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### Did you know...?

The most popular page on the Facilities Management website is Campus Maps with over 25,000 views in the last year.

Each month in this space, we want to share fascinating facts about Facilities Management. If you know of some interesting, unusual, or just plain fun facts, send them to [showe@unm.edu](mailto:showe@unm.edu)

## Director's View

It has been a great season of change, and I'm not just talking about the weather. Our name change from Physical Plant to Facilities Management and the addition of new staff members are the obvious items of note. Also, we're continuing the name change marketing plan to our constituents and our team members. We are seeing several key activities return, including the Building Coordinators meetings. Please be sure to share your feedback on what we can do to make this process better.

The overwhelming participation in our annual United Way fundraising barbeque reminded me again of what a great group of people we have in Facilities Management. Thank you to all the staff that stopped by for lunch and for the donations made to the effort. I also want to thank our wonderful sponsors who helped make this year's event the best one yet. It's always a pleasure to see our friends from Planning, Design and Construction, Parking and Transportation Services, Institutional Support Services, and so many others.

Another fall highlight was the Farris Engineering Center winning the Energy Project of the Year award from the New Mexico Association of Energy Engineers. Congratulations and thanks to our Engineering and Energy Services staff for their efforts on that project.

We've also been very active with several larger initiatives that will have an impact on our institution.

- Evaluation of Inventory Control software
- Evaluation of Space Management Platform
- Selection of Design teams for the Natural History Science Center Project
- Development of the Predock Center for Design & Research Project
- Development of Student Family Housing Piping Project
- A Feasibility Study for Improvements at the Duck Pond
- Campus Drive Improvements Study
- Development of Main Electrical Gear Replacements
- Construction of Bandelier Hall West HVAC, Controls & Lighting
- A new capital planning process for the institution

There is so much more to share, and as things change, we will continue to update you all.

Finally, the Facilities Management staff's commitment to helping others continues with our holiday Giving Tree, which kicks off at 2:00pm on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> with a tree lighting in the FM administration offices. This event gives us the opportunity to help make this holiday season special for one of our own.

As we enter the holiday season, it is our hope you all experience the best things that come from this time of year. As a reminder, please be safe when celebrating.

Thank you for all you do each and every day.

- Al Sena

## Mandatory Training Deadline Coming Soon!

All Facilities Management staff are required to complete the following training by December 1, 2018

SRS 0118 Basic Annual Safety Training 2018

EOD 1018 Intersections: Preventing Discrimination and Harassment 2018

EOD 481-18 Active Shooter on Campus: Run, Hide, Fight 2018

The courses are available in your learning assignment in [Learning Central](#)

## FM Halloween Spirit



Behind the masks: Left center (L to R ) Lindsay Evans, Kristina Rucker, Arianna Myers. Right center (L to R) Deanna O'Dell, Irene Trujillo, Frances Salas. Bottom Center (L to R) Trent Day, Daniel Hudak, Cody Alvstad

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## Master Gardener for Campus and Community

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During the week of the 2018 New Mexico State Fair, while half a million fairgoers were taking in concerts, riding rides, and gobbling down all things fried, Master Gardener Cody Alvstad was at work off the midway in the Floriculture Building. Alvstad is not only a Master Gardener for The University of New Mexico's Facilities Management, he also holds that title for the Bernalillo County Extension Service. In that role, he has volunteered the last two years to spend his evenings at the fair fielding questions from concerned gardeners about everything from the best time of day to mow to how to keep caterpillars off their roses.

When Alvstad became a temporary UNM Turf Tech in 2005, he wasn't dreaming of someday becoming a Master Gardener for the county. It was just a job. But as he progressed through the ranks of Facilities Management Grounds and Landscaping, his love of horticultural began to blossom. "I got promoted from Turf Tech and spent four years as a Gardener. I realized I really liked the work and wanted to learn more and move up in the department, so (former Arboriculture Supervisor) Brian Suhr encouraged me to try the Master Gardener Program with the county," Alvstad said.

Each year, the New Mexico Master Gardener Program trains over 300 gardeners statewide through county extension offices. Courses run from January to April and cover the science behind plants, soil, and weeds, as well as entomology and pest management. Students also learn about plant identification and selection for the region they will serve.

In addition to helping hone his skills for his day job at UNM, he enjoys the Master Gardener Program because it gives back to the community. To keep their county certification, Master Gardeners volunteer at least 40 hours a year. "I worked the fair the last two years, but I also volunteer at the public libraries on Saturdays to answer questions, and sometimes we even do home visits for people who can't come to the library or can't describe the problem over the phone." The hard work and education paid off for Alvstad, who was promoted to Master Gardener for Facilities Management in October of 2017.

When not helping the home gardener on nights and weekends, Alvstad and his UNM crew of two Turf Techs and a Gardener have a large area of the UNM campus they support, including the dorms and family housing, Anderson School of Business, and the University property along Las Lomas Rd. With so many gardens to choose from, his favorites to tend are at the University House.

