Dean, College of Business - Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- We had a couple of setbacks this past week. The seemingly low bidder for the construction of the Pete V. Domenici Hall discovered he had missed a $2.0 million item in his bid and asked to withdraw, even though the company had signed a contract. Going to the next lowest bidder, who has decided their company will honor their bid, costs about $1,000,000 more than we have in the bank. We are looking at a number of options, to include private funding and/or some modifications of the project. The show will go on but on a tighter budget than we had imagined. Immediately following the meeting on the building, I was informed that the Governor had vetoed the $20,000,000 for matching endowments, based upon her concern for reserves in the event of sequestration. Some days are just better than others.

- The student appreciation cook out was an outstanding success. Thanks to Gena, Yolanda, Yvonne, Marisella, and all of the gang for the idea and for doing the heavy lifting. The students and faculty very much appreciate this kind of support.

- I have visited with the Marketing Department faculty and they have settled on an internal search for a new Department Head. I have appointed Ken Martin of Finance to chair the search committee and have asked Collin Payne and Mike Hyman to serve. I would like to complete this process by the end of the semester, if possible.

- I was pleased to meet Carmen Arrieta Candelaria, one of our graduates and the current CFO of the City of El Paso. She is a proud Aggie in the middle of a bunch of UTEP types but touts the Aggies at all times. I am always pleased that our graduates are doing so well.

- I spoke to the Annual Budget Planning meeting of the Public Education Department and representatives of all of the school districts (about 700 folks) on the “Cowboy Code of Ethics”. It was well received. Both Senator Lopez and Secretary Skandara were present!

- I received a $25,000 commitment, to be matched by Judy Johnson, for the Lionel Haight Endowed Chair. Publicity on the donor will be forthcoming but suffice it to say that it is from a major accounting firm in Albuquerque.

- The amazing team of Josh Salmon, Janet Green, Robin Petersen, and Garrey Carruthers won the annual College of Business golf tournament, touring the NMSU course in a smooth 69.

Associate Dean of Academics - Dr. Kathy Brook

- Katie Salas, a current sophomore and former NM FFA state vice president, has accepted the position of peer advisor for the Business Living Learning Community next year. Katie
is both energetic and enthusiastic and should make a great contribution to this program whose goal is to help new students connect with the College of Business.

- Kathy Brook met with Susan Peterson of the US Forest Service Washington/Oregon district about seasonal summer work with the Forest Service (varying from fire fighter and ranger positions to receptionists and budget analysts) as well as potential internships and longer term employment.

**Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development - Dr. Kevin Boberg**

- (Nothing to report at this time)

**Arrowhead Center – Dr. Kevin Boberg**

- Arrowhead will host a reception on April 17, recognizing awardees of the Launch proof of concept program. The competition identifies and supports early-stage technology emerging at NMSU and provides funding and support to explore market opportunities for such projects. NMSU alum Bradley Gordon will speak on his extensive experience in starting, financing, growing, and acquiring new companies. Mr. Gordon will also be meeting one-on-one with Arrowhead clients and students to offer guidance on individual projects and ventures.

- ATI client Mike Lisk (Remote Well Solutions, a small business focused on water use issues in agricultural settings) and ATI researcher Griselda Martinez were recognized as a success story for NMSBA 2012 individual projects at the Innovation Celebration Luncheon at the Technology Ventures Corporation 2013 Deal Stream Summit on April 4, 2013. Remote Well Solutions was one of just ten such awardees, selected from a pool of more than 300 businesses which participated in the program in 2012.

**Assistant Dean, Development – Dr. Andrea Tawney**

- So far, we have about 25 Business Advisory Council members planning to attend the meeting next week. We have a packed schedule but engaging for the members and students so should be a good meeting.

- We will have about 215 attendees at Hall of Fame next Friday. We have every table purchased for $1k and three major sponsorships this year which allows us to provide complimentary tickets for COB faculty, staff and students.

- We hosted Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, accounting alum of the College and CFO for the City of El Paso speaking to our ambassadors this week. She is an excellent mentor and provided a great presentation.
• We are getting ready to launch a $500 giving initiative for alumni, friends and supporters of the College of Business and Domenici Institute to be a part of the new building. Our goal is to cover the donor wall of the new building with at least 500 contributors who each contribute $500 to raise $250k. More to come on this exciting initiative!

• If you have any nominations for future business advisory council members please send them my way as we will begin sending out letters of invitation from the Dean in May.

• Special thanks to the good work of Al Berryman and his insurance advisory council as we are near finalization of a reoccurring pledge from Mountain States Insurance for an annual scholarship of $2500 for insurance students.

• Dean Carruthers received verbal commitment from REDW that they will provide a $25k contribution over the next two years toward the Accounting Endowed Chair initiative to be matched by Judy Johnson. This will take up the last of the $100k matching funds provided by Judy. Special thanks to accounting faculty and Drs. Scribner and Bullock who have been leading forces in reigniting this effort since I came on board a year and a half ago.

