New Mexico State University and the Western States School of Banking are collaborating on the Banking Internship Network, a website where regional banks willing to hire students for internships can post information on available positions. The website will be managed by the WSSB while NMSU will identify students, provide the prerequisite coursework, encourage the students to apply for internships and supervise the academic component of the internship. This will allow students to earn college credits while working in a bank.

The investment company Vanguard likes to recruit at New Mexico State University because of the level of student preparation for professional positions, said Mike Grose, a retail services manager and recruiter for the company. Two such students are Lila Semrau and Joseph Salcido, both formerly of Roswell, N.M. While attending NMSU, Semrau was a general business major, and graduated in 2006. Salcido was a finance major, and also graduated in 2006. Semrau and Salcido now work in Scottsdale, Ariz., for Vanguard. Vanguard recruits many NMSU graduates, and more than 20 currently work there.

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