



# PPD News

Physical Plant Department

## UNM Honored with Three Energy Star Awards

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PNM recently recognized The University of New Mexico’s (UNM) efforts to reduce energy consumption by awarding The University with three Energy Efficiency Star Awards.

A statement by PNM said, “The PNM Business Energy Efficiency Star Awards are given to those PNM business customers who saved the highest kilowatt hours (kWh) among all energy efficiency rebate projects paid in 2015, by geographic region. We salute your achievement, and we thank you for helping to save energy and resources in our community.”

Robert Notary, associate director of PPD Engineering & Energy Services (E&ES), and Donald Swick, university facilities engineer with E&ES, accepted three awards on behalf of UNM last month:

- nonprofit/government entity with the highest energy savings.
- Building Tune-up Program with the highest energy savings.
- Distributor Discount program category with the highest energy savings.

In the nonprofit/government entity category, the top award went to UNM for installing energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems. It is estimated that together these projects will save 787,077 kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

In the Building Tune-up Program category, the top award went to UNM because two PPD staff members, Tom Tafoya and Joseph Roybal with PPD E&ES, received their Building Operator Certification, which will help identify energy efficiency improvement opportunities within campus buildings. These improvements will save 553,319 kilowatt hours of electricity each year.

In the Distributor Discount Program category, the top award went to UNM for installing 106 VendingMisers on various vending machines across campus. These devices power down the display lighting on vending machines overnight, or when not in use, while keeping the beverages cool. It is estimated that the VendingMisers will save 170,872 kilowatt hours electricity annually.



Donald Swick (left) and Robert Notary (middle) accept awards at the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy of PNM

## It's Time to Fall Back

Don't forget to “Fall back” on November 6<sup>th</sup>! Here a “fun fact” about this tradition:

While twins born at 11:55 p.m. and 12:05 a.m. may have different birthdays, Daylight Saving Time can change birth order -- on paper, anyway. During the time change in the fall, one baby could be born at 1:55 a.m. and the sibling born ten minutes later, at 1:05 a.m. In the spring, there is a gap when no babies are born at all: from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Here's an example, In November 2007, Laura Cirioli of North Carolina gave birth to Peter at 1:32 a.m. and, 34 minutes later, to Allison. However, because Daylight Saving Time reverted to Standard Time at 2:00 a.m., Allison was born at 1:06 a.m.



## All Star Awards for October 2016

The Physical Plant Department's (PPD) "All Star" staff recognition award was developed to recognize employees for being exceptional and to show appreciation for the excellent staff here at PPD. Winners will receive a \$20 LoboCa\$h card to use at various locations on campus.

Here are the PPD All Stars from the month of October:



Felix Vallejos (left) and Dr. Gary Smith (right).  
Credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Felix Vallejos, integrated pest management tech, with PPD Grounds & Landscaping!!! Willie West, acting associate director for PPD Environmental Services, nominated Vallejos and says:

*Felix has held a variety of positions here at The University of New Mexico in the last 31 years, but perhaps his greatest contribution has been over the last 9 years as the integrated pest management technician. His knowledge, dedication, thoroughness and attention to detail have greatly increased the effectiveness of the pest management program at UNM. He takes the time to answer questions his customers may have and provides superior customer service.*

*Much of the work Felix does is accomplished behind the scenes, or in this case walls. However, without his efforts, we would not be able to provide an environment our customers can work and live in without being "bugged."*



Dr. Gary Smith (left) and Jeffrey Curran. Credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Jeffrey Curran, automotive tech, with the UNM Automotive Center!!! Willie West, acting associate director for PPD Environmental Services, nominated Curran and says:

*As an automotive tech in the UNM Automotive Center, Jeffery doesn't get to have a significant amount of interaction with others outside his work group. However, his knowledge, skills and customer service are a valuable asset to The University. Throw in dependability, a strong work ethic with a team player attitude, and the result is a well-deserving winner of the PPD All Star award.*



## PPD donates to the United Way during 'UNM Gives' Campaign

Every year since 2001, the Physical Plant Department (PPD) has held a fundraiser to support The University of New Mexico's (UNM) United Way Campaign. This year for UNM Gives, PPD will contribute a total of \$1520.37. These funds were raised from the ticket sales for the annual raffle and generous donations across Institutional Support Services (ISS). This fundraiser wouldn't have been possible without the support from UNM's business partners' contributions who generously donate a variety of prizes that are then raffled off to ticket holders. Thank you to all who supported the event, and the United Way of Central New Mexico.



