Points of Pride

All about Discovery

NMSU transforms lives through discovery. Here, students find themselves, who they are and what they want to be. We are New Mexico’s land-grant institution, a comprehensive research institution of higher education dedicated to teaching, research and public service and outreach. A Hispanic-serving institution, NMSU serves a multi-cultural population of students and community members across the state at five campuses, a satellite learning center in Albuquerque, cooperative extension offices located in each of New Mexico’s 33 counties, and 12 agriculture research and science centers. Plus, distance education programs give students maximum flexibility.

Our Honors College, the very first one established in New Mexico, offers qualified undergraduates the opportunity to further enrich a challenging academic program via rigorous classes taught by master teachers. NMSU is truly a reflection of the region's vibrant communities – an exciting place to tackle challenges, find answers to important issues and prepare for the future. For generations, our researchers have made important discoveries in agriculture, engineering, science and many other fields. Our Cooperative Extension Service discovers ways to help the state’s residents meet the everyday challenges facing them. Whether it is in the classroom, a laboratory or out in the community performing public service, we take pride in the accomplishments of NMSU’s students, faculty and staff.

Excellence in Teaching

Our dedicated professors provide the resources our students need to achieve their best and meet their academic and personal goals. Inside and outside of the classroom, NMSU's professors actively engage with undergraduate and graduate students, offering individual attention in a learning-centered environment. The Teaching Academy is just one of the many resources that keep our professors at the top of their game. Take a look at professors talking about their passion for teaching, research and service. (http://www.youtube.com/course?list=ECFC4FD22AAD26A58D)

NMSU has a long-standing commitment to meeting contemporary needs of our students. Among institutions of higher education in New Mexico, we alone offer:

- aerospace, industrial and surveying engineering
- engineering physics
- engineering technology
- information and communication technology
- professional golf management

In response to industry demand, the College of Engineering developed a bachelor’s degree in Information Engineering Technology, preparing graduates for careers in information security, eCommerce, data mining and networking.

Discover NMSU

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Our Heritage

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NMSU Strategic Plan (Vision 20/20) (http://plan.nmsu.edu/strategicplan/)
Celebrating Diversity

NMSU is classified as a Hispanic-serving institution by the U.S. Department of Education and is a member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Our student population on the Las Cruces campus is 45 percent Hispanic; other minorities that make up the student body include American Indians, Asians and African-Americans. Historically, NMSU has supported minorities in their academic goals—in fact, we admitted an African-American woman in 1928, well ahead of most other institutions of higher education. The university offers a multitude of support services to all students; interested minorities may also take advantage of the American Indian Program, Black Programs and Chicano Programs offices.

- For a second consecutive year, NMSU received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

- A National Science Foundation academic research and development expenditures survey (2012 statistics, the most current issued by the NSF) ranked NMSU 3rd nationally in research and development expenditures among high-Hispanic enrollment institutions—we're No. 1 in that category among universities without medical schools.

- Forbes ranks NMSU 13th in the nation among the best colleges for helping minorities to succeed in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

- For the fifth year in a row, NMSU has been honored as a top university for awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanic students. In rankings released September 2014, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education lists NMSU in 7th place for bachelor's degrees awarded in education to Hispanics. Additionally, we ranked 25th in bachelor's degrees in engineering and 28th in bachelor's in business management, marketing and related support services to Hispanics.

- In master's degrees awarded to Hispanics, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education ranks NMSU 16th in engineering, while social sciences and education followed in 33rd and 40th, respectively.

- New Mexico State University has been recognized as one of America's best institutions for Hispanics, according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine. Using data from the Department of Education, the magazine ranked NMSU among the top 25 nationally in total bachelor's degrees granted (24th) and graduate student enrollment (22nd). Additionally, NMSU ranked seventh in bachelor's degrees in education awarded to Hispanics (39 percent). The rankings, released in May 2015, were based on 2013 data.
National Recognition

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has recognized NMSU’s commitment to community impact. In 2015, the foundation selected NMSU to carry its Community Engagement Classification.

NMSU is one of 361 colleges and universities nationwide — and the only one in New Mexico — to carry that designation. It acknowledges NMSU’s partnerships around the community, across all disciplines, from work in rural communities to highly specialized scientific research.

FORBES

Forbes has recognized NMSU as one of America’s Top Colleges in 2015. On the list of 650 institutions, we ranked 417th overall and 92nd in the South, which are improvements of 25 spots nationally and 12 spots regionally from a year ago. The ranking is return-on-investment focused and is calculated using five categories: student satisfaction, academic success, graduation rate, post-graduate success and student debt.

TEACH TOMORROW

Our College of Education (http://college.education.nmsu.edu/) ranks fifth in Best Online Master’s Education Programs for 2015, according to TeachTomorrow.org (http://www.teachtomorrow.org/). Some of the key scoring metrics include online tuition cost, academic and career counseling services, and job placement services for graduates. The rankings, which evaluate only public, four-year institutions, are based on a combination of affordability, quality and support services to assist students earning advanced credentials.

