



# PPD News

Physical Plant Department

## Desert Ice Hockey *by Rachel Stone*

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Acacia Chavez describes herself as very quiet and shy, and has been her whole life. Except when she's on the ice playing hockey. She fell in love with a sport not typically played in Albuquerque, the city where she grew up. At the age of seven, Chavez discovered the competitive, fast-paced world of hockey, and has been 'hooked' ever since.



From left: Tuesday Chavez, Marco Chavez, and Acacia Chavez. Photo credit: Linn, Zamboni Driver

Roller hockey was the gateway to ice hockey for Chavez. She quickly engrossed herself in its history, players, and began to develop her own skills by playing in various leagues, through high school, and into adulthood playing on a coed league in Albuquerque called 30/30.

Bobby Orr, the Boston Bruins former defenseman, was a great inspiration to Chavez and helped her learn how to be a great player. "Orr is my favorite hockey player even though he was popular in the 1970s. I researched him and watched a lot of footage of him to see what made him a great defenseman," she said.

As Chavez grew and gained skill, she was able to travel to many places because of her skill and love of the game. She had the opportunity to skate with former Olympian, Natalie Darwitz, and met Ben Smith the coach of the Women's Olympic hockey team in 2007. At age 14, Chavez received an offer to play at the North American Hockey Academy (NAHA) in Stowe,

Vermont.

"I was honored to be selected to play for NAHA, but it would have been a financial stress for my family and the thought of moving away from my family would have been hard to cope with, so I was unable to accept the offer," Chavez said.

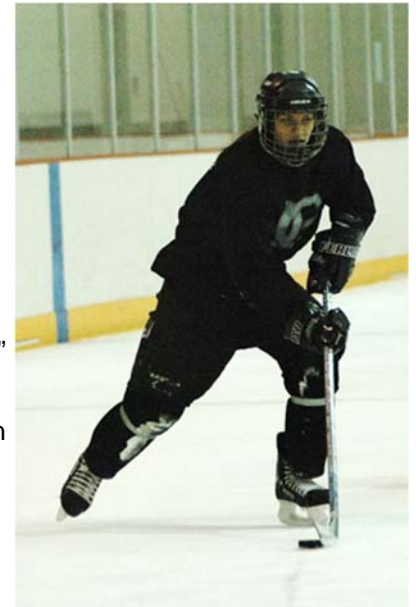
She was also able to participate in the Rocky Mountain District Hockey Camps and the Chicago Showcase, a prestigious event designed to allow high school hockey players to be scouted for college teams.

Playing hockey in the southwest did not lend itself to many female teams to play with, therefore Chavez found herself playing alongside males on coed teams even into adulthood.

"Hockey is a very dangerous sport! Playing against boys made me a better, more aggressive and faster hockey player," says Chavez.

Larry Whittle, supervisor in Area 3, has played with Chavez on the 30/30 league and says that she gave the men a run for their money on the ice.

"Acacia is very competitive! When she gets on the ice, she transforms into a hockey player, and you can tell that she's in her element. She is a very good player who's embarrassed some of the male players because of her skill level," says Whittle.



Acacia Chavez on the ice. Photo credit: Hockey Mom



Acacia Chavez. Photo credit: Tuesday Chavez

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Chavez is currently coaching her younger sister, Tuesday, alongside her father, Marco Chavez. She says that hockey is a part of her life and that hockey is a way of life for her.

“This sport shapes how I act as a person. Hockey, for me, is a natural high. When I get the gear on and step on the ice, I feel like I am untouchable.”

Chavez went on to say that hockey helped her grow into a confident adult.

“Hockey is a great way for me to open up as a person, get verbal, and stray from my shyness. Through the years I’ve become much more confident, thanks to this fabulous sport and my family who has always supported me.”

*Acacia Chavez is the Administrative Assistant 3 in the Physical Plant Department (PPD) Engineering & Energy Services. She has worked in various roles at PPD since 2007. She says that she “enjoys her job because the environment is positive and that PPD is like a family. I also enjoy that I get to learn new information every day.”*

## PPD’s Building Coordinator Meeting Scheduled

The University of New Mexico’s (UNM) Building Coordinators can find themselves wearing many hats. They can be facilities managers or department administrators who juggle the throws of the academic semester, but are also responsible for the space in which their departments function. Their role at The University is vital for providing support to the academic mission and protecting university assets all at the same time.

