



PPD News

Physical Plant Department

UNM's Sustainability efforts take big strides in 2016

by Mary Clark

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The University of New Mexico is dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint and implementing sustainable practices. Here is a list of the most notable accomplishments made by the University in 2016:

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[UNM collaborates with Bernalillo County to conserve water](#)

UNM's Physical Plant Department (PPD) installed an underground, 4,700-foot pipeline from the Lomas Chilled Water Plant to the UNM North Golf Course as part of a water conservation project spearheaded by Bernalillo County and the North Campus Neighborhood Association.

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[UNM selects architects to design Physics & Astronomy Interdisciplinary Science building](#)

The new Physics & Astronomy and Interdisciplinary Science facility will be designed and executed as LEED Silver certified to continue to make campus more sustainable.

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[UNM commuters can now charge electric vehicles on main campus](#)

UNM commuters can now charge electric vehicles on campus at both the Yale Parking Structure and the Cornell Parking Garage.

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[La Montanita Co-op, UNM Sustainability Studies program create scholarship](#)

UNM teamed up with La Montanita Co-op to offer a new \$1,000 scholarship, beginning this September, for students minoring in Sustainability Studies in the Department of Biology.

[PPD Engineering & Energy Services begins extensive lighting project in the UNM South Parking Lot](#)

PPD's Engineering & Energy Services began an extensive LED lighting project in the UNM South Parking Lot that will assist in keeping students safe.

[UNM honored with three Energy Star Awards](#)

PNM, New Mexico's largest electricity provider, recently recognized UNM's efforts to reduce energy consumption by awarding the University with three Energy Efficiency Star Awards.



Welcome back, PPD! Wishing you and yours a wonderful 2017!

PPD All-Star Awards



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 here at PPD. 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 December:



Ben Dzikczek and Gary Smith sport their shades during the All-Star Award presentation.

Credit: Rachel Stone



Congratulations to Ben Dzikczek, Utility Plant Operations Supervisor, with PPD Utilities !! Dzikczek was nominated by Tom Davis who said:

Ben Dzikczek is the newest of three utility plant shift supervisors at the Ford Utilities Center and is the current day-shift supervisor. From the beginning of his advancement to this position, Ben has taken his duties and responsibilities seriously. He has worked closely with the other supervisors and with the Master Utility Plant Technicians to address a backlog of maintenance items. He has also been proactive in identifying potential obstacles and deficiencies which might impair plant operations and affect the ability of the Utilities Division to meet its mission goals. Ben works closely with Maintenance, Electrical, Water Systems and I&C supervisors to schedule planned and corrective maintenance at times that have the least impact on operations. He is a positive supporter of all the personnel associated with Utilities Division and is respected for his careful deliberation and consistently good judgement when faced with adverse conditions and plant emergencies.

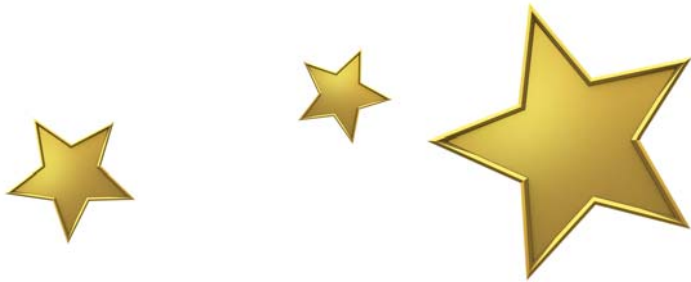
Congratulations to Ruben Herrera, Facilities Services Tech, in Area 3!! Ruben was nominated by Michael McCord who said:

We nominated Ruben Herrera for the award based on his great attitude and customer service. He makes every effort to provide quality service and repairs in some of the more demanding area facilities. His assigned buildings total almost 500,000 square feet in area and are heavily utilized, requiring a flexible response to the many needs of the facilities and staff. He has a "can do" attitude with whatever he is asked to do and we appreciate his contribution to the Area 3 staff.



Ruben Herrera receives his award from Michael McCord, Area 3 manager, and PPD director Gary Smith.

Credit: Rachel Stone



Nominations for the PPD All Star Award are collected at the monthly manager's meeting. All PPD employees with the exception of managers, associate directors, and the PPD director are eligible for this award if they meet the following criteria: successful completion of probation or trial period, regular staff, .50 FTE and above, most recent performance evaluation rating was successful overall, is in good standing, and has no pending or documented disciplinary actions within the last twelve months.

