

The Housing Headline

NMSU HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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Hello Aggies!

Congratulations on making the first steps on your journey as an AGGIE! The fall semester and your move to campus housing will be here before we know it and we are busy preparing for your arrival in August. This is the first issue of the 2022-23 Housing Headline newsletter which will be sent to you via email to your NMSU email address and posted on our website. Each issue of this newsletter will contain important information about living on campus and what to expect on move-in days.

Now is a great time to review the [NMSU Resident Handbook](#), which includes information on what to bring, what not to bring and much more about your campus living environment. It is THE complete guide to living on campus.

Keep up to date with all the latest NMSU COVID plans at <https://now.nmsu.edu/>.

We are looking forward to your arrival and are always committed to providing all campus residents with a positive, engaging, and supportive experience that enhances your quality of life!

Look for the Housing Headlines newsletter in your NMSU email inbox every two weeks and submit your questions to housing@nmsu.edu!

GO AGGIES!!

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



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TIPS FOR NEW AGGIES

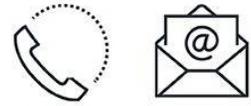
Throughout the summer, we will be sending you this newsletter filled with useful information to help you plan your arrival to NMSU and make the most of what campus has to offer. For our first edition, here are a few tips and things to watch for in the coming weeks:

- Your NMSU email account is the official means of communication with all NMSU departments. You'll be receiving important information via email so check your inbox frequently.
- Check out [Crimson Connection](#) website where you can find out about student organizations, campus events, and how to get involved.

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

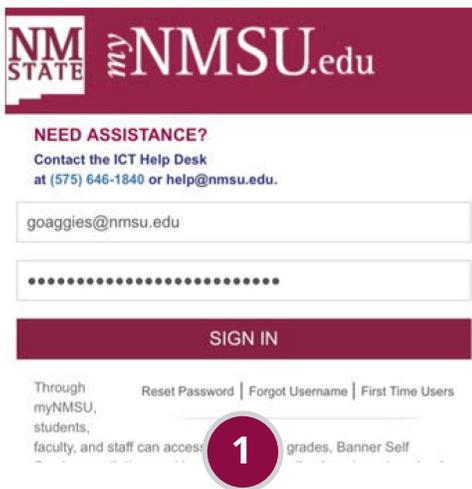


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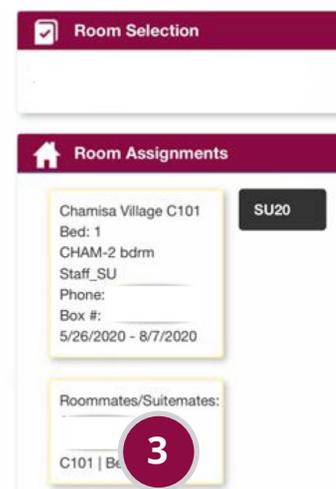
GETTING YOUR ASSIGNMENTS



First, you will go to my.nmsu.edu then you will log in with your myNMSU username and password.



Next, you will be at the home page of your myNMSU. You will click on student, then myHousing.



Lastly, it will take you to your housing page. Your room assignment will be found there along with your roommate/suitemates.

We encourage you to email your roommate/suitemates if you haven't met, and watch your email for communication from them.



LLCS

A Living Learning Community (LLC) is a community where students who share common interests or academic goals live in the same area of a residence hall or apartment. LLCs allow students to connect with others in their major and help them stay involved on campus. In many cases, LLC residents take classes together. Social and educational activities for LLC students are centered around their shared interests. There is no extra cost to live in an LLC, but there are many benefits in choosing one!

Where are they?

- **Garcia West:** ACES, Nursing, Pre-Pharmacy, Science and Health, Social Sciences, Education
- **Garcia East:** Criminal Justice, Engineering, Fine Arts, Honors
- **Piñon Hall:** Business, Sports in Society, Professional Golf Management
- **Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Hall:** CAMP
- **Juniper:** Computer Science and Technology
- **Cervantes/VDM (sophomores and above):** Global Village, Sankofa Black Culture

Learn more about each LLC at <https://housing.nmsu.edu/llc/>.

If you'd like to request to live in an LLC, email us at housing@nmsu.edu.

MEET THE TEAM

When you move in, you'll meet a student leader in your community called a Resident Assistant, though most people refer to them simply as the RA. Your RA's main responsibility is to get to know you and help build community on your floor in order to provide educational and social support for you and your neighbors. You can expect to see your RA regularly for chats where your RA will take time to learn more about you and ask how your first year in college is going. Your RA will also plan gatherings and activities just for the residents of your floor to get to know each other and experience more of what NMSU has to offer. RAs also help ensure the safety and security of the community, enforce policies, share resources, and assist with things like work orders and lock-outs. Anytime you have a question or need assistance, reach out to your RA.



HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH HALL

Click Image for Hall Tour!



Piñon Hall:

Piñon Hall features two large, grassy open-air patios to relax, study, or play games with other residents. A fitness center, two community kitchens, study rooms, and game rooms