The University House is home to President Stokes, but it also hosts up to 10,000 guests annually. It's the face of the campus and it's essential for the grounds to be in top shape. But for Alvstad, that's not the reason it's his favorite. He exemplifies in his profession what so many hobby gardeners seek in their own backyards. "I like it because it's quite over here. Sometimes it's nice to get away from the busyness of the campus."



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## Social Security Income: When and How to Claim It

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Thursday, Nov. 15 from 12-1 p.m. — UNM Business Center 1016 (Main Campus)

Friday, Nov. 16 from 12-1 p.m. — HSLIC Library 428 (North Campus)

Join Human Resources as they dispel common myths about the health of the social security system, learn more about how to estimate your SSI, and how timing impacts your SSI benefit.

UNM Benefits and Fidelity Retirement Representatives Nicolas Maly and Rose Ronquillo will provide valuable tips and resources to help you plan retirement on your own terms. These free sessions start at noon on November 15 and 16.

To register or attend virtually, visit the [Monthly Financial Wellness Seminars](#) webpage.

## Facilities Management All Stars

The Facilities Management “All Star” staff recognition award was developed to recognize exceptional work and to show appreciation for the outstanding staff of the department. Winners receive a \$20 LoboCa\$h card.

### OCTOBER



(L to R) Al Sena, Ascencion Madera, and Victor Tovar



(L to R) Al Sena, Buddy Bachicha, and Frank Bonanno

### Ascencion Madera

Ascencion Madera has worked for UNM for five years. During her time at UNM she has shown exemplary work ethic and integrity. I know what was involved in getting things accomplished for her customers day after day. She had unprecedented results that shows she takes pride in a job well done. She is not only meeting her goals, but surpassing them! We are so proud of Ascencion for setting her sights high and making every effort to achieve that goal. She truly is leading by example to ensure her team's continuing reputation for excellence. *-Victor Tovar*

### Buddy Bachicha

As an Electrician II, Buddy has been a Facilities Management Team member in Area 3 for 11 years. Buddy has consistently been a dedicated employee who is committed to getting the job completed correctly the first time, on time, on budget and safely, often exceeding his customers' expectations. He routinely provides outstanding customer service to the students, faculty and staff of Area 3. Buddy often works early morning hours to minimize any impacts to his customers related to his work activities. He quickly responds to power outages in his assigned facilities and exhibits a genuine concern for the students learning environment and safety. Buddy is our go to Electrician for all exterior lighting issues in Area 3. Buddy works exceptionally well with FM Engineering, upgrading antiquated exterior lighting to LED's. He is extremely proactive addressing exterior lighting issues promoting a safe environment after dark on campus. Buddy is a key contributor to the success of Area 3's facility maintenance. His vast electrical knowledge equates to timely repairs in his assigned facilities. We are very fortunate to have Buddy as a member of our maintenance team in Area 3.

*- Steven Dussart*

## Veterans Day



On this day, we honor those who have served and sacrificed to advance the American Dream and protect the freedoms we value. Let's not forget those who gave all in this pursuit, nor those who still need our support long after their tour of duty ended. Thank you to our Veterans and the families that sacrificed with them.

## Aragon Recognized by Staff Council



(L to R) Rob Burford, Augustine Aragon, and Garnett Stokes

Augustine Aragon, Maintenance and Construction Supervisor for Facilities Management, was one of three recipients of the Outstanding Supervisor Award given on October 16<sup>th</sup> by the UNM Staff Council. The award, presented annually, “recognizes supervisors who create work environments that facilitate work-life balance, professional development, and effective leadership in support of the values and mission of the University.”

Aragon received seven individual nominations, showing how well he is respected and valued by his staff. The nominations not only spelled out this respect, but also conveyed his positive attitude and leadership. The sentiments of his staff are also shared by Aragon’s supervisors. “Augie isn’t just great for Facilities Management, he’s an asset to the entire University,” said Area 1 Manager, Dave Simpson.

Recipients of the honor were presented with a gift basket, an engraved award, and \$1,000. President Stokes was on hand to personally congratulate the winners and nominees. Also nominated from Facilities Management was Work Controls Manager Daniel Perea and Custodial Operations Manager Victor Tovar (not pictured).



Area 1 Staff



(L to R) Rob Burford, Daniel Perea, and Garnett Stokes

## Damazyn Receives Cancer Center Staff Award



Brian Damazyn, an Area 2 Facilities Service Technician, was selected to receive the 2018 Comprehensive Cancer Center Staff Award. The award was presented to employees at a breakfast ceremony on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Winners have displayed leadership, dedication, and commitment to the success of the Cancer Center.

Damazyn’s nomination specifically highlighted his “positive and professional demeanor.” He was also recognized for commitment to workplace safety, his promotion of health and wellness with his coworkers, and for minimizing any negative impacts on patients, customers, and the facilities when conducting his work.

