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A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD:
"Time of Change"

Spring time always heralds changes, from emerging plants to warming weather. Spring also brought changes to the Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Department. Some 17 seniors graduated this spring and 2 graduate students obtained their master's degree (Please see page 7 for a list of Spring graduates). We will miss their fresh faces and inquiring minds. They are starting a long professional journey and we wish them well.

Dr. Michael Patrick is initiating the YES program for high school students this summer, giving them college credit to learn about entrepreneurship. The program was very successful in Texas. We hope to spark student's interest in business and economics, and eventually hope they will join us in the department and go on to obtain their degrees.

This fall we will be starting a joint program with the Economics Department to offer a Doctorate in Economic Development (DED) that will be a professional degree program much like a Medical Degree is to the bio-sciences. We are looking to stretch our professional wings with this unique program to meet the needs of training more professionals in the area of economic development.

Spring also brought changes to the College of Agriculture and Home Economics leadership team. Dr. Jon Boren will be serving as Interim Associate Dean and Director for Extension, Dr Jim Libbin, starting in August, will be the Interim Associate Dean for Instruction. And of course we are losing one of our faculty members, Dr. Mike Martin, President of the University, has accepted the Chancellor's position at Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge.

The Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Department and The Extension Economics Department have been merged into one, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business. In the next newsletter we will introduce these colleagues from extension to you.

So we now have Department offices that extend from Las Cruces to Alcalde and Taos.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Department is actively involved in a new major cooperative project with our partner institutions Colorado State University, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Afghanistan. It is a major effort to help that post conflict country.

The final major change in the Department is Dr. Octavio Ramirez has left the Department to become Department Head of Agricultural Economics at the University of Georgia. While he was with us, Octavio made many improvements in the Department, seeing us through major changes. We appreciate the leadership and vision that he provided. We wish Octavio and Renelle great success in Georgia.

The faculty held a meeting with Dean Catlett to determine how to fill the Interim Department Head Position. Using the time honored principle of leadership selection, the faculty asked the question of who wasn't present at the meeting. Being halfway around the world in Afghanistan at the time, they selected Terry Crawford.

I want to invite your comments and support for a great Department, faculty and staff. For Alumni, stop by and visit, you are always welcome. For friends of the Department, we will strive to continue to provide the best in research, teaching, extension, and service to people of New Mexico, the nation, and to the world.

Sincerely,

Terry

Terry L. Crawford, Ph.D.
 College Professor and
 Interim Head
 Department of Agricultural
 Economics and Agricultural
 Business,
And NMSU Alumnus



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

AFGHANISTAN AGRICULTURE, WATER, and TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROJECT.

By Roger Beck



NMSU is the lead institution for a USAID/Afghanistan funded (almost 20 million dollars) three year project titled Agriculture, Water and Technology Transfer (AWATT) starting in March 2008.

The collaborating institutions are: Colorado State University, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The latter two have had projects in Afghanistan with on-going working relationships with four universities in Afghanistan. CSU has a history of recognized irrigation research and demonstration farms in arid lands. NMSU's contribution is a complement to the strengths of the collaborating universities with its water, extension, and land and water policy programs.

Roger Beck has been hired as CES Professor to coordinate program activities for the project. Other specialists are expected to be hired to carry-out the planned activities of the project.

There are three broadly defined objectives of the project. They are: 1) identify technologies that improve water management and increase agriculture production, 2) transfer these technologies to existing Afghanistan agricultural universities and government agencies and strengthen the capacity of

Afghan agencies to extend these technologies to Afghan farmers, and 3) recommend policies that can achieve the ends of objectives one and two.

Geographically, AWATT will focus initially on the north central and northeastern regions. It will expand next to western Afghanistan and finally to the Southern provinces, as local conditions permit.

In the process of executing these tasks in Afghanistan, the AWATT team is committed to providing increased opportunities for women and disadvantaged groups to access financial and social benefit from improved land and water management. Peer education and outreach programs with women will explore income opportunities through value-added cottage industries, better agricultural productivity and better resource management. In addition, the educational programs for women will include leadership development, self-efficacy and resource management.