*Billy Hromas (left) and Willie West (right) pose for the camera.*

*Credit: Jessica Regensberg*



*Congratulations to Alexis Lopez, PPD recycling tech, who won a bike donated by Professional Equipment Repair.*

*Credit: Rachel Stone*

## Parking Lot Safety Reminder

There have been a slew of vehicle break-ins in the G Lot over the last several weeks after a period of reduced activity. PPD would like to remind staff that if you see ANY suspicious activity in the parking lots or on the UNM campus generally, please contact the UNM Police Department immediately at 505-277-2241.

How can we keep our vehicles safe?

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times.
- Close all windows and sunroofs.
- Place any valuables in the trunk (tools, iPads, laptops, backpacks/gym bags, money, mail, etc.).
- Remove garage door openers from vehicle.
- Hide registration/insurance in a secret location in the vehicle.
- Install anti-theft system if possible.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a co-worker to your vehicle. If something doesn't feel or look right, call the UNM Police Department at 505-277-2241.

## UNM Green Fund Application deadline is today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Green Fund is supported by student fees and can be used to fund projects or initiatives both educational and infrastructural for The University of New Mexico campus and community. This funding is meant to encourage and foster long term sustainability of The University of New Mexico as both a physical place and as an intellectual community.

For information about the evaluation and criteria along with the application, go to <http://sustainability.unm.edu/greenfund.html>

The UNM Green Fund is accepting applications through November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. Submit applications to [lobosust@unm.edu](mailto:lobosust@unm.edu).

Please call 505-277-1142 if you have any questions.

## Financial Thrive Thursday sessions begin Next Week

There are two financial seminars being offered next week titled “Close the Gaps,” presented by Cris Biron, from VOYA Financial. Gain a better understanding of three financial risks you and your family might face when something unexpected happens. Learn more about tools to help cover the risks, and how employer benefits can play a part. Create your action plan and be better prepared when life throws a curveball.

Sessions are being held on November 10th from 12:00-1:00pm in the Collaborative Teaching & Learning Building (CTLB) room 110 (Skype Meeting: Close Your Financial Gaps), and on November 11th from 12:00-1:00pm in the HSCLIC Library Room 428 (Webcast: Close Your Financial Gaps).

Attend in person or virtually from your desk, laptop, smart phone, or tablet! For a schedule of upcoming events, please see the [Financial Wellness Program](#) website. This event is open to all UNM faculty and staff (except student employees).

## Flexible Spending Accounts Open Enrollment Begins

UNM’s Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Open Enrollment for the 2017 Plan Year began on November 2. This is your opportunity to enroll in an FSA for the 2017 Plan (calendar) Year.

Enrollment will be conducted online via your LoboWeb employee account, and is available from 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 2 until 11:59 pm on Friday, November 18.

The FSA plans available to you are the **Health Care Flexible Spending Account** and the **Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account** (The Dependent Care FSA is not for dependent health expenses).

A \$500 Carry-Over provision applies to unused 2016 Health Care FSA funds. This means that unreimbursed 2016 Health Care FSA expenses of up to \$500 will carry over to 2017 and beyond. Participants must remain benefits-eligible to access carry-over funds.

Please visit our [FSA Open Enrollment](#) and [FSA](#) webpages for more information.

### Important Reminder:

In order to access online FSA Open Enrollment, you must be enrolled in Duo.

Duo is a two-factor authentication security process needed to view or make changes to your sensitive information in LoboWeb.

Duo adds a second layer of security to your online accounts. Verifying your identity using a second factor (like your phone or other mobile device) helps prevent anyone but you from logging in, even if they know your password.

This security process will require employees to not only provide their password to login to their account, but also provide a second authentication in the form of an SMS (text) message or phone call.

Details about Duo and how to enroll can be reviewed in the [October HR Newsletter](#).

- **Note:** *If you previously enrolled in Duo for Payroll Direct Deposit, you will not be required to repeat enrollment for Duo for Benefits. You will, however be prompted to authenticate every time you access Open Enrollment and other benefit enrollment features.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 277-MyHR (6947).

## Kudos

Good morning!

