

Balloon Landings at UNM

Balloon Fiesta is in full swing this week, and many balloons typically land on the UNM campus after the mass ascension at Balloon Fiesta Park. Here are a few shots from campus this week:

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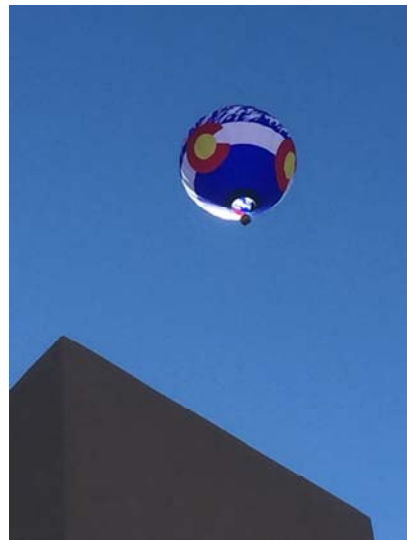
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This balloon landed right behind the Domenici Mind building. Credit: Joseph Sucher



Near KNME and the UNM Children's Campus. Credit: Eric Archuleta



Credit: Eric Archuleta



Near the Med II building on UNM's North Campus. Credit: Dennis Sedillo



Near the KNME Studios. Credit: Dennis Sedillo

PPD All Star Awards

The Physical Plant Department has officially begun the “All Star” staff recognition awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize employees for being exceptional and to show appreciation for the excellent staff here at PPD. Managers will nominate members of their staff every month and two employees will be selected for the award. 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 September:

Congratulations to John Quintana, electrician 2, with PPD Area 1!!!

Abdiel Yebra, supervisor of maintenance and construction in Area 1, nominated Quintana and says:

In the past two years, there have been many changes in PPD Area 1. Not just a change of leadership, staff, and building upgrades, but a change in attitudes. John Quintana has been the one who has made the biggest change in those two years.

No one made John make this decision to change; he comes to work ready to work, and dedicates his eight hours a day for success. When John leaves UNM, he goes home knowing he gave 100% of his best.

In John Quintana, you are going to see a guy who is driven to go out of his way to help other techs in completing a job. He will pick up a tool to help his fellow workers without being asked to do so.

A lot of people go to work every day miserable, and all they do is talk about how miserable they are, but they never do anything about it. People get too comfortable, they stop expanding, they stop stretching, they stop challenging themselves, but John Quintana stays focused on where he wants to be and where he is going to go. John accepts any challenge he is given while maintaining excellent, high-quality work.

John has taken personal responsibility to make good things happen in his life. His hard work and dedication has really helped PPD Area 1 during good and bad times. John has had no issues with taking on additional duties. John will come in early, stay late, and even use his breaks to help pitch in and get things done.

I am glad to be working alongside John Quintana. John is a person who chooses to believe in what others have doubted: nothing is impossible.



John Quintana (left) and Dave Simpson (right). Credit: Giovanna Archuleta

Congratulations to Jeremy Martinez, electrician 2, with PPD Area 1!!!

Billy Hromas, manager of facilities maintenance, nominated Martinez and says:



Jeremy Martinez (left) and Billy Hromas (right). Credit: Rachel Stone

I nominated two electricians from Area 1 in September, Jeremy Martinez and Arnoldo Molina-Gonzalez. They both deserve the recognition but Jeremy got the luck of the draw.

My reasoning was simple: For as long as I have been here, we have hired contractors to climb the poles for the field lights at the football stadium. For the past three or four years we have had sporadic problems with a couple of pole lights during football games. The contracts were only partially successful.

Athletics received some special funding to repair the lights and the electricians in Area 1 made it their mission to get them fixed.

Jeremy and Arnoldo volunteered to climb the poles to find the problem once and for all. We got them some special training and some special equipment and away they went.

They did not have to do this, but they really wanted to. I appreciate their efforts!

Kudos

Hi,

I just wanted to let you know Maria Sanchez (Custodial) is doing a wonderful job at UNM West. Thank you for sending her our way!

Kind regards,

Angela Aragon

Instructional Assistant

UNM West and Branch Initiatives

Don Swick is in the NMAEE Hall of Fame


Last month, Don Swick, university facilities engineer with PPD Engineering & Energy Services, was inducted into the New Mexico Association of Energy Engineers (NMAEE) Hall of Fame. With nearly 40 years of engineering experience, he has worked in both the public and private sectors. In 2015, Swick was selected as the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) region IV Energy Engineer of the Year. He has been recognized not only for his outstanding work in the energy field, but also for his outstanding community service in helping and mentoring young engineers. Swick helped found the UNM student chapter for NMAEE where he currently serves as the student mentor. He also volunteers his time as the Chairman for the NMAEE scholarship committee, where each year scholarships are given to engineering students who are pursuing the field of energy conservation.

Congratulations, Don! We are proud to have you on our team!