This project is a challenging opportunity for the Department. It can benefit students by understanding applications of water saving technologies in a variety of situations. Developing extension methodologies that can be effective in

Afghanistan can only strengthen the capacity to deliver quality extension programs in New Mexico. While this is not a research project per se, it offers the opportunity for water researchers to test their models in an alternative socio-economic climate of a developing, human capital starved nation.

PRESENTATIONS

Connie Falk - "En Busca de Una Agricultura Sostenible." Invited keynote address 21st International Agribusiness Administration Congress. Sociedad Mexicana de Administración Agropecuaria (SOMEXAA). Torreón, Coahuila, México. May. - "Small Scale Agriculture and Economic Development." New Mexico Rural Economic Forum. Truth or Consequences. April.

Brian Hurd - "Water Resource Impacts on the Rio Grande." Workshop on Climate Change on the U.S.-Mexico Border." Tucson, AZ. March.

Jim Libbin - "2008 Agricultural Outlook." Independent Community Bankers of New Mexico meetings. Ruidoso. March. - "Rationality in Sports Fans Choices or Anyone Can Have a Bad Century." Western Social Science Association Conference. Denver, CO. - "Agriculture and Economic Development in Doña Ana County." Leadership Las Cruces quarterly meeting. Las Cruces, May 16, 2008.

Michael Patrick - "Feasibility Study Guidelines for a Meat Slaughter Facility." Jicarilla Apache Nation council. Dulce, March.

Michael Patrick and Anil Rupasingha - "Building an Extension Community Resource and Economic Development Program." NMSU-CES In-Service Training Program. Las Cruces. April.

Rhonda Skaggs - "Evolving Standards and Industries in an Era of Market Integration: Opportunities and Obstacles within the North American Livestock Complex." (co-authors are: Andreas Boecker and Terry Crawford) Fifth Annual North American Agri-food Market Integration Consortium Workshop: New Generation of NAFTA Standards. Austin, TX. May. - "Yield Response to Water in Irrigated New Mexico Pecan Production: Measurements & Policy Implications." (co-authors are: Z. Samani, A.S. Bawazir, and M. Bleiweiss) Urbanization of Irrigated Land and Water Transfers: A USCID Water Management Conference. Scottsdale, AZ. May 28-31, 2008.

Patrick Sullivan - "Mediation and Negotiation." Missouri Department of Agriculture's Ag. Mediation Program. Branson, MO. March.



Vegetable market in Kabul.



Wall around and entrance gate to a small farm.



Roger Beck and Octavio Ramirez inspect the small farm being reclaimed 30 miles north of Kabul.



Connie Falk addresses the 21st International Agribusiness Administration Congress in Torreón, Coahuila, MX.

DEPARTMENTAL TRAVEL

Roger Beck, Terry Crawford, Rich Phillips, and Octavio Ramirez traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan in April. This trip and the meetings in Kabul served to establish the Afghanistan NMSU/USAID "Afghanistan Agriculture, Water, and Technology Transfer" Project (AWATT) on site with the USAID sponsors and the Afghan project members.

Joel Diemer participated in a vocational rehabilitation meeting and worked with the DVR Migrant Program in Deming in March. In Silver City, he made a presentation to workforce BD. He also met with the DVR in Santa Fe in regards to the Agrability program and the South Valley Initiative. In addition, Diemer conducted a meeting with the South Valley Initiative in Albuquerque and the Metro Agriculture Project in Rio Rancho.

Connie Falk took the OASIS club students on a Spring Break Study Tour in March. They visited organic farms in Santa Cruz, Los Lunas, Alcalde, and Albuquerque, camping along the way. In April, she attended a grant writing workshop for the Youth Conservation Corps in Silver City, and spoke at the Rural Economic Development Conference in Truth or Consequences. At the end of May, Falk and graduate students Rosalia Sanchez and Luis Sandoval attended the XXI International Agricultural Business Administration Congress in Torreón, Coahuila, México.

