

## Keeping up with the College

### Dean's Message



Dean & Chief Administrative Officer  
Rolando A. Flores Galarza

I am very pleased to mention the outstanding activities that we have in the college during this month. First, we hosted over 1,100 students for New Mexico FFA CDE. With the help of the department over \$3,750 was awarded in scholarships in Animal and Range Sciences to FFA members that placed first or second as individuals in horse, livestock, and wool evaluation as well as veterinary science and pasture and range evaluation, it was a great event. We also had the ACES Open House after 2 years of not having it. It proved again to be an outstanding event for the projection of the ACES college to the community. The following is a quote of one of the attendees: "... most interesting to me was the number of younger students that came along with their parents to see and learn something about the various facets of Agriculture. This was a great opportunity to have the community come visit the campus and experience Agriculture to some extent. Thanks to All who assisted in making it a meaningful experience for the visitors." – JB Pruett

These are examples in how the college of ACES will continue projecting to the community in addition to our field days, workshops, community activities, etc. In the previous issue we mentioned that we have our strategic plan, but in addition it is important how we are positioning the College for the future. Our latest issue of the ACES magazine shows "The great legacy of Fabian Garcia" on how the College has impact in the state, in the nation, and in the world. We will be addressing these issues more in the future and especially why we are focusing so much in the following areas: 1. Water Management, 2. Digital Agriculture, 3. Carbon Management, 4. Agrivoltaics, and other new very relevant areas for New Mexico.

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### ACADEMICS

The NMSU Rodeo Team has made a big splash in the regional and national college rodeo standing. With one regular season rodeo to go, hosted by NMSU, the women's team is leading the region, and the men's team is 2nd. In the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) standings, the women's team is in 8th place and the men's team is in 7th place.



Here are some NMSU students that have been working hard to qualify for the College National Rodeo Finals.

- All Around, Avery Ledesma 1st in the women's & Sherrick Sanborn is 3rd in the men's.
- Saddle bronc riding-Tate Harmon, 3rd.
- Bareback riding-Jesse Hay, 3rd.
- Tie down roping-Sanborn, 4th and Clate Harwell, 5th.
- Steer wrestling-Sanborn, 3rd.
- Team roping (heading)-Jonathan Carrizal, 4th.
- Goat tying-Lyndsey Orris, 1st.
- Barrel racing-Katelyn Detwiler, 4th and Ledesma, 5th.
- Breakaway roping-Bethanie Shofner, 1st, Dally Goemmer, 4th and Ellie Anderson, 5th.



## ANIMAL & RANGE SCIENCE



State University. Go Aggies!.

The Department of Animal and Range Sciences helped to welcome approximately 1,100 FFA members to the NMSU main campus April 6 to 8, 2022 for the NM FFA CDE. The department helped to organize and host the livestock and horse judging contests.

We also awarded over \$3,750 in scholarships in Animal and Range Sciences to FFA members that placed first or second as individuals in horse, livestock, and wool evaluation as well as veterinary science and pasture and range evaluation. These students are the future of our industry, and we are glad to assist in their education by hosting contests and providing financial support when they choose to attend New Mexico

### High Plains Dairy Conference a great success!

The 9th Annual 2022 High Plains Dairy Conference was held in Amarillo, TX. This event was organized by NMSU Dairy Extension and was a great success. The growth and development of the dairy industry in the High Plains region has been instrumental in the success and growth of this conference.

Registration numbers indicate general attendance was up 20%, with 1 in 5 attendees being dairy owners/managers and employees. The number of dairy producers attending the meeting was up 50% and a preliminary estimate of the number of cows represented appears to have topped 500,000 dairy cows. Revenue generated HPDC benefits the US Dairy Education and Training Consortium which is a student program to train the next generation of dairy producers.



For the proceeding papers and presentations of the High Plains Dairy Conference, please see our website at:

<http://highplainsdairy.org/>

#### From the desk of the DairyDoc

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## AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

AES Networking Social and ACES Open  
House

On April 8, AES hosted a networking social to provide researchers an opportunity to connect and identify collaborative research opportunities with the Agricultural Science Centers (ASCs). For the first time in several years, all the ASC superintendents were able to be on the main campus and represent their centers to discuss research collaborations with other ACES faculty and opened the invitation to faculty in other NMSU colleges.

If you were not able to attend and have questions about working with an ASC, please contact Lara Prihodko, Interim AES Associate Director, [prihodko@nmsu.edu](mailto:prihodko@nmsu.edu)

ASCs were also represented at the ACES Open House. Each ASC hosted a table that highlighted the variety of ongoing research occurring on-site and offered fun activities and/or information to over 700 attendees that visited the ACES Open House. The Clovis ASC entertained children of all ages with guar gum bubbles and the Viticulture Department (housed at the Fabian Garcia Plant Science Center) provided table grape cuttings for those interested in starting a grapevine."



A special thank you to NMSU Regent Ammu Devasthali for visiting ACES Open House and the ASC tables!

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## SCHOOL HOTEL, RESTAURANT & TOURISM MANAGEMENT



### Hospitality Career Fair 2022

The School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management is dedicated to incorporating hands on experience, and networking and career opportunities for our students and alumni. We host a Hospitality Career Fair every spring. This provides our students with internship options and career path introductions that can begin in their first year of the program and extend throughout their career. The support of our hospitality industry partners and their feedback on how hardworking, prepared, and passionate our students are has been fantastic guidance on how our program continues to produce and grow future hospitality professionals. More than 25 companies, from all segments of the

hospitality and tourism industry, including hotels, resorts, food and beverage operations, and tourism organizations attended this year's fair held on March 3 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Their involvement extends to posting career and job opportunities and serving as guest speakers throughout each semester.

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## INNOVATIVE MEDIA RESEARCH & EXTENSION



## Who should we see on our screens? Guiding principles for representation and accessibility in the media we create

The Innovative Media Research and Extension department has updated their guiding principles for representation and diversity in media, and for accessibility. These guidelines support department designers who then create videos, animations, apps, games, and interactive programs

which offer diverse content and representation. They also offer specifics in best practices for making media accessible for learners with a wide range of needs.

The team reviews their guiding principles annually to reflect their research in representation in the field, and looks at characters and stories in individual products, as well as over their entire collection of products to ensure that educational media represents the College's initiative in diversity, equity, and representation. The principles are available online at the department's website, and the departmental blog offers details on how the guiding principles are created and reviewed.

[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Learning Games \(nmsu.edu\)](https://nmsu.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion-learning-games)

## 4-H YOUTH

The NM State 4-H Leadership Team traveled to Washington, D.C. March 14 – 18 to participate in an educational leadership event. The youth delegation met with agriculture industry representatives and the NM congressional delegation. Through these meetings, delegates increased their understanding of the importance of agriculture and the legislative process.

In addition, delegates gained understanding of the responsibilities of meeting hosts, internship opportunities and asked questions to learn more about responsibilities, roles, and daily activities. One youth delegate reported, "NASDA (National Association of State Departments of Agriculture) was one of the most valuable meetings. We truly were able to understand how one organization works in order to support all aspects of agriculture. One important lesson was from their intern who reminded us to never let 'No'



define you or make you lose hope. This was inspiring and I hope to apply for an internship after my college degree.”

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