of NMSU's Chemistry Department in 1976 as an associate professor after working for six years as a scientist in the Oregon Regional Primate Research Institute. In 1982, Casillas was promoted to professor of biochemistry before serving as NMSU's dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1992 until his retirement in 2002.

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Hugh Meglone Milton:
A Life Beyond
Duty



**Wednesday,
November 16
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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**Guest Speaker:
Martha Andrews,
University Archivist,
will talk about her
book on Hugh Milton,
“Hugh M. Milton: A
Life Beyond Duty.”**

**Next NMSU Pioneers
Board of Directors
Meeting:**

**Wednesday,
January 25, 2017
10:00 AM**

**Tentative:
Alumni Visitors Center
Conference Room**

775 College Drive



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