Bill Gorman and Bob Grassberger, NMSU faculty, traveled to Amman, Jordan for continued work on the Jordan Project. He and Jay Lillywhite accompanied NMSU/NAMA marketing team of 16 students as faculty advisors to the national competition in Kansas City, MO and a regional competition in Pomona, CA during the week of April 14.

Jerry Hawkes attended an extension program on Beef Marketing in Lordsburg, made a recruiting trip to Farmington, and conducted a record keeping program in Capitan in March. In April, he held a record keeping program about beef cattle in Grants, Clayton and the Sandia area, and attended the Pecan Budget Meeting in Bowie, AZ. Hawkes gave a 4-H program in Carlsbad and Malaga in May.

In March, Brian Hurd was invited to the University of Arizona for a workshop aimed at assisting the California Dept. of Water Resources prepare to host the upcoming Border Governors Conference. The topic of climate change impacts and adaptation strategies along the U.S. and Mexican Border will be highlighted at the conference this summer.

Jim Libbin traveled to Ruidoso in March to attend the Independent Community Bankers of New Mexico meetings and to Denver in April to participate in the Western Social Science Association annual conference.

Michael Patrick was in Albuquerque in early March, where he met with the State Director of New Mexico Jr. Achievement Program in regards to collaborative 4H youth entrepreneurship training opportunities. While in the area, he also met with South Valley Academy administrators about a collaborative summer agro-entrepreneurship program for high school students. Then he traveled to Lordsburg to meet with the Hidalgo County Extension Agent about developing a youth entrepreneurship training program. In April, Patrick attended the International Economic Development Council workshop: "Technology-Led Economic Development" in Alexandria, VA. In late April, he served as the Program Chair for the New Mexico Rural Alliance 2008 Rural Economic Development Forum held in Truth or Consequences.

May found Michael Patrick and Anil Rupasingha conducting CES-CRED Agent Training for the Northern District in Albuquerque, for the Eastern District in Clovis, and for the Southwest District in Silver City. The program for those trainings consisted of NMSU-CES CRED Program and Goals, Organizing and Planning for CRED, Tools for Analyzing CRED Opportunities in your Community/County, Strategies and Actions for Local Job Creation, Grant Writing, and Key CRED Partners. The co-sponsors for these trainings were the College of Ag and Home Ec-Cooperative Extension Service; Arrowhead Center, College of Business; and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network.

Rhonda Skaggs attended the North American Agrifood Market Integration Consortium (NAAMIC) workshop: New Generation of NAFTA Standards held in Austin, TX. She also took part in the U.S. society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals' (USCID) Urbanization of Irrigated Land and Water Transfers Water Management Conference in Scottsdale, AZ in May.

Patrick Sullivan conducted mediations around the state on a variety of agricultural issues. In addition to in-state mediations, he traveled to Missouri to train the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Mediation Program participants.

Allen Torell attended the DataPig Technologies Bootcamp in Dallas, TX.

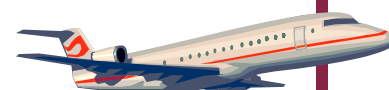
Frank Ward attended WRRRI meetings in Albuquerque in March. During the last week of March, he traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to participate in the Irrigation methodology workshop sponsored by the International Water Management Institute. The purpose of the workshop was to review a paper, "Towards a common methodology for measuring irrigation subsidies." The sponsors wanted to know how irrigation subsidies contribute to unfair trade practices submitted by countries to the World Trade Organization.



Roger Beck, Terry Crawford, and Rich Phillips ...with Kabul, Afghanistan in the background.



Roger Beck, Rich Phillips, and Octavio Ramirez with their hosts in Afghanistan.



Afghan landscape with farms.



OASIS students with Don Bustos during the Spring Break Study Tour.

Faculty News and Recognitions

Connie Falk has recently begun assisting the Community of Hope create a community garden project in Las Cruces and has joined the Las Cruces Quality Growth Alliance, which works on sustainable development initiatives.