Daniels Ethics Program Chair – Dr. Bruce Huhmann
• Response to this year's call for 2013 Daniels Fund Ethics Fellowships was phenomenal. Thank you to the 24 individuals applying for fellowships: Chris Erickson (Economics); David Daniel (Applied Statistics); Winnie Lee (International Business); Rich Fortin (Finance); Gavin Clarkson (Business Law); Mike Hyman (Marketing); Rusty Calk, Sherry Mills, Cindy Seipel, and Dale Spencer (Accounting); Grace Ann Rosile and David Boje (Management); Anne P. Hubbell (Communication Studies); Michael Alarid, Nancy Hastings and Lisa Ramirez, (English); Andrea F. Joseph (Criminal Justice); Ed Pines (Industrial Engineering); James Phillip King (Civil Engineering); Don Pepion (Anthropology); Lori Keleher (Philosophy); Gregory Cajete (Native American author/Language, Literacy & Socio-cultural Studies); Ed Breeding (local Native American filmmaker); and Philip Baca (New Mexico Military Institute). Notification of which applications are approved will be given after seeing how many fellowships the budget can accommodate.

• The NMSU Ethics Competition Team (Karen Acosta, David Austin, Marina Beran, Desiree Lujan, Jackson Mainwaring, and Kathryn Sanchez) will attend the Daniels Fund Ethics Consortium Case Competition in Denver on April 11, 12, and 13, 2013.

• Bruce A. Huhmann met with Julia Lanham to discuss delivery options for the first public ethics training video for state employees.

• If you have not already registered for the May 2-3 Teaching Business Ethics and would like to do so, please see the registration materials at http://business.nmsu.edu/programs-centers/daniels-ethics/events/upcoming/ The Inn & Spa of Loretto is full, but you can be reimbursed for staying May 2 at the Hotel Chimayo, which is within walking distance.
Accounting & Information Systems Department - Dr. Kevin Melendrez
- The Accounting and Information Systems Department hosted 122 NMSU students and guests for a 6 hour workshop on developing apps for Microsoft Windows 8. Jim Nelson, Information Systems, coordinated the event which pays students $100 for each app that they successfully complete. Students from IS, CS, EE, ET, CMI, DACC, and EPCC participated in the training and are now software entrepreneurs earning ongoing income from the Microsoft Store.

Economics/International Business Department - Dr. Rick Adkisson
- Jim Peach and Chris Erickson participated in a panel discussion at the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium in Corbett Center on Friday April 5. The topic addressed by both Peach and Erickson was the role of the university in poverty alleviation.


- Rick Adkisson and Comfort Ricketts presented their paper titled, “Exploring the Redistribution of Manufacturing Employment among the American States in the Face of Overall Declines in Employment” at a research seminar organized by the Department of Economics, Applied Statistics, and International Business on Friday, April 5.

- Rick Adkisson reviewed a manuscript for Regional Science Policy and Practice.

Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis
- Dr. Gavin Clarkson participated in the drafting and submission of an Amici Curiae brief (3/26) to the United States Supreme Court on an important issue involving Federal Indian Law.

- Tim Query attended the Southwestern Finance Association meeting in Albuquerque. He was a discussant and also presented a co-authored paper titled "Agency Problems and Lobbying Activity by Insurer Groups."

- New Mexico State University has been selected to participate in the Spencer Educational Foundation’s 2013-2014 “Risk Manager in Residence” program (RMIR). The RMI program at NMSU was awarded a grant for $3,500 to cover the cost of this popular program.

- On March 22, Tim Query and Al Berryman met with the Insurance Advisory Board in Albuquerque. They developed an industry fund raising campaign to enhance the scholarships for insurance students in New Mexico. We currently average about $20,000 per year in scholarships. The board would like to increase that and make the funding more permanent.
• Dr. Ken Martin hosted Stephen Wolslager (NMSU MBA 1978) of the Wolslager Foundation in his class on Wednesday, March 20. Dr. Martin also hosted Jim Spence and his team from Spence Asset Management in his Investments class on Thursday, March 21. Both presentations were well-received by the students.

• Dr. Gavin Clarkson was invited to present at the "Doing Business in Indian Country" conference hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma

Management Department - Dr. Steven Elias

• Chet Barney just completed all of the requirements of the Online Course Improvement Program One-Year+ Fellowship.

• The Online Course Improvement Program (OCIP) 1 Year+ Fellowship (1Y+) is tailored to meet the needs of individual NMSU faculty who are interested in improving the quality of their online courses. Throughout the 1Y+, I focused on developing and expanding upon core skills and knowledge in the areas of online course design and teaching. An assessment of my online curriculum via Quality Matters (QM) [http://www.qmprogram.org/](http://www.qmprogram.org/) revealed that I met all of the QM quality requirements for my online courses.


