Since 1984, Pioneers have been making an impact at NMSU. Here are some of the achievements and memories of what we’ve done to reconnect long-time members of the NMSU family to our caring community.

1983 - The last New Mexico State University student yearbook, The Swastika is published.

1984 - President Gerald Thomas creates the NMSU Pioneers.

1985 - The first NMSU Pioneers Newsletter is sent to members.

1986 - NMSU Pioneers president George Roberts advocates for tuition free courses for spouses of retired employees.

1987 - Pan American Center is renovated.

1987 - NMSU Pioneers create a 250 page cookbook. It was sold to raise funds to help students.

1991 - “New Library” breaks ground. It was later named Zuhl Library.

1993 – NMSU Pioneers host students during the holidays with “Feed a Student” potluck.

1994 – NMSU Pioneers create a scholarship to help NMSU students purchase books.

1995 - The first NMSU Pioneers book scholarship of $250 is awarded to a student.

1999 – The Faculty Women’s Club’s 50th anniversary. Originally called the Newcomers Club, it adopted its current name in 1952. Jean Thomas, wife of Gerald Thomas, was one of the founding women.

2008 – Inaugural year of the NMSU Estate Planning Conference for Women.

2011 – NMSU Pioneers book scholarships of $750 are awarded to four students.

2012 – NMSU’s Chile Pepper Institute certifies the hottest pepper on the planet.

2012 – State of New Mexico Centennial - Jon Hunner, director for NMSU’s Public History Program, addresses the Pioneers at their fall luncheon.

2013 – Garrey Carruthers, New Mexico’s 27th governor, is named NMSU’s 27th president and NMSU celebrates its 125th anniversary.

2015 – The Hardman Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center was built, replacing Hardman Hall and Jacobs Hall.

2016 – NMSU Pioneers book scholarships of $1,000 are awarded to five students.
Announcing the 2017 Pioneer Book Scholarship Recipients!

Thanks to your commitment and gifts, four students will each receive a $1,000 Pioneers Book Scholarship in the 2017-2018 academic year. All of the students are in their junior year and are family of NMSU alumni. You’ll have an opportunity to meet them soon, but you can find out a bit more about them here:

**Jordan Glaze** is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering with a minor in mathematics. He plans to pursue a master’s degree in mechanical engineering. Both of his parents graduated from NMSU in the 1980s. His grandfather graduated in 1956.

**Jonathan Villa** is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in music education and plays the trumpet. He serves in the U.S. Army Reserve and would like to audition for the U.S. Army National Guard band. Both of his parents graduated from NMSU.

**Sara Manshad** is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in biology with further ambitions to become a physician to help patients in rural areas of New Mexico. Both of her parents and four brothers have graduated from NMSU.

**Nathan Christensen** is pursuing a bachelor’s and master’s degree in electrical engineering, where he focuses on robotics research. Both of his parents graduated from NMSU.

Join us as we continue to promote student success for generations of Aggies by donating to the Pioneers Book Scholarship today!

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