Ereney Hadjigeorgalis has been selected as a finalist for an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellowship for 2008-2009 in Washington, D.C. The AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship helps to establish and nurture critical links between federal decision-makers and scientific professionals to support public policy that benefits the wellbeing of the nation and the planet. The fellowships are designed to provide scientific expertise and analysis to support decision-makers confronting increasingly complex scientific and technical issues. The AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowships are highly competitive.

Hadjigeorgalis was one of 95 fellows selected from among nearly 400 qualified Ph.D. and Masters of Engineering applicants nationwide.

Jay Lillywhite was presented with the College of Agriculture and Home Economics Distinguished Teaching Award at the 2008 Awards Day ceremony held April 25, 2008 at the University Golf Course Clubhouse.

Terry Crawford assumed the interim department head position on May 22 when Octavio Ramirez left to take over the department head job at the University of Georgia.

Jim Libbin will be the interim associate dean and associate director of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics beginning this summer.



Brandon Winchester receives the Wilmer Harper Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Octavio Ramirez during the AEAB graduation reception held May 9.



Rosalía Sánchez Basualdo, the new Marketing Coordinator for SOMEEXAA.



DuBois Award recipients Chance Means of Cliff, NM, left, and Bailey Gow of Roseburg, OR with Frank DuBois, DuBois Award presenter and former secretary/director of the NM Department of Agriculture. (Courtesy photo by Byron Delk)

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS and NEWS

Graduate student Chelsea Daughtery's research poster won first place and undergrad Clinton Arias' poster placed second at the 2008 NMSU Cooperative Extension In-Service Conference held in April.

Bailey Gow, graduating senior, was given the DuBois Award for All-Around Cowgirl at the New Mexico State University Rodeo Hall of Fame Induction and the DuBois Award ceremonies held during the annual Aggie Brawl Rodeo Dance, May 3, 2008. Bailey is the all-around cowgirl and the champion barrel racer in the Grand Canyon region of the NIRA. She also is ranked third in goat tying and 10th in breakaway roping regionally.

The All-Around Cowboy award was given to Chance Means. He is ranked third in the men's all-around for the Grand Canyon region. In addition, Chance is the champion tie-down roper and champion team roping header for the region.

The DuBois Award is given to the NMSU rodeo athletes who have scored the most National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) points in more than one event during the season. The awards are presented by Frank DuBois, former secretary/director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Each winner received a bronze Curtis Fort sculpture.

Rosalía Sánchez Basualdo presented "Análisis Económico de Producción de Invernadero de Fresa y Frambuesa en el Norte de Nuevo México" (The Economic Analysis of the Greenhouse Production of Strawberries and Raspberries in Northern New Mexico) and Luís Sandoval Mejía presented "Análisis Económico de Cultivos de Cobertura en el Sur de Nuevo México" (The Economic Analysis of Cover Crops in Southern New Mexico) at the XXI Congreso Internacional en Administración de Empresas Agropecuarias held in May in Torreón, Coahuila, México.

During the Congreso, Rosalía Sánchez Basualdo assumed her new position as Coordinadora de Comercialización (Marketing Coordinator) for the Sociedad Mexicana de Administración Agropecuaria.

Brandon Winchester received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Alumni Association and the Wilmer Harper Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business. He will be attending Tulane Law School in the fall.

NMSU HOLDS NEW SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

The New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics and the Cooperative Extension Service are offering high school students the opportunity to receive leadership and business training through a new summer program.

The new Youth Entrepreneurship Summer (YES) Camp is a three-credit college course for high school students who are interested in learning about entrepreneurship. The program started May 29 and will continue through July 2. It is held Monday through Thursday, from 9-11:30 a.m.

The course is taught by Michael Patrick, the community resource and economic development specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service. Before coming to NMSU, Patrick taught the camp for 10 years at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas.

During the camp, students create a business plan and research its economic feasibility. They not only have work during classroom hours, but also have out of class assignments every day. At the end of the camp, the students will present their plans to a panel of bankers, who then decide which plan was best.

