

The Housing Headline

NMSU HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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Dear Aggie Family,

In a few short weeks you'll arrive on campus for the Fall semester and we're ready to welcome you.

You will soon be receiving text messages and email with information on how to sign up for a move-in appointment. Please follow that guidance and let us know if you have questions.

Move-in is a BIG day for you as you transition to college life. It is an exciting time and we, at Housing and Residential Life, will be on hand the day you arrive to welcome you and assist you.

You will meet the residential life staff who live in your new community. The Resident Director, who we refer to as the "RD," for each residence hall or apartment village is a professional staff member who lives on site and oversees the entire community. Resident Assistants (RAs) are student staff members who also live on site and are instrumental in developing a sense of community among residents. Get to know these residence life staff members and engage with the community you live in.

Much of your experience as an Aggie will be based on your involvement and engagement with Aggie life including your peers, your professors, the academic work, student organizations, and activities available to you. There are many opportunities and possibilities ahead!

NMSU is a place where everyone can belong. We are genuinely looking forward to your arrival!

Check your NMSU email inbox for [The Housing Headline](#) newsletter and submit any questions to housing@nmsu.edu! GO AGGIES!!

Best regards,



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QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about campus housing, send those to housing@nmsu.edu from your NMSU email.



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MEET THE TEAM - FACULTY FELLOWS!

Students who get to know faculty outside the classroom are more successful in college and report a more enjoyable college experience. One way to meet faculty is to visit during their scheduled office hours, which are set times that your professors will be in their office to assist students. Your instructors want to get to know you and help you understand the material in the course, so use this resource as often as you can! Another opportunity to spend quality time with a faculty member is to participate in our Faculty Fellows mentorship program.

The [Faculty Fellows](#) program pairs a professor with a small group of students to get to know each other through one-on-one mentorship and small group activities such as attending sporting events together, gathering for a meal, or attending a performance on campus as a group. Your mentor will get to know you individually to support your academic and personal success.

To learn more and apply to be matched with a faculty mentor, click [here](#). If selected, you'll have the opportunity to participate in small group activities through the semester, and your faculty mentor will meet with you at least 3 times to get to know you and provide extra support to take your college experience to the next level. Spaces are limited, but the potential benefits are limitless!

[Learn Where You Live](#)

As a college student, a great deal of your learning and personal growth will take place outside the classroom as you build relationships with diverse peers, participate in student leadership development, and deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you. In Housing and Residential Life, we believe living on campus should enhance the student experience, complement what you're learning in class, and aid your success during and after college.

In addition to the social events where you will meet people, learn about NMSU, and feel a sense of belonging in your community, your Resident Assistant and Resident Activities Planner will create opportunities for you to learn more about yourself and the world around you. There are five main areas, or learning outcomes, that we believe every student should develop as a result of living on campus at NMSU:

1. Personal Safety and Wellness
2. Academic Excellence
3. Aggie Pride
4. World Impact
5. Life Skills

When you browse events in the [Crimson Connection](#) app, you will see that all activities sponsored by Housing and Residential Life will be tagged with one or more of these learning outcomes. You can tailor your experience by attending programs that help you grow in each of these areas. You will even be able to earn prizes for participating in events that align with these learning outcomes throughout the year!



AGGIE PRIDE AND TRADITIONS

What is the Big Event?

The Big Event gives students an opportunity to participate in a variety of community service projects in Las Cruces and surrounding areas every year in April. Part of being an Aggie is giving back to the community shows so much support for NMSU and our Aggie community.

By participating, you can gain valuable volunteer experience while also completing projects making Las Cruces a better place. This is a traditional event on campus and is hosted by NMSU's student government, [ASNMSU \(Associated Students of New Mexico State University\)](#). Watch for an opportunity to register for The Big Event during the spring semester. You won't want to miss the Big Event and the chance to say "Thank You, Las Cruces!"



NMSU TRIVIA

(Sponsored by [Xfinity on Campus](#))

Clarence Fielder, NMSU alumnus, taught African American History for 40 years at NMSU. He was instrumental in restoring and preserving the oldest African American church in the state, which is now included on New Mexico and national historic registers. Fielder was a decorated veteran and recipient of both a Purple Heart and Silver Star from his service in the Korean War. After his death in 2015, New Mexico's Department of Cultural Affairs' Historic Preservation Division awarded Fielder a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tell us [HERE](#) what NMSU academic building recently named the History wing to honor Clarence Fielder and be entered to win a pair of NMSU branded Wrapsody wireless headphones (\$100 value) when you move in. Look for NMSU Trivia in future newsletters for more chances to enter!