The Physical Plant Department’s (PPD) Building Coordinator Meeting is held three times a year to support this unique university group with information about the physical space on campus, how to maintain and protect it, safety issues, communication, and information sharing regarding topics specific to universities and their operations.

The Physical Plant Department will be hosting the next Building Coordinator Meeting on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 am. It will be located in the Anthropology Building room 163. Topics will include information about the summer construction project at the Student Residence Centers (SRCs), a new texting feature available for the UNM community to submit concerns to PPD, University Communications & Marketing (UCAM) will present about the branding initiative and how Building Coordinators can positively affect and interact with UNM’s brand, and a recap of a recent water concerns at the UNM Children’s Campus.

PPD is excited and motivated to engage this community and to provide the needed resources to aid in the success of the UNM campus.

For more information on this meeting, please contact Rachel Stone at 277-7831 or email at [racheld@unm.edu](mailto:racheld@unm.edu).

## Registration Ends for today for PPD Computer Class

The Physical Plant Department and UNM Continuing Education have teamed up to offer PPD staff a customized English computer basics course. Classes will be held Tuesday’s and Thursday’s starting May 31<sup>st</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, with one class starting at 1:15 pm and another at 2:45 pm.

If you are interested, please use the [tuition remission form](#) and return to Giovanna Archuleta by end of day Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Giovanna at 277-1109 or at [gmoja@unm.edu](mailto:gmoja@unm.edu).



### Teaching Yourself Computer Basics

UNM Continuing Education is now presenting a simple computer basics course for all learners. The focus of this course is as follows:

- ✓ Learn the Windows 7 operating system, including the most popular Microsoft 2010 programs such as *Word, Excel and PowerPoint*.
- ✓ Navigate the Web and communicate using Outlook email, including a basic understanding of social media.
- ✓ Learn to navigate through popular internet search engines such as *Google, Bing Yahoo, etc.*



**Location:** UNM PPD Computer Lab

**Days:** Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Times:** Section A- 1:15-2:15pm

Section B- 2:45-3:45pm

**Start date:** May 31, 2016

**End:** August 9, 2016

**Instructor:** Jonice Tovar - (505) 220-2825 / [jonicetovar@hotmail.com](mailto:jonicetovar@hotmail.com)

**Custom Training Supervisor:** Andy Peña – (505) 277-9360 / [apena01@unm.edu](mailto:apena01@unm.edu)

**Last Day to Enroll:** May 19, 2016

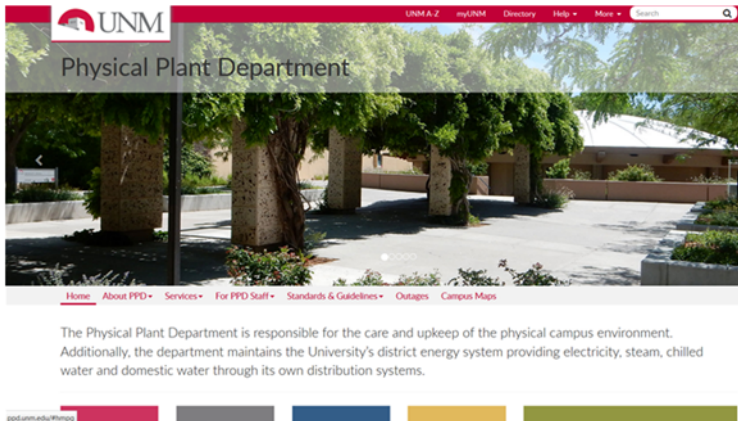
Note: UNM Tuition Remission is approved for this professional development course.

## Kudos

PPD's Human Resources received a kudos from a group at the Business Center for custodial staff Dolores Badillo, Brandon Coriz, and Margarita Arellano. Here is what they had to say:

"We would like to give extra recognition for a job well done and show others we greatly appreciate what they do, day in and day out. The group would like to recognize the custodial staff in the UNM Business Center. These individuals do a fantastic job of keeping this highly trafficked area looking clean and professional. Additionally, the custodians are always very nice and very courteous, even when customers walk over their newly mopped floor/cleaned area. This Custodial Staff team is outstanding."

## PPD Launches new Website



The Physical Plant Department (PPD) has unveiled a new website this week. The mobile-responsiveness and navigation will make the site easier to use for our customers. Please bookmark the new URL which is [ppd.unm.edu](http://ppd.unm.edu).