“Students enrolled in the YES Camp are basically learning how to evaluate an idea. They are learning how to critically think, problem solve, communicate and research an idea,” Patrick said.

The cost per student in the program is \$750, which includes tuition and fees, books, educational materials and other costs. However, the college provides students with a \$675 scholarship to cover most of the cost. Numerous Las Cruces businesses contributed money for the scholarships.

The course is open to junior and senior level high school students. Seven students are currently enrolled, but as the program continues in future years, the number of students is expected to increase. For more information about the YES Camp, please contact Michael Patrick at (575) 202-4253.

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By Margaret Kovar

VISITING FACULTY:

Jim Booker, professor of economics at Siena College, NY was on campus during March working on the hydro-economic model for the Rio Grande Basin and consulting with Frank Ward.

Mohammed A. Kalkhan, associate professor of Biometrics-Spatial Statistics-Geospatial Information Sciences, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL) at Colorado State University (CSU); Ramchand Oad, professor of Civil Engineering, CSU; and John Santas, professor emeritus and project director for International Programs and Studies in Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences Administration at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign were all on campus to participate in the Afghanistan Agriculture, Water, and Technology Transfer Project meetings in March.

STAFF NEWS:

Rosanne Lehman received the “5 Years of Service” Award at the 2008 Awards Day Ceremony, held April 25th.

Sylvia Beuhler traveled to Torreón, México to attend the 21st Congreso Internacional en Administración de Empresas Agropecuarias.

In case you didn't know, Irma Marshall is a proud grandma. Her granddaughter, Jae'Lyn, recently turned 6 months old.



Barbara Wise, Major Gifts Officer for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Young Entrepreneurs' scholarships.



YES Camp attendees with Michael Patrick.



Irma Marshall's granddaughter, Jae'Lyn at 6 months old.

NMSU NATIONAL AGRI-MARKETING TEAM FINISHES IN THE TOP 6 AT NATIONALS

The NMSU/NAMA Marketing Team made the finals at this year's national marketing competition hosted by the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). Only 6 of the 31 teams participating were in the finals. The competition was held April 16-17 in Kansas City, Missouri.

"Every team participating in the marketing competition does an excellent job in developing a thorough marketing plan; a process that takes most teams the majority of the academic year to complete," said Patty Jolliffe, NAMA Careers Committee Chair. "Those teams that advanced to the finals truly did exceptional work on their projects. Each year I am amazed by the talent of these teams. They're truly an awesome group that we hope will continue in Ag marketing as they begin their professional careers."

The New Mexico State team of 16 students developed a plan to market a premium New Mexico Chile Relleno to full-service restaurants. The team spent the last several months doing market research, writing the marketing plan, and developing a 20 minute presentation. Students visited Hatch Chile Express and Adams' Farms in Hatch, and Bueno Foods and SYSCO Foods in Albuquerque. Their mission was to market a premium chile relleno that tastes "as good as grandma's" made with a "Pintado" chile. Pintado is a stage in the growing cycle when the green chile first begins to exhibit a red color. The chile pepper is mature at this stage and is sweeter than the green chile pepper usually used for rellenos.

Overall, 31 universities from the U.S. and Canada participated in the marketing competition. The competition is part of the National Agri-Marketing Association's annual conference and trade show. Nearly 300 student members attended the

conference.

"I am very pleased with the performance of the team. They worked extremely hard and gave an excellent presentation," said chapter advisor Dr. Bill Gorman. "This marketing competition is a great learning experience, and the team represented New Mexico State University in a way that made us all very proud."

All participating teams are required to publish an annual report describing all the activities they are involved in throughout the year. The annual reports are judged by professional members of NAMA based on Career Development, Fundraising, Chapter Management, Educational Programs, and Communications. The NMSU Club placed 3rd in the Outstanding Chapter competition and received a \$300 cash award.

