



# PPD News

Physical Plant Department

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## Smith appointed interim director of the Physical Plant Department

Chris Vallejos, associate vice president of Institutional Support Services, has announced Dr. R. Gary Smith as interim director of the Physical Plant Department (PPD) effective Monday, Jan. 25, 2016. With over 35 years of facilities management experience in higher education, Smith will oversee the operations of over 400 employees spread across five divisions.

Smith has been a valued employee at UNM for over 20 years and has successfully led the two largest divisions within PPD including Environmental Services and Facilities Maintenance. He is also the co-chair of the committee leading all initiatives pertaining to the maintenance, preservation, and care of the historic D.H. Lawrence Ranch in San Cristobal, N.M.

In 2014, UNM was awarded the [APPA Award for Excellence](#) for facilities management, Smith being instrumental in achieving this mighty feat. He is a graduate of APPA's Institute for the Facilities Management and Leadership Academy.

"I look forward to successfully leading this organization into the future, and continuing to foster PPD's 'Excellence in Facilities Management' philosophy," Smith said.

Jeff Zumwalt, PPD's previous director, resigned as of January 22, 2016, to accept a position at Texas A&M working in Utilities & Energy Services.



*Dr. R. Gary Smith, interim director of the Physical Plant Department.  
Photo credit: Rachel Stone*

## Roofing project at Mechanical Engineering

PPD Area 4 has scheduled a roofing project at Mechanical Engineering (Bldg. 122) beginning February 2nd at 10:00 pm, weather permitting. At that time, Redondo will be shut down to through traffic South of Martin Luther King to the Sara Reynolds (bldg. 104) bus exit until 5:00 am the following morning, February 3rd. The contractors will continue to work on the roof for approximately three more days with no foreseeable need to shut down Redondo a second time. If the need does occur, it will be done after hours beginning at 10:00 pm to 5:00 am.

If you have any questions relating to this project, please contact Joseph Lopez, supervisor for Area 4, at 505-321-5619.



## Tommy Tafoya Graduates from the APPA Institute for Facilities Management

Last week, several PPD employees attended the APPA U, which includes the Institute for Facilities Management and the Leadership Academy offered through APPA, Leadership in Educational Facilities. Both are week long training sessions designed to enrich the facility professional's understanding of the complexities of facilities management in an educational setting.

Tommy Tafoya, energy services manager with PPD Engineering & Energy Services, graduated from the Institute for Facilities Management. He successfully completed four tracks: Maintenance & Operations, Energy & Utilities, General Administration & Management, and Planning, Design, & Construction. Congratulations to you, Tommy!

Sue Van Cleve, information services manager with ISS IT, is a fellow graduate of the APPA Institute, and she says, "I've gone to a lot of conferences over the last ten years, but this is, by far, the best conference I've attended. Every session I've been to, I've gotten something out of it. Every time I go in thinking, 'how long is it going to take me to get out of this session?' but I don't look at my watch. I am totally engaged. I am taking back things I am going to share with my staff or my colleagues."

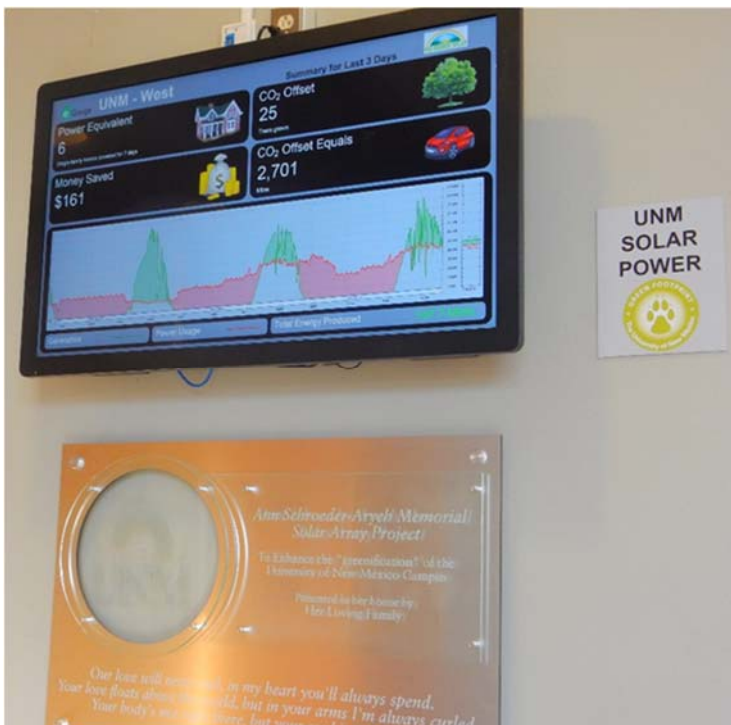


*Tommy Tafoya receives his diploma from Lynne Finn, dean of Energy & Utilities for the APPA U. Photo credit: Rachel Stone*

## Solar Dashboard highlights impact in the SUB

PPD has committed to install a new photovoltaic system each and every year on the UNM campus. This has been made possible by the generous donations made by the Aryeh family over the years, and they are responsible for the latest installations at the Science & Math Learning Center, UNM Continuing Education, and UNM West. The installation at the McKinnon Tennis Complex is underway and should be unveiled soon.