PRINCETON REVIEW

Our College of Business (http://business.nmsu.edu/) is one of the country’s leading business schools according to the Princeton Review’s 2014 edition of “The Best 295 Business Schools.” The educational services company based its ranking on surveys of students along with institutional data covering five areas: academic experience, admissions selectivity, career, and how interesting and accessible students find their professors.

ANIMATION CAREER REVIEW

Our Creative Media Institute is ranked by Animation Career Review as number 49 among more than 400 schools considered for the 2013 Top 100 U.S. Schools for Animation and Game Design. We are third among schools in the Southwest, just behind Brigham Young University and the University of Texas–Austin. Criteria includes academic reputation, admission selectivity, depth and breadth of the program and faculty, and value as it relates to tuition and geographic location.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The graduate program in NMSU’s Department of Animal and Range Sciences is the sixth–best in the nation, according to a website called Graduate Programs, which serves prospective students. Graduate Programs’ rankings are based on scores and reviews from both current graduate students and recent graduates. Students rank the programs in 15 categories such as academic competitiveness, career support, faculty accessibility and support, financial aid, quality of network and student diversity.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

New Mexico State University has been recognized as a top-tier university in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges for 2016 National
Leadership in Research

NMSU has established interdisciplinary research clusters that build on institutional strengths and respond to local, regional, and national needs in areas such as natural resource sustainability, information sciences and security, space and aerospace programs, biosciences, and border-related programs (such as health, education, and economic development).

In fiscal year 2014, NMSU’s sponsored award expenditures totaled approximately $128.8 million. In terms of research and development expenditures, the National Science Foundation’s Higher Education R&D 2012 survey (the most recent available) ranks NMSU in the top 20 percent of all institutions; we are third among institutions with high-Hispanic enrollment, and in the top 20 percent of all institutions in four fields: agriculture, engineering, mathematics and physical sciences.

Our Minority Access to Research Careers, a research training support activity of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, prepares minority students for research careers and helps to increase the number and skills of scientists from underrepresented minority groups who are engaged in biomedical research.

Our Physical Science Laboratory (PSL), working with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, developed a signal-jamming apparatus that keeps improvised explosive devices from detonating. Working with the Federal Aviation Authority, PSL has established unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) flight test center facility. PSL has also helped NASA’s balloon program break records in achieving height and flight duration.

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station have been cited as exceeding expectations in research and public service by the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

Cooperative Extension Service

NMSU’s Cooperative Extension Service (CES) (http://extension.nmsu.edu/) is central to carrying out our land-grant mission of delivering research-based information and practices to the diverse population of New Mexico. CES provides the people of New Mexico with practical, sound science and programs to improve their quality of life.

CES works with business people, growers, livestock producers, foresters, youth and community leaders to discover and address the most challenging issues of the day. With direction from local advisory boards, CES faculty collaborate with scientists at NMSU, ensuring that research is focused on the real issues important to residents. Results from that research enhances the lives and livelihoods of community members through Extension programs. Program areas include economic development, energy and water, farm and ranch, health and family well-being, exercise and nutrition, yard and garden, 4-H, and youth development and education.

Serving through Outreach

NMSU is the lead institution for the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) (http://www.nmspacegrant.com/). NMSGC is a member of the congressionally funded National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, administered by NSF and shared with university and community partners throughout the state.

WASHINGTON MONTHLY

NMSU has been acknowledged for its contribution to the public good, ranking 114th in Washington Monthly’s National Universities rankings for 2015.

When making its evaluations, Washington Monthly ranks institutions based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, which includes recruiting and graduating low-income students, research and service.

GI JOBS

For the fifth consecutive year, GI Jobs magazine lists NMSU in the top 15 percent of schools in the country for "welcoming military veterans and enhancing their experience as students." NMSU also was named a top military-friendly school for the fourth straight year by Military Advanced Education.

DIVERSE: ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education places NMSU among the top 100 undergraduate and graduate degree producers for minority students.

STATE UNIVERSITY

StateUniversity.com places us in the top 40% of 2,000 public colleges and universities nationwide.
Grant College and Fellowship Program, administered by NASA and charged with establishing and maintaining a national network of universities and encouraging cooperative programs among universities, the aerospace industry, and local, state and federal governments.

We are also the lead institution in the State of New Mexico for the congressionally funded NASA New Mexico Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. The goal of NASA EPSCoR is to provide seed funding to enable New Mexico to develop academic research directed toward long-term, self-sustaining, nationally-competitive capabilities in aerospace and aerospace-related research. EPSCoR contributes to the overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities, higher education, and economic development of New Mexico.

The Arrowhead Center assists entrepreneurs by identifying markets, verifying new technologies, writing business plans and locating financing.

The College of Education’s Gadsden Math Initiative, funded by the National Science Foundation, is helping students in elementary and middle schools understand and build math concepts, thereby raising test scores.