Please be aware that many of our customers may have bookmarked PPD's previous homepage ([iss.unm.edu/ppd/](http://iss.unm.edu/ppd/)) in order to submit Service Requests. With the launch of our new site, customers may have difficulty knowing how to access the iService Desk. If you haven't already, please bookmark <http://iservicedesk.unm.edu/> in order to make your service requests.

If you have questions, please contact Giovanna Archuleta at 277-1109 or Rachel Stone at 277-7831.

## Early Payroll Reminder *by Frances Salas*

Due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, PPD's next payroll will be **due Friday, May 27th**. Please provide your Accounting Timekeeper with estimated hours for your non-exempt employees for **Friday, May 27th, by Wednesday, May 25th**. Please remember to review any time off requests for annual/sick leave. Employees will not swipe in or out on Friday, May 27th. Signs will be posted on the time clocks to remind the employees. Please let your employees know that they will not be using the time clock. If you are out on Friday, arrange for backup and let the Accounting Timekeepers know.

Please note employees can start using the time clock on Saturday, May 28th. If you have any questions or concerns please Frances Salas at 277-9200 or email at [fsalas@unm.edu](mailto:fsalas@unm.edu).



Aprenda a administrar mejor su presupuesto mensual  
Entienda la diferencia entre las deudas malas y las buenas  
Conozca los detalles del plan de retiro de UNM

**Recuerde la fecha**  
**“Finanzas Personales”**  
Un Taller Basico en Español

Consultas individuales despues del taller  
con representantes del plan de retiro 403(b) & 457(b)

Todos los empleados estan invitados

- Acceso a citas individuales para aprender acerca del plan de retiro y como puede usted tomar ventaja de ello
- Establezca una fundación solida para su vida financiera
- Obtenga mejor informacion al tomar a sus decisiones financieras

Martes 24 de Mayo  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Sala 233, Dane Smith Hall

Martes 24 de Mayo  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Sala 3010, Domenici West  
North Campus

# Fred Best due to Retire

At the end of May 2016, Fred Best, manager for Area 2, will retire after 22 years of employment at The University of New Mexico. Recently, he shared some thoughts about his time spent with The University and the Physical Plant Department:

*Dear Colleagues,*

*It has been a pleasure working with you all. I wish you all the best of luck and may God bless your life in all that you do. I thank God for the blessing of knowing and working with you and for the help you have given me over the years. I hope I have impacted your life in some small way because I know many of you have certainly been a big influence on mine. I am and will always remain.....At Your Service.*

*Thank you and God bless,*

*Fredrick B. Best*

There will be a retirement celebration held to celebrate Fred Best on Thursday, May 26th.

Congratulations, Fred, on your well-deserved retirement!! Thank you for all that you have done for The University of New Mexico.



**GONE FISHING!**

## A Retirement Celebration

for **FRED BEST**

**Potluck** – share your favorite dish!

**May 26, 2016**

**11:30 – 1:30**

**Rm HSSB 105/106**

For food list contact Mary Ann – 7-2425 or [mannmont@unm.edu](mailto:mannmont@unm.edu)

Monetary donations – John Couch



# Save \$200 on your UNM Medical Plan Premium

Employee Health Promotion cares about your well-being, and is offering you this convenient, onsite initiative! Take advantage of our comprehensive preventive health checkups to learn more about your health, and earn a \$200 discount on your UNM medical plan premium.

Quick Steps to Your Health Checkup:

1. Be sure you qualify (You must be a benefits-eligible employee currently enrolled in a UNM medical plan).
2. Go to [www.timeconfirm.com/unm](http://www.timeconfirm.com/unm) to sign up for your checkup date, time, and location.
3. Complete your checkup and review the results with a Nurse Practitioner. Your entire visit will take about 45 minutes.
4. Eligible employees will see the medical premium discount reflected in their paycheck starting in fall, 2016.
5. Want to improve your results? EHP has several programs to help take charge of your health:

[Lifesteps Weight Management Program](#)

[Exercise Physiology Lab](#) for fitness testing

Individual [nutrition](#) and/or [fitness](#) counseling

[Wellness Ambassadors Program](#)

[WOW Fitness Passes](#) from Recreational Services

Need more info? Contact The UNM Human Resources Service Center at 505-277-MyHR (6947).



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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.**