



Students are coming 'Back to School' by Rachel Stone

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Monday, August 21st, marks the official start of the UNM 2017-2018 school year with thousands of new students coming to campus to begin their "college experience." Thousands more will return to campus, revisiting favorite study spaces and hang out spots, residence halls, classrooms and the wide variety of spaces found on a college campus.

All of us at the Physical Plant Department should take pride in our role as being stewards of our beautiful campus. We all work hard to create an inviting and beautiful place where people want to be. From the custodians who clean our indoor spaces and grounds crews who keep the landscape manicured, to the engineers and technicians who troubleshoot technical issues and the fiscal techs who process purchases of equipment and parts to keep the campus infrastructure operational, each of us play an important role at The University of New Mexico. Keep up the good work, PPD!



ART to close south side intersection at Stanford and Central Ave.

The City of Albuquerque has informed The University of New Mexico (UNM) that contractors will close the south side of the intersection at Stanford and Central Ave. to vehicle traffic beginning August 21, 2017. This closure is due to construction for the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) project.

According to the notification document, the work will include road pavement cuts, sidewalk construction, wheelchair ramp construction and curb cuts. The work is scheduled to continue until September 15, 2017, and at that time, the intersection will be reopened.

UNM would like the community to know that travel through the south side of this intersection will not be permitted for vehicle traffic and to find an alternative route. Temporary pedestrian access will remain open for the duration of this project. Please use caution when in this area and follow all posted pedestrian routes.

PPD All Stars

The Physical Plant Department's (PPD) "All Star" staff recognition award was developed to recognize employees for being exceptional and to show appreciation for the excellent staff at PPD. Winners will receive a \$20 LoboCa\$h card to use at various locations on campus.



Here is the PPD All Star from the month of July:



Joseph Lopez, Tina Maher, and Al Sena. Credit: Rachel Stone

Congratulations to Tina Maher, expeditor for Area 4!! Tina was nominated by David Gauthier, and Joseph Lopez said:

Tina has been the Area 4 expeditor for a little over a year; she has been a great asset to our area since day one. She has been a perfect fit for our shop and immediately acclimated into her job and into her new surroundings. Tina is always willing to help her colleagues find the parts they need to fulfill work orders and perform their job duties; she has worked diligently to reduce the large backlog of completed work orders. Every technician in Area 4 appreciates Tina for her work, knowledge and willingness to help them; her personality is one that invites a conversation and anyone who encounters Tina, usually leaves in a better mood than when they arrived. As a supervisor, I would like to express that Tina is an invaluable resource to our shop, one that had been missing; we wish to thank Tina for everything she has done and continues to do for our shop.



Kudos

Dear Joe Lopez,
Joe Lovato's [Area 4 plumber] willingness to see the job done with Phil Johnston saved irreplaceable samples that as Dave says would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to recollect. These samples were collected from all over the world and are critical to our research; they would have suffered serious harm if the freezer and cold room had been allowed to continue to warm. We really, really appreciate Joe's work in removing the air lock that caused the problem.

Many thanks to Joe!

Best Wishes,
Diana Northup
Visiting Associate Professor, Biology



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Get 40% off at UNM/JCPenney College Suit Up event *by Dorene DiNaro*

UNM Career Services is teaming up with JCPenney to host an exclusive College Suit Up event on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at its Albuquerque Coronado Center store, 6600 Menaul Blvd. NE.



Dr. Jenna Crabb, director of UNM Career Services, is proud to be part of an event which will provide the UNM community a jump start on making a good impression while keeping a little more money in their pockets.

The event is only open to UNM students, alumni, faculty and staff and will offer an extra 40% discount on select men's and women's career and dress apparel and shoes. Shoppers will need to show their UNM ID upon entry.

"This will be fun night where individuals can get help choosing career clothes, getting interview tips and general advice on their career," Crabb says. "I encourage everyone to come out, shop and gain that competitive edge in building your professional wardrobe."

UNM Career Services assists students, faculty, staff, and alumni in developing, evaluating, and/or implementing career, education, and employment decisions. For more information on the event please visit [UNM Career Services website](#) or call 505-277-2531.

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Kudos continued

Joe Lopez,

Earlier this week we had a chilled water emergency in Catter Hall that caused one of our walk-in coolers and a walk-in freezer to gain temperature. Irreplaceable scientific samples were at risk that cost, at a minimum, hundreds of thousands of dollars to collect. Joe Lovato and Phil Johnston, one of our building managers, worked tirelessly and stayed well after quitting time to identify and remove the air lock creating the issue, preventing the loss of our samples. I greatly appreciate Joe's efforts and his dedication to the campus. Thanks.

Dave Van Horn

Assistant Research Professor, Department of Biology, UNM

PPD Temp-to-regular

Please congratulate Phillip Jaramillo, custodian for HSC Custodial Services. On August 5, 2017, he moved from being a temporary employee, to a regular, full-time employee at the UNM Physical Plant Department. Congratulations, Phillip!

PPD's Program to be presented at Staff Council's 'Let's Do Lunch'

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO STAFF COUNCIL

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Trades Training Program

Daniel Perea & Shirley Mitchell - UNM Physical Plant Department

Learn more about this "home grown" professional development program which has provided growth and advancement for PPD staff. Discover ideas, methods and opportunities to motivate yourself and others or even create your own program.

August 25, Zimmerman Library B-47

The Staff Council Events Committee presents a different speaker/topic each month. Contact Joe Lane jlane@unm.edu or Cindy Mason clmason@unm.edu for more information.

Staff Council will feature the Trades Training Program from the Physical Plant Department (PPD) on August 25, 2017 from 12:00 - 1:15 pm at Zimmerman Library, room B47.

Daniel Perea and Shirley Mitchell will share information about this homegrown professional development program that provides valuable skills and knowledge to boost excellence in their employees. Get ideas or tips on how you might jump start your professional career! You are welcome to bring your lunch. Space is limited so please RSVP to Joe Lane at jlane@unm.edu.



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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.

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