I'm writing to thank you all for the efficient replacement of the sidewalk at 1800 Sigma Chi NE. The work was performed and completed with no difficulty to our occupants – and we hope that we posed no problem for your crew! The sidewalk looks great – thank you!

Verónica T. Sánchez

UNM Extended Learning

PPD,  
Thank you so much for all of your  
help with Red Rally & Silent Auctions.  
You are all super heroes and  
both of these events would not  
have happened without your  
involvement.  
Best,  
Jobee Spint!

*Pest Management customer survey feedback from TMA:*

Felix was great! Got right after the problem and got it resolved. We can't thank him enough! ~ Sean O'Neill

Hi Mr. Notary and Tafoya,

I asked for your names from Luis Griego and Jesse Rivera earlier this morning. They were in the neighborhood asking staff if we were comfortable with the air as some recent adjusts had been made. I brought up how my office in UAEC 134A is always hot and is connected to UAEC 140E who is always cold. They made some adjustments to the set temperature and I'm already thrilled. I've been doing my best to deal with the heat over the past 2 years, but in one morning, they found a happy compromise for us.

I'm extremely appreciative of their time and attention to this matter. I can't do my job without your department so I just wanted to say THANK YOU! J Karen

Karen McGillvray

A&S Program Manager

College of Arts & Sciences

Hi Sue,

I just had to send a "Kudos" regarding Nathan Acosta! When I took on the communications for the RMA and wanted to build them a new website, you immediately, without hesitation offered to have Nathan to help me. Over the last year, we have worked really hard to give RMA the best website possible. And we did!!! It's finally finished and I couldn't be happier.

Nathan was such a pleasure to work with. He is SO knowledgeable about IT stuff, and had so much patience in teaching me the ropes. He listened to my ideas, and when I had bad ideas, he expressed his opinion without making me feel dumb. I'm going to miss working with Nathan like we have over the last year, and he was instrumental in making this website shine!

Thank you much, Sue and Nathan!

Rachel Stone

# UNM Family Weekend Approaches

UNM [Family Weekend](#) is almost here. The UNM Parent Association will host this event on November 4th and 5th. It's a great opportunity for families to have fun and spend time together at UNM. Daniel Perea, manager of Work Control and president of the UNM Parent Association, would like to inform any UNM parents of this weekend's exciting events. For additional information and registration, visit [Family Weekend](#).



PRESENTED BY THE UNM PARENT ASSOCIATION  
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2016

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2016

#### FRIDAY GAME NIGHT – 7:00pm

Pool, ping pong, games, tournaments, pizza and refreshments at The Cellar in Hokona Hall

#### FRIDAY GAME DEALS AT UNM BOOKSTORE

Get 25% Off all Lobowear, Spirit items and imprinted supplies on Friday

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2016

#### SATURDAY TAILGATE PARTY – 5:30pm

Tailgate festivities with lots of food and fun before the game at the Student Support and Service Center

#### LOBO FOOTBALL GAME – 8:15pm

Everyone's a Lobo as we cheer on UNM against Nevada - Woof! Woof! Woof!

NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2016

#### MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Visit the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology or the UNM Art Museum - Admission is free

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2016

#### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Aquila Theatre Company presents Much Ado About Nothing at 3:00pm at Popejoy Hall

Join us for fun, football and a fabulous time!  
Register Today at [parents.unm.edu/family-weekend](http://parents.unm.edu/family-weekend)

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

# 2016 LOBO FOOTBALL HEROES DAY

## GAME INFO:



LOBOS vs. NEVADA WOLFPACK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

GAME TIME: TBD



## EVENT INFO:

Lobo Football is hosting Heroes Day on November 5<sup>th</sup> to thank and show appreciation for all those who support and defend our country.

"Heroes" will be the guest coaches of the game, there will be numerous static displays from a vast number of departments, and there will be an in-game swearing in ceremony!

## TICKET INFO:

Discounted tickets are available for all of the following personnel (and their family & friends):

- Active duty & retired military
- Veterans
- First responders

FOR MORE TICKET INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 505-925-1620

## Upcoming Events

November 4 & 5: UNM Family Weekend

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Time ends

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Holiday—UNM Closed

December 21: PPD Holiday Potluck

December 23- January 2: Winter Break



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The Physical Plant Department's mission is to consistently deliver effective programs and efficient facility service based on sustainable and collaborative outcome aligned with The University of New Mexico's core mission.

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.