Now you can see what impact these solar systems have on UNM's carbon footprint and energy savings! Located in the lobby at the south entrance of the Student Union Building, this screen highlights the "real-time" data collected from these systems. This screen sits right above a plaque commemorating the memory of Ann Schroeder-Aryeh who was dedicated to the "greenification" of the UNM campus. Come by and check it out!



*This dashboard shows that the UNM West solar array is providing a power equivalent of six residential homes powered for seven days, and avoiding costs in the amount of \$161. This summary was for the last three days when this photo was taken.*

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## Kudos

Victor,

I wanted to give some feedback on my most recent service from your staff. The staff members that fulfilled work order #12861 arrived shortly after their stated time and were very polite and professional. Both staff members introduced themselves and inquired about the work order itself. They wanted to ensure the proper service was being provided. When I arrived in my office this morning, I found a PPD card with the work order number, date and time of the service. I am very pleased with the service provided and the professionalism of your staff.

Kimberly Paffett, M.S.  
Health Physicist

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Hello Victor,

Just wanted to tell you how pleased we are with the completion of work order CH-12810. Mira and Dominique did a beautiful job cleaning, sealing, and waxing the floors of our newly renovated labs: BRF G31-36.

We appreciate their professionalism and the care they take to get the job done well and on time.

Thanks.

From: Katherine Gott

## PPD Safety Committee Survey Results

Last summer, the PPD Safety Committee conducted a survey to better understand what the staff at PPD think about workplace safety, reporting accidents, and how safety can be improved amongst PPD staff. There were 63 respondents, and they were asked to rank the following statements:

- 1 - I trust management to provide a safe and healthful workplace.
- 2 - My workplace is safe.
- 3 - If I raise a concern about a safety health hazard, my supervisor and management will take actions to address the issue.
- 4 - I can raise a safety concern without worrying about consequences.
- 5 - I am provided with all essential tools and equipment to perform my job safely.
- 6 - The equipment that is provided is safe and suitable for the task.

The majority of the respondents “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with each statement, while a few did not. Communication, training, and better equipment to meet the needs of staff were common themes for areas of improvement regarding safety. When asked how PPD could improve workplace safety, many responses were given:

“Listen to us.”

“Good communication and safety-minded individuals giving their opinions.”

“By watching out for each other. Training is a safety concern and responsibility. Cross-training helps us all be safe and respectful.”

“Look into problems that we have told them about and get them repaired.”

“Awareness. Things go along for a long time with no incidents and complacency can set in. I like to see safety banners, etc. and safety awards promoted.”

The PPD Safety Committee are reviewing the results and continue to work toward keeping PPD employees safe on the job. For more information about the PPD Safety Award, please visit:

English version [http://iss.unm.edu/ppd/webpdfs/PPD%20Safety\\_Award\\_nomination\\_form.pdf](http://iss.unm.edu/ppd/webpdfs/PPD%20Safety_Award_nomination_form.pdf)

Spanish version [http://iss.unm.edu/ppd/webpdfs/Premio\\_de\\_Seguridad\\_de\\_PPD.pdf](http://iss.unm.edu/ppd/webpdfs/Premio_de_Seguridad_de_PPD.pdf)

## Lovin' on Little Lobos

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### Collection Dates:

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Items Being Collected:

- A** Premie + Newborn Size Onesies and Booties/ Socks (new)
- B** Infant/Children's Board Books (new or gently used)
- C** Newborn Size Halo Sacks or Swaddle Me's

The UNMH NICU averages 50 admissions each month of newborn babies from across the state. Average admission time can be from a few days to several months. Please help us and their parents by donating a new outfit or an awesome book that will make the babies comfortable and help them bond with their excited parents.

## Help Us Love on These Little Lobos!

### Gallup Campus Collection Sites:

- Marketing & Communications

### Main Campus Collection Sites:

- Accounts Payable, John and June Perovich Business Center, Ste. 2600
- Student Success & Advisement, Center for the Arts
- Global Education Office, Mesa Vista Hall, Room 2120
- Staff Council Office, Hokona Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- ECHO, 1650 University Blvd., XX floor
- Art Building, Art & Art History Office, Room 204
- Advisement Center, University Advisement and Enrichment Center
- GPSA, Student Union Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, room 1021

### North Campus Collections Sites:

- Emergency Medicine, Innovation & Discovery Training Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Cancer Research Center, CRF Ground Floor Lunch Room
- Internal Medicine, 5<sup>th</sup> floor ACC
- OB/GYN, 4<sup>th</sup> floor ACC
- Physical Plant, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Main Office)
- NM Poison & Drug Information, 1650 University Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- College of Nursing, Nursing/Pharmacy Building lobby, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Multidisciplinary Research Facility, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 208
- Dept. of Orthopaedics, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ACC West
- Reginald Heber Fitz Hall Lobby
- Pediatric Administration, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ACC
- Dept. of Pathology, Fitz Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor & University Hospital Lab 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### South Campus Collections Sites:

- Registrar's Office, Student Support & Services Center, 1155 University Blvd. SE
- Center for Development & Disability, 2300 Menaul Blvd. NE

## Temp to Regular

Please congratulate Kevin De Leon, mover, who was working as a temp in PPD Special Activities. He was brought into the PPD family as a full-time employee (FTE) effective January 23, 2016. Congratulations, Kevin!

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**THE PHYSICAL PLANT DEPARTMENT'S VISION IS THAT OUR COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATIONAL PEERS WILL RECOGNIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S PHYSICAL PLANT DEPARTMENT AS A LEADER IN CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY AND FACILITIES STEWARDSHIP.**

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