Pioneers Book Scholarship History

By the Numbers

Records dating back to the year 2000, show tremendous growth and success of the Pioneers Book Scholarship awarded to junior and senior NMSU students every year with the generous support of NMSU Pioneers.

Since 2000: 56 Book Scholarships have been awarded  WORTH $41,513

Of those graduated, 79% kept their talents in New Mexico and graduated from NMSU with:

- 7 Business Degrees
- 3 Education Degrees
- 12 Engineering Degrees
- 7 Arts & Sciences Degrees
- 6 Agriculture Degrees
- 7 Other Degrees

YOU'RE INVITED!

Founder's Day & NMSU Foundation Board MTG.
Friday, April 20

President's Associates Ball
Saturday, April 21

NMSU Spring Day of Giving
Tuesday, May 1

NMSU Spring Commencement
Saturday, May 12

2017 Scholarship Recipients: Leihani Rodriguez, Kayla Johnson & Charles Trujillo

CATCH UP:

Your New Board Members
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ABOUT US -
Who are the Pioneers?

YOU ARE A PIONEER!
Pioneers are NMSU retirees or NMSU employees (and their spouses) who worked at NMSU for at least 20 years. The NMSU Pioneers were founded in 1984 by NMSU President Emeritus Gerald Thomas and others. Pioneers capitalize on the experience of former employees and support the NMSU mission of “teaching, research and service” by providing a community of colleagues for members, preservation of history and help to promote top-quality education and excellence at NMSU.

THE FOCUS.
Since 1984, the NMSU Pioneers have focused on awarding scholarships. In 1995, the NMSU Pioneers funded a current use scholarship to provide two $250 book scholarships to students at NMSU. With dedicated board leadership, generous donors and administrative support by the NMSU Foundation, the program has grown to support several $1,000 scholarships annually.

GET INVOLVED.
Contact your Board President to get more involved with the scholarship process, planning events and attending Pioneers’ gatherings. You will also receive exclusive information on NMSU Retiree benefits.

DONATE.
A donation of any size to the Pioneers Book Scholarship is a donation to our mission. These scholarships are created solely by our members and their financial commitment to Aggie students in need.

PRESIDENT’S INVITATION
Gregg Throneberry, Board President

It is a new calendar year for New Mexico State University and the Pioneers. The Pioneers Board has been hard at work with several initiatives, such as enhanced membership, reviewing the administration of our book scholarships and formalizing our working relationship with the NMSU Foundation.

Providing book scholarships for worthy Aggie students is a key tenet of the Pioneers. We have been refining our selection criteria and process to ensure recipients are tied to the legacy of our University, and more details will be forthcoming.

A new membership committee has formed to increase our Pioneers membership and participation, and we hope each of you will expand our outreach and invite eligible NMSU family members you know to join us.

The Pioneers Board is preparing for our annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, March 13, at the beautiful NMSU Golf Course (invitation on the back). This is an opportunity to reconnect with former NMSU colleagues and friends, hear from NMSU leadership and experience first-hand the great work our Aggie students are passionate about and enjoying in their academic pursuits. Please join us! We look forward to the chance to reconnect, visit and celebrate Aggie pride.

YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The search for a new NMSU System Chancellor is underway to replace Chancellor Garrey Carruthers upon his retire on July 1. So far, NMSU has hired an executive search and leadership consulting firm to assist the search committee in finding the right candidate. The 19-member committee met for the first time on January 31 to start narrowing down applicants. Finalists will be brought to campus in April with hopes of a new chancellor beginning July 1. Follow the search at www.nmsuchancellorsearch.com.

Giving Tuesday for NMSU is all about the power of collective giving. This past November, that power drove in more than $2.5 million in student scholarships, including more than 60 new endowments. In a span of 24 hours, around 1,300 dedicated Aggie alumni and friends contributed during NMSU’s third-annual Giving Tuesday. Other gifts include a $150,000 investment to the Arrowhead Center from the New Mexico Gas Company, an El Paso Electric contribution towards various programs of $28,000 and support of more than $2,800 toward NMSU cancer research provided by Heather Allen Gandy of Allen Theaters.

About 25,000 Aggie fans took over Tucson in late December to cheer on the Aggie Football team as they faced the challenge to end the longest bowl-drought in college football history. After an overtime touchdown by senior running back Larry Rose III, the Aggies defeated Utah State 26-20 and won the first bowl game for New Mexico State since 1960. The victory continued as celebrations ensued in both Las Cruces and Albuquerque to congratulate the players and Head Coach Doug Martin in January.
You Are Cordially Invited

NMSU Pioneers Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
$20.00 per person

NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive
Las Cruces, New Mexico

RSVP BY: Friday, March 9, 2018
Call Danielle Gibbs at 575-646-7495 to make your reservation. Then, you can either pay by phone, mail in your check using the enclosed form or bring your check with you to the event.

Find more information online, 24/7 about the Pioneers and our mission for students at:
advancing.nmsu.edu/pioneers

DID YOU KNOW...

Aggie License Plates support student scholarships?

When you pick up your Aggie License Plate at any local MVD, $25.00 of your $37.00 annual registration fee supports the NMSU Foundation's student scholarship fund.

Your investment helps support Aggie students on the road and in the classroom!

Social Media: @NMSUAAlumFriends support.nmsu.edu