When not working in Area 2, Damazyn is pursuing his Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration at CNM.

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## Lobos Urged to Use Rave Guardian App

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By Rachel Whitt

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The University of New Mexico (UNM) President Garnett S. Stokes is encouraging students, staff and faculty to take advantage of the Rave Guardian app and other campus resources dedicated to increasing safety.

"We all get distracted, so trust your instincts, pay attention to your surroundings, and report any suspicious activity or persons to UNMPD or a security officer," she said in a campus-wide communication. "Recognition of blue light phone locations, group transit if possible and utilization of the Rave Guardian mobile personal safety app are precautions we can all adopt."

Downloading and using the Rave Guardian app allows you to contact UNM Police quickly, in case of an emergency. With the app open and GPS location services on, users can tap one button and immediately be connected with UNM Dispatch. The location feature allows police officers to quickly see where the distress call is coming from and act accordingly. With winter fast approaching, bringing shorter days and earlier nights, the Rave Guardian app is an ideal way to stay safe in the dark.

In addition, students, faculty and staff can submit tips to police, both on the record and anonymously. Reporting suspicious activity can help stop crime before it occurs.

The app also lets you identify friends as 'guardians,' sending alerts to a specified group if you don't reach your destination within the amount of time entered in the app settings.

The University of New Mexico sees campus safety as a top priority. This year, Campus Police launched a community policing campaign titled [#UNMStrongerTogether](#). The initiative is designed to encourage more awareness of and participation in community policing on UNM Main, North and South Campuses.

Although students are given safety and security training during orientation, it's always an appropriate time to revisit good safety tactics. As a reminder:

- Avoid walking alone at night. Try to walk in groups and in well-lit areas.
- Walk purposefully, look confident and trust your instincts.
- Be aware of your surroundings and don't be distracted by cell phones, iPods or other electronics.
- If you need help, use one of the blue light emergency assistance phones located throughout campus.
- Never leave your property unattended in public places.
- Lock all doors and close all windows when leaving your dorm or car, even if you're only going to be gone for a short time.
- Remove anything from your car that may look valuable to a thief.
- Have keys ready when you approach your car. Check the car for intruders before entering and lock your door immediately after getting into your car.
- Secure your bike or motorcycle when leaving it unattended. Use the U-shaped high security lock whenever possible.
- Never post private or compromising information on social networking sites.
- [Enroll in "Lobo Alerts"](#) to receive important safety notifications in the event of a campus emergency.
- If you are a victim of a crime or witness any crimes or suspicious activity, call UNM Police at 505-277-2241 immediately.

Our community of Lobos is truly stronger together. When we utilize tools and systems designed to protect the pack, we help to make our campus a better, safer place to live, work and learn, for all of us.



## United Way BBQ Success

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Facilities Management staff enjoyed their annual United Way fundraising BBQ in record breaking fashion. Through generous donations from staff and vendors, the \$2,883 in donations more than doubled the amount collected in 2017.

The funds were raised through the purchase of meal and raffle tickets by the staff, as well as cash and gifts from Facilities Management's vendors and business partners. A wide variety of raffle prizes were donated by nearly 30 vendors and included golf passes at UNM courses, Lobo apparel, gift cards, and even a kitchen faucet.

"I want to send a huge thank you to all of the staff," said Administrative Coordinator and BBQ organizer Giovanna Archuleta. "Our department's teamwork, dedication, and charity shines tremendously."

Funds raised by Facilities Management contribute to the broader UNM Gives Campaign which supports United Way of Central New Mexico.



Photo by Sara Scott



## Moving Up!

### PROMOTIONS

#### Custodial

Hilda Galvan promoted to Lead Custodian

#### Area 2

Andres Tellez promoted to Electrician 2  
Jessie Baca promoted to Master Plumber

#### Area 4

Darian Lucero promoted to HVAC Tech 1

#### Engineering and Energy Services

Steven Baca promoted to Energy Services  
Tech

### MOVED FROM TEMP TO PERMANENT

#### Custodial

Melissa De Lira

**Welcome and  
Congratulations!**



## Facilities Management's Giving Tree

It is that time of the year again when Facilities Management comes together and through the generosity and thoughtfulness of this family, we sponsor some of our own.

This year we will be hosting a Giving Tree in which you may select a family member's tag, purchase the item they need and return it to the front office.



*Join us for the Lighting of the Giving Tree*

*Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*

*FM Administration Office*

*Pick a tag off the tree and return the gift by December 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Cookies and light refreshments will be served*



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### MISSION

Facilities Management's mission is to consistently deliver effective programs and efficient facility services based on sustainable and collaborative outcome aligned with The University of New Mexico's core mission.

### VISION

Facilities Management's vision is that our community, state, and national peers will recognize The University of New Mexico's Facilities Management as a leader in campus sustainability and facilities stewardship.