• Dr. Claudia Gomez, who completed her PhD in the Management Department last December, has accepted a faculty position as Assistant Professor in the Management and Information Systems Department at Kent State University (Stark Campus), beginning August 2013.

• A Film Premier sponsored by Grace Ann Rosile on *Tribal Wisdom for Business Ethics* will be presented on Tuesday, April 26, 3-4 p.m. at CMI Theatre Milton Hall. The film will be followed by an open question and answer session. This film was supported by a grant from the NMSU Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative.

• On Tuesday, April 26, 2013 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Milton Hall, Room 50 the Teaching Academy will sponsor the interactive workshop on Tribal Wisdom for Business Ethics.

• Group participants will have the opportunity to propose their own film project.

• Grace Ann Rosile partnered with faculty and students in Marketing, Anthropology, Public Health Sciences and the Creative Media Institute, as well as UNM to produce the film Tribal Wisdom for Business Ethics.

• Other faculties involved in this interdisciplinary project include, Philip Lewis, Creative Media Institute, Bruce Huhmann, Marketing Department and Chair of Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, Wanda Eastman, Institutional Research Board, Don Pepion, Anthropology Department.
Marketing Department - Dr. Kevin Boberg

- Dr. Hyman has been invited to write two book chapters on ethics. One chapter — on measuring systems of virtues development in decision-making and moral psychology — will appear in *Handbook of Virtue Ethics in Business and Management* (to be published by Springer); the other chapter — on the ethics of ethnographic consumer research — is part of a proposed edited volume. Both chapters will be co-authored with Mr. Grant Aguirre (NMSU Ph.D. candidate in marketing).


- Dr. Bruce Huhmann and Suzanne Conner (PhD, NMSU) submitted a manuscript — “Promoting Business Ethics through Annual Reports” — for review to the *Journal of Financial Services Marketing*.

School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management - Dr. Janet Green

- Congratulations to three of our students: Cesar Montano, Sara Martinez and Cecilia Castro. All three are graduating this May, and have been accepted by the Culinary Institute of America. Cesar, Sara and Cecilia will be attending school in Napa Valley, California.

- Dr. Green presented an etiquette program on March 15 to members of the Valle Verde 4-H Club. More than 60 people were in attendance.

- DACC will soon be launching its new Culinary Arts Program. Dr. Green was invited to attend an informational meeting to view the facility and give input on possible fundraising efforts. The DACC Culinary Arts program is not connected to HRTM, however, Dr. Green has extensive experience in the fundraising area and was invited to share her ideas and expertise.

- Chef Maurice Zeck and the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) student club prepared and served a dinner to a private party on March 2 in 100W. Earlier in the year, as a fundraiser, Chef Zeck volunteered his culinary services to the highest bidder. Profits from the event (approximately $1500) went to the NSMH club, of which Chef Zeck is the Advisor.

- Daren Bloomquist and Julie Correa visited the Early College High School on March 19, speaking with the computer and art prep classes to familiarize the students with HRTM. Over an afternoon and four sessions, 120 students were reached.

- Congratulations to Mr. Daren Bloomquist. He was nominated and awarded the opportunity to attend “The Summit” in Las Vegas April 27-29. This is a gathering of leaders and influencers to promote sustainability of water, food and energy. The trip is sponsored by the Jewish National Fund, and was made available to non-tenured/non-continuing faculty by the International Arid Lands Consortium. Dr. LeRoy Daugherty
presented the opportunity for nomination to The College of ACES Department Heads, and Dr. Janet Green nominated Daren.

**Domenici Institute Program Manager – Sara Patricolo**

- The Domenici Institute is preparing for two April events. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend both. Please consider joining us.

- **Friday, April 12**: A groundbreaking ceremony for the Pete V. Domenici Hall will take place on Friday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Hershel Zohn Theatre building. New Mexico State University will renovate and expand Hershel Zohn to include higher-capacity classrooms, office space, and an atrium where students can study. The core auditorium of the building will remain in place but will be renovated to become a first-class meeting space equipped with the latest technology. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. Please register with Courtney Lopez: 646-7035 or cklopez@nmsu.edu.

- **Thursday, April 18**: The Domenici Institute will host a forum on Thursday, April 18, at the studio of KRWG-TV in Milton Hall. It is set to begin at 1 p.m. and will last one hour. Our guest will be Dr. Gary Schmitt of the American Enterprise Institute. Schmitt is a resident scholar and co-director of the Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies and is the director of the program on American Citizenship at AEI. He will discuss sequestration and its potential impact on our strategic defense initiatives. The forum will be taped for broadcast. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. To register, visit www.domenici.nmsu.edu or call 646-2066.

**Manager of Environmental Policy and Sustainability – joni newcomer**

- (Nothing to report at this time)