**Tickets go on sale
Sept. 26th**




PPD's Annual United Way BBQ

Tuesday, October 25, 2016



11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
PPD Service Building
West Parking Lot
\$5.00 Minimum Donation

Tickets can be purchased from the following:
Mary Ann Montoya, Giovanna Archuleta (Service Building)
Athena Salazar (HSC Custodial Services) Janelle Trujillo (Main Campus Custodial Services)
Michelle Calkum (Ford Utilities)


Matthew Davis (left), president of NMAEE, presents Hall of Fame award to Donald Swick (right).

Mark Manzutto graduates from the APPA Institute for Facilities Management

Congratulations to Mark Manzutto for graduating the APPA (Leadership in Education Facilities) Institute for Facilities Management in Orlando, Florida last month. The Institute curriculum is composed of four core areas, each area covered over a week's time:

1. General Administration & Management
2. Maintenance & Operations
3. Energy & Utilities
4. Planning, Design, & Construction

Manzutto said, "The APPA training is the best of its kind in the world. It provides a method of interaction with other universities that is direct and beneficial to every aspect of maintenance. These training opportunities are fun and informative plus everyone who participates faces the same problems as our campus. I highly recommend this path and the securing of the Certified Educational Facility Professional (CEFP) credential at the end of the training."



Mark Manzutto, recent graduate of the APPA Institute for Facilities Management. Credit: Rachel Stone



Manzutto's certificate received at the banquet on graduation day.

Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) construction is set to begin on October 17

The University of New Mexico (UNM) has been informed that the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) project will begin construction at the intersection of Central Ave. and University Blvd., as well as Central Ave. between Girard and Stanford. On Monday, October 17, construction crews will begin removing the medians in these areas while maintaining at least one traffic lane in all directions.

UNM is advising the campus community to avoid this area or allow for extra time while commuting along Central Ave.

Bradbury Stamm recently announced a complete list of areas where construction is to begin throughout the ART Construction Corridor beginning October 17:

- The north side of the street between Cedar and Ash
- The intersection at University & Central, removing the median
- Median removal between Stanford and Girard
- Median removal between Wellesley and Carlisle
- Median removal between Washington and Monroe

For more information about the ART project, please visit <http://www.brtaabq.com/>



PPD begins Active Shooter Training

All PPD staff will receive Active Shoot Training in the coming weeks. Byron Piatt, University Emergency Manager, is conducting these trainings to get the staff thinking about how they would respond in the event of an emergency on campus, as well as an active shooter situation. Piatt is well versed in emergency preparedness, and will give many tips on how to prepare for the many scenarios that could play out during an emergency. Below is a list of all the upcoming session. Mark your calendars!

- All Area Maintenance staff will receive their training at their shops. (4-Sessions)
 - Area 1: October 26th, 8:30am
 - Area 2: November 2, 9:00am
 - Area 4: October 24th, 8:00am
- Grounds, Special Activities, Sign Shop, Automotive and Trades Inspectors will receive their training in the Grounds Building (2-Sessions)
 - October 10th, 9am
 - October 11th, 9am
- HSC Custodial will have a morning and evening bilingual sessions at their facility. (2-Sessions)
 - October 12th, 8:30am
 - October 12th, 4:30 pm
- Main Campus Custodial will require a total of three sessions (two English and one Spanish) Dane Smith Hall: Room 228
 - October 13th, 7:00am
 - October 13th, 8:30am
 - October 13th, 11:30am
- Utilities:
 - TBD

Special Activities installs new furniture on campus

It's important to have pleasant outdoor spaces across campus that allow the community to engage one another, relax, and soak in the New Mexico sunshine. Over the summer, the PPD Special Activities crew installed new outdoor furniture near Logan and Regener Hall. They installed 13 benches, six table/chair sets with umbrellas and trashcans. Thanks to the Special Activities crew for doing such a great job of improving the outdoor spaces on campus: Nick Royle, Manuel Trujillo, Mark Perea, and Kevin De Leon.



*Photos provided
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Regensberg*

PPD Temp to Regular

Please congratulate the following employees on moving from temporary employees to regular, full-time employees of the Physical Plant Department:

- Gino Chavez, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Ronnie Montoya, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Silvia Baca, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Yolanda Llamas, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Olga Martinez, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Silvia Montes, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Blanca Ornelas, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services
- Alma Ruiz, Custodian, HSC Custodial Services

Welcome to PPD...again

Please welcome Giovanni Schuler to PPD Utilities as the new Utility Plant Tech (pre-cert). He began his career at UNM in Special Activities as a mover, and moved to Parking & Transportation Services (PATS) where he spent a few years as a parking equipment tech. But, he's back!! Welcome to PPD, Giovanni!

Upcoming Events

October 7th: Lobos vs. Boise State (Football)

October 25th: PPD United Way BBQ

November 6th: Daylight Savings Time ends

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Holiday—UNM Closed

December 23- January 2: Winter Break

PPD New Employee Orientation

Attention managers and supervisors! PPD's next New Employee Orientation (NEO) is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016. This session will be held in the Service Building Training Room 122 from 8:30-10:00am. Rachel Stone will be sending specific employee invitations to the Area managers this week. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Stone at racheld@unm.edu or 505-277-7831.



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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.