Hello OSA Colleagues,

It’s hard to believe that we are already in March of 2017! As we are about half way through the Spring 2017 semester here at UNM, this edition of the Connection will be a culmination of what has happened thus far in the semester, as well as a recap of the many exciting events and programs our Division provided to inspire learning and academic success and enhance the lives of our students during the latter part of 2016.

Over the past months, the Division welcomed new staff and new fellows to Student Affairs and welcomed students and community to the campus. We were honored to recognize outstanding students and staff through awards and ceremonies. We graciously gave back to the community and those in need, and educated students through conferences and fairs.

As the primary student services provider for the University’s large and varied student population we provide access, support, and encouragement to all students in pursuit of academic excellence. We strive to establish inclusive partnerships, programs, facilities and services, build leadership, enrich academic and career goals, and enhance the quality of life for potential and current students, and alumni.

Dr. Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, VP for UNM Student Affairs

2017 Fellows

Shannon Carr, research scientist with the Center for Education Policy Research; Mary Jane Lueras, administrative assistant with Student Affairs STEM programs; Matthew Lumpp, student activities specialist with the Student Activities Center; and Brandi Stone, senior student advisor for African American Student Services.

SHAC Executive Director

Dr. James Wilterding, joined SHAC in 2012 and has served as the associate medical director since September of 2014. Prior to that he was on the faculty in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UNM School of Medicine. He is excited about the opportunity to lead and work with such a talented team of clinicians and staff.

WRC Director

Jessica Hidalgo Holland brings over fifteen years of experience working in the non-profit sector from social change philanthropy to grassroots fundraising. A native of the northeast, and a graduate of New York University, Jessica relocated to Albuquerque in 2009 to further her studies in traditional medicine, ultimately pursuing her masters in counseling at Southwestern
Good Gracious
Staff and students pay it forward through kindness

Kindness Week a Huge Success

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For the 7th consecutive year, the Dean of Students office hosted the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) service-learning opportunity during the University’s Spring Break. Students traveled to New Orleans, LA to participate in community engagement projects in areas still feeling the effect of Hurricane Katrina.

The students aided in home building, teamwork, and leadership, while experiencing historical sites and culture. The group helped with everything from fixing a community center for after school programs and senior citizens, sorting Mardi Gras beads to benefit special need adults with job training, gardening at a community garden, and a food pantry. During their time in New Orleans the group also went on a ghost tour, plantation tour, tried local cuisine such as beignets, and visited the state museum on Hurricane Katrina.

“For being in New Orleans doing community service was the best way I could have spent my spring break. Doing all of these community service activities showed me the great impact our services are making in peoples lives,” says Jason Tarin, student employee with the Dean of Students Office. “Everyone we worked with was so grateful for our help, and every small activity we did made the biggest difference in their hearts.”
African American Student Services Celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month. AASS celebrated the month with several events including talks, workshops, movies, trivia and a fashion show. The month kicked off with a brunch featuring Dr. Carol Anderson, Professor of African American Studies at Emory University discussing her book, White Rage. The events continued with National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Testing, African American Day at the State Capitol, and an Ebony Renaissance Fashion Show. Visit aass.unm.edu for more information.

Vineyard Honored with Air Force Outstanding University Civilian Award

The Southwest Region covers 10 states from California to Tennessee and encompasses over 30 units. The award is given by the Headquarters Air Force ROTC to university civilians employed in the Air Force ROTC detachments. Recipients of this award not only meet outstanding job criteria requirements, but are also judged on their significant contributions to the Air Force ROTC and local community.

Vineyard was nominated by Lt Col Neal B. Kleinschmidt, UNM Air Force ROTC commanding officer, for his outstanding contributions to the three UNM ROTC detachments and his work with Animal Humane Association of New Mexico.

A day to Honor Culture

The University of New Mexico hosted a free event, Honoring Culture: Advancing Social Justice, in January lead by El Centro de la Raza in conjunction with various other UNM departments and programs.

The goal was to provide a platform to openly discuss race, gender, class, and other social issues in a progressive, inclusive way. The event kicked off with the presentation of a proclamation in honor of the event read by Dr. Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, Vice President for Student Affairs.