Essential Staff Thank You *by Willie West*

The recent snow and ice event on Friday, January 6th resulted in The University of New Mexico, as well as much of the City of Albuquerque, closing for the day. However, dedicated essential staff in the Physical Plant Department spent many hours clearing and de-icing streets and sidewalks throughout the University to ensure access to the hospital and clinics were maintained and anyone using the campus could do so safely. Thank you to all of you who assisted in this operation and for your dedication and commitment!!

To read more about how PPD responds and prepares for winter weather, [click here](#).

Construction begins for the McKinnon Center for Management at the Anderson School *by Rachel Stone*

Work by The University of New Mexico's [Planning, Design & Construction](#) (PDC) has begun on the replacement building at the Anderson School of Management (ASM), which will be known as the McKinnon Center for Management at the Anderson School.

Fencing was installed, and demolition of the second floor roof, bridge and existing ASM West Wing abatement and demolition is underway, the project will be constructed over the next 15 months. The scheduled completion date for the McKinnon Center for Management is late March 2018.

The new facility will be approximately 61,000 square feet of classrooms, class labs, faculty and staff offices, student services and support spaces. An important component of the new building is to provide group study rooms, student-gathering areas, and innovative learning environments. There will also be a new Advisement and Career Center that provides a major point-of-contact for students.

Dr. Steven Yourstone, chair of ASM, gave a tour of his facilities last year to members of the student government and said, "The east and west ASM buildings were constructed in 1968 and were designed for chalk boards and typewriters. Business and government employers expect students to be educated in critical thinking and teamwork in modern facilities. Modern classrooms are flexible and have floor to ceiling heights that can accommodate modern technologies such as flat panel displays for team collaboration."

The new McKinnon building will completely change the way the School operates and interacts with its students. Their current facilities are cramped and outdated and have not been adequate for the amount of growth ASM has seen over the years.

"This will be a revolutionary time period in the lives of the Anderson and UNM communities. The new building will change how our culture evolves and is designed to provide for and enhance interpersonal and group interactions," says Yourstone.

Due to the construction, traffic on Las Lomas Blvd. has been redirected; there is now two-way traffic on what used to be the westbound traffic lane and parallel street parking, with new diagonal street parking to the west. Please avoid the area as much as possible because traffic is expected to be congested.



If you have any questions about Parking & Transportation (PATS) impacted by this project, please contact PATS at 505-277-1497.

If you have questions about the construction of the McKinnon Center for Management at the Anderson School, please contact PDC at 505-277-3600.

Kudos

From a card sent to the Physical Plant Department (PPD) by [ASUNM Community Experience](#):

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to this year's ASUNM Giving Tree. Hundreds of gifts were donated to homeless youth, the sick, and simply those in need. We are very thankful for your support especially last minute! We hope you have a wonderful holiday and some much needed rest time!

*With love,
Community Experience*

Dear Mr. Smith, Mr. Tovar, Mr. West, and Ms. Stone,

Faculty and staff from the University Libraries would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding service we receive from our custodial staff.

The end of the semester is a particularly busy and stressful time in our libraries. All spaces in our library buildings—from the study rooms and carrels to the open seating areas and book stacks—are in near constant use and Zimmerman is not only busy but also moves to a 24-hour schedule. Coffee is everywhere, along with snacks, papers, wrappers, and lots of busy students. It would be very easy for this level of intensive activity to produce a messy and unpleasant environment were it not for the efforts of our hard-working custodial staff.

To express our appreciation, we put out Thank You boards in each library for the last few weeks of the semester and invited library users to write a note of appreciation. The link below includes photos of all the boards so you can get a sense of how they looked as well as representative comments.

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We are sharing each board (or a printed version of the board) directly with that library's custodial team. We also wanted to share these sentiments with you. It takes many different types of support for UNM students to be able to pursue their education. The custodial staff play a vital role in this process.

With all best wishes & gratitude,

University Libraries

PPD Scholarship Recipients

PPD has selected the recipients of the Clayton & Agnes May Barber and M.F. Fifield scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. These awards are based on demonstrated academic performance, financial need, and educational program.

The scholarship winner of the Clayton & Agnes May Barber scholarship is Natasa Zera, daughter of Zaklina Zera, supervisor of HSC Custodial Services.

Rebekah Lovato, daughter of Joe Lovato, plumber 2 in Area 4, was the recipient of the M.F. Fifield Memorial scholarship.



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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.