# The Housing Headline

### NMSU HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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Dear Aggies,

In a few weeks, you'll be settling into your new home on campus. The first people you will likely meet are the residential life staff members who live and work in every housing area.

Residential Life staff includes a Resident Director (RD), Resident Assistants (RA), and a Resident Activities Planner (RAP). As you transition to campus life, you'll get to know the Residential Life staff in your area as they support you through your adjustment to NMSU. Your RA will check in with you regularly during the year, I encourage you to engage and allow your RA to help connect you with new friends and can help mentor you through your first year. Your RAP will provide entertaining, informative, and fun activities aimed at creating an interesting, enjoyable, and engaged community of residents.

You'll make new friends before you know it. You may find yourself drawn to a leadership position in your hall council or any of the 260 student organizations on campus. Being an AGGIE means you are part of the larger AGGIE family and living on campus will heighten that experience. Living on campus makes finding your people easier and you will likely develop new friendships that will last a lifetime.

We are looking forward to your arrival and are committed to providing you with a positive, engaging, and supportive experience!

Continue to look for the Housing Headlines newsletter in your NMSU email inbox and submit your questions to <a href="mailto:housing@nmsu.edu">housing@nmsu.edu</a>.

GO AGGIES!!!

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If you have questions about campus housing, send those to <a href="mailto:housing@nmsu.edu">housing@nmsu.edu</a> from your NMSU email.







#### **TIPS FOR NEW AGGIES!**

- Submit your ID card photo to <u>ID Card Services</u> in order to opt for either an Aggie Mobile ID or Aggie Physical ID! You will need your Aggie ID card to access the housing facility where you'll be living, to use your meal plan, and to access many other services on campus, so it's important that you submit your photo before you arrive on campus.
- NMSU NOW is a website dedicated to NMSU's dynamic pandemic action plan. The NMSU
  Now plan is updated frequently with new information and guidance. Check this website
  every week or two to stay up to date.
- Check out <u>Aggie Health & Wellness Center</u> website for information on the medical and mental health services available to all students. The Aggie Health & Wellness Center is conveniently located on campus.







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#### **MEET THE TEAM**

#### **RESIDENT ACTIVITIES PLANNERS**

One of the best ways to feel at home on campus, make friends, and get the most out of your time in college is to attend events and activities. Students who get involved and take advantage of the opportunities at NMSU are dramatically more likely to report having an enjoyable and meaningful college experience.

With that in mind, we have a student staff member in every residence hall whose job is to plan events for residents of your community. Your Resident Activities Planner (RAP) will host frequent social activities as well as educational programs designed to support you in five main areas: Personal Safety and Wellness, Academic Excellence, Aggie Pride, World Impact, and Life Skills.

In addition, your RAP will make it a goal to learn about the needs and interests of students in your hall in order to create activities that will be engaging and fun for your community. Attending the activities hosted by your RAP is an excellent step toward making the most of your first year in college.





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#### **AGGIE PRIDE & TRADITIONS**

#### **'A' MOUNTAIN**

In the 1920s, it was common for college students to carry out silly pranks on their campus. For example, here at NMSU, several students made a joke to leave the letter A (for Aggies, of course!) all over campus. In the spring of 1920, they ascended a local mountain that overlooks campus and created a giant letter A near the top as an April Fool's Day gag. They painted the A white so it would be visible from campus.



The A is 300 feet tall and 80 feet

wide, approximately as tall as a football field! Today, the A is repainted every year during Greek Week, and it is sometimes lighted at night to commemorate special events. Climbing "A" Mountain and enjoying the scenic view from the top is a highlight of many students' time in Las Cruces.

## **DINING MEAL PLANS (FALL)**

NMSU Dining would like to wish you a warm welcome to all of our incoming Aggies! We can't wait to serve you. First year residents can choose between the Premium, Classic, or Hometown Aggie meal plans. To purchase and enhance your meal plan, you can visit MyDining through your MyNMSU account into add +plus packages that provide you with deals on beverages, amenities, and concessions!





**Meal Swipes** are used to enter the Taos Restaurant Buffet

**Dining Dollars** are a dollar for dollar tender that can be used for food anywhere on campus