The rest of the day included panel discussions with people with ties to various cultural and social justice events and movements. Dr. Lawrence Roybal, executive director for ENLACE Statewide Collaborative, provided closing remarks.

The event was the first of a series of events to held over the next year.

Who’s Who Reception

In February, students were honored at the annual Who’s Who Among Colleges and Universities awards ceremony. These awards honor UNM’s most outstanding juniors, seniors, and graduate students for their achievements. “Who’s Who” is a national program, which was established in 1945 by H. Pettus Randall II to recognize academic achievement on college campuses.

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It’s an Honor
Students, staff, cultures, recognized and celebrated

Women’s Resource Center Celebrates Women’s History Month

In March, the UNM Women’s Resource Center celebrated Women’s HERstory month (in accordance with the National Women’s History Month). The monthlong celebration featured several free events including movies, HIV testing, yoga, aroma therapy, and much more! Cheo recorded a video with Caitlin Henke and Jessica Hidalgo Holland from the Women’s Resource Center to talk about month’s events. The video can be found on our UNMstudentaffairs youtube channel under the name: WRC Herstory Jessica Caitlin.

Louie Louie!

The 2017 annual Louie Awards were given to outstanding employees in our Division who make a difference in the lives of students every day.

The winners were honored at a Roaring Louies (a tribute to the Roaring 20’s) event coordinated by the 2017 Division of Student Affairs Fellows, the annual Louie awards were given to outstanding employees in the Division. The winners of these prestigious golden Louie statues make a difference in the lives of students every day by carrying out the Division’s mission to inspire learning and academic success. Employees can be nominated by any member of the UNM community based on their outstanding service to our students and winners are chosen by a committee comprised of a diverse group of people from various UNM departments.

And the winners are:

Outstanding Service Providers:
- Brian Malone, Student Financial Aid and the group of Jacqueline Paul, Pablo Torres, Danielle Gilliam, Global Education Office with Aaron Hilf, University Communications and Marketing

Fellow of the Year:
- Lisa Lindquist, Dean of Students

Student Employee of the Year:
- Aaron Ochoa, Casas del Rio

Student Affairs Employee of the Year:
- Leonel Diaz, Dean of Students

Honorary Community Award:
- Efren Nicolas Leyva Acevedo, Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque

Members of Global Education Office and University Communications & Marketing
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MCKAIG PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Alissa McKaig, Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science for the UNM Army ROTC, was recently promoted in United States Army rank from Major to Lieutenant Colonel—a promotion McKaig considers to be the culmination of her military career thus far.

McKaig, who has been with the Army for nearly 17 years, has held many titles during her tenure including Aviation Officer which qualifies her to pilot a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter; Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Aviation Plans Officer, and Spanish Instructor at the United States Military Academy, just to name a few.

“When I entered the Army I didn’t plan on staying past my initial commitment of five years,” McKaig says. “Here I am almost seventeen years later and I still love my job.”

Her most current role is commanding officer and professor of military science for the UNM Army ROTC. The part of this job she enjoys the most is mentoring cadets on the opportunities available for them in the Army, whether in Army Aviation or another branch.

“My favorite part of being the Professor of Military Science for UNM’s Army ROTC is helping cadets achieve their goals of becoming 2nd Lieutenants in the U.S. Army,” she says. “I am excited for them as they embark on their future as Army Officers.”

Outside of her career, McKaig tries to fit her love of flamenco dance and scuba diving into her hectic schedule raising three kids ages eight months to six years old.

Congratulations LTC McKaig! We are proud to have you on our team!

Vineyard (cont. from p.4)

“Brian has been an awesome edition to our team,” Kleinschmidt says. “He’s cut red tape across the board and has streamlined advisement plans for cadets.”

Vineyard is credited with plotting 200 degree plans for UNM tri-service ROTC cadets and midshipmen with a hundred percent on time graduation rate. Additionally he teaches a university financial literacy class and has streamlined the class registration process for cadets and midshipmen to make sure all critical classes are available to them.