NMSU also placed 3rd in the John Deere Foundation Signature Award competition and received \$1000 cash. This award is based on the club's involvement in the community and demonstrated leadership.

The NAMA team then traveled to Pomona, CA for the Western Collegiate Food Marketing Competition held April 18th-20th. At the competition, NMSU was represented by two teams making presentations. Team one consisted of Shawna McLain, Ben Wilson, Sherida Elkins, Skyla Cockerham, Ryan Scott, Kiane Pound, Kate White, Kassi Laney, Monique Young they marketed New Mexico Pintado Chile Rellenos. Team two consisted of Linzie Amick, Erica Sichler, Lauren Widner, Jamie Thomas, Max Tenorio, Brian Caruthers, and Joey Houck. They marketed Santa Fe Gold: Sweet Onions. Both teams placed in the top 5 and won \$500 dollars.

GRADUATE SEMINARS

Jennifer Travis (Thesis MS) "Robert Mondavi Winery: A Decision Case" (Major Professor: James Libbin)

Brandon Winchester (Thesis MS) "Designing a Water Market for the Lower Rio Grande Basin of New Mexico" (Major Professor: Ereny Hadjigeorgalis)

Ayman Ghunaim (Creative Component MAG-AB) "Water Management in the Disi Basin in Jordan" (Major Professor: Octavio Ramirez)

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Ashley Cline (MAG 04) married Heather Wallace (CAHE Nutrition) on December 17th, 2007. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant for the U.S. Army on February 14th, 2008 and is stationed at Fort Hood, TX with III Corps headquarters unit as an adjutant general officer.

Caydence Lee born on May 18th, 2008 to Chancie and Casey Roberts (BS 02, MS 04)



From left to right: Lauren Widner, Jamie Thomas, Joey Houck, Kiane Pound, Shawna McLain, Linzie Amick, Erica Sichler, Kate White, Sherida Elkins, Skyla Cockerham, Monique Young. Center Top: Ben Wilson, Brian Caruthers, Bottom Center: Max Tenorio, and Ryan Scott.



NMSU/NAMA Team 2 at the Western Collegiate Food Marketing Competition presenting their project on Santa Fe Gold: Sweet Onions



Brian Caruthers, Skyla Cockerham, Linzie Amick, Ryan Scott, Shawna McLain, Kiane Pound, Erica Sichler, Joey Houck, Lauren Widner, Monique Young, Kate White, Max Tenorio, Kassi Laney, Ben Wilson, Jamie Thomas, and Sherida Elkins.



Chancie, Casey, and Caydence Lee Roberts.



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BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED DURING THE SPRING

Terry Crawford
Bill Gorman
Anil Rupasingha
Patrick Sullivan
Brian Hurd
Casey Roberts



FAREWELL, DR. RAMIREZ. BEST WISHES IN GEORGIA!



Terry Crawford, Master of Ceremonies.

Photo by Anil Rupasingha



Edmund Gomez traveled from Alcalde for the farewell reception.



The graduate students were in attendance.

Photo by Anil Rupasingha



Graduate students, staff, and faculty.

SPRING 2008 GRADUATES

BS Agriculture,
Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business

Brian Caruthers
Megan Corey
Jason Duffey
Jessica Ebler
Anthony Flores
Bailey Gow
Marina Hovey
Kassi Laney
Amanda Lowry
Robert Major
Jessica Morales
Shasta Slutz
Kurt Talbot
Ashleigh Vasquez
Shawn Walraven
Kate White
Ben Wilson

Master of Science-Agricultural Economics and Economics

Jennifer Travis
Brandon Winchester - *Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate Student, Wilmer Harper Outstanding Graduate Student Awardee*



Frank Ward tells an anecdote about Dr. Ramirez.



Octavio Ramirez and Hamdy Oushy share a laugh.



Dr. Ramirez with front office staff, Marilyn Heide and Rosanne Lehman.

Photo by Anil Rupasingha



Octavio Ramirez thanks the faculty, staff, and students.

Alumni, faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. Please send your information to: sbeuhler@nmsu.edu.