He also volunteers at the Animal Humane Association of New Mexico Thrift Store where he has logged 80 hours thus far and processed $20,000 in donation items.

Winning this award makes Vineyard one of the four top civilian finalists in the nationwide Air Force ROTC University Civilian of the Quarter. The Division of Student Affairs congratulates Vineyard on this outstanding achievement!

CEP Founder, Chavez, Passes Away

The College Enrichment Program (CEP), one of the largest components of the College Enrichment and Outreach Programs (CEOP), was founded and first directed by Dr. Dan Chavez. Chavez who recently passed away assisted countless students in making the dream of going to college a reality. Our Division sends out condolences to his family and also a heartfelt thank you for his contributions to the success of our students. CEOP helps ensure students equal access to education and fosters excellence through a collaboration of support services. Last year a tree was planted in his honor in front of Mesa Vista Hall on the UNM campus.
Academically Speaking

Conferences, lectures, panels and fairs

DIA Director Visits UNM

As part of their Career Opportunities in Global and National Security, the National Security Studies Program (NSSP) welcomed Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) to the UNM campus. Stewart gave a talk, and met with students about careers with the DIA at a free event for interested students.

"UNM was honored to host LtGen Stewart, who is a three-star, African-American flag officer, highly decorated, and with a truly distinguished career," says Emile Nakhleh, director of the UNM Global and National Security Policy Institute.

LtGen Stewart became the 20th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance in 2015. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Commander, Marine Forces Cyber. DIA provides strategic analysis to the Secretary of Defense and the national security leadership.

The NSSP at UNM is one of under 20 similar programs in the US designated as an Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) Program which are administered by DIA.

"The IC-CAE Program at UNM (NSSP) is designed to help our students become competitive for careers in the sixteen intelligence agencies," says Dr. Frank Gilfeather, director Office of Strategic Programs. “To date we have had many of our students seek and obtain positions with these and related global and national security organizations."

For more information on NSSP please visit their website or call 505-277-3223

Campus Safety Week

Last September, the Women’s Resource Center, the Office of Equal Opportunity, Dean of Students Office, Residence Life and Student Housing, COSAP, Greek Life, and the LGBTQ Resource Center partnered up to present the Safety Week at UNM. Several events and topics including active shooter training, a safety walk, COSAP alcohol awareness and safety, rethinking violence, a safety fair, safety walk, and bicycle registration were covered during this weeklong event.

UNM Student Support Services TRiO Hosts Conference

The University of New Mexico Student Support Services – TRiO program held a Focus on the Future conference last fall on the UNM campus. The conference, which drew SSS-TRIO students and staff from around the state, allowed participants to explore educational opportunities at UNM, discover the diverse campus culture, and learn about graduate and professional school access.

The daylong event featured presentations and event support from several UNM departments and programs.

Student Free Speech: Know your Rights and Responsibilities

The UNM Dean of Students Office hosted a free Panel discussion entitled “Student Free Speech: Know your Rights and Responsibilities” in January to inform students about diversity, different points-of-view and the need to have constructive dialogue on issues.

Speakers included First Amendment attorney specialists: Eliza Bechtold, ACLU; Martin Esquivel, free speech and media law; Greg Williams, First Amendment expert attorney; and director of UNM Student Activities, Debbie Morris, who discussed student responsibilities such as how to reserve space for a free speech event.
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UNM Career Expo 2017
In February, Jenna Crabb and her staff from UNM Career Services held their annual Career Expo in the SUB Ballrooms on the UNM Campus. In total, 87 employers including Your Casa Team, CIA, Fastenal, Illinois Institute of Technology, Enterprise Holdings, and Allstate, just to name a few, were in attendance prepared to interview students for positions available at their companies. Over 500 students attended the event and employers remarked at the quality of the students they saw visiting their booths. Students were prepared, dressed professionally and had lots of resumes with them! Please visit the UNM Youtube page to see the video produced by University Communications and Marketing for the event.

Looking Ahead
April 8
UNM Spring Storm & Fiestas

April 21
UNM Recognition Reception

July 10-21
Traditional Medicine without Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico Class

August 19
9th Annual El Mezquite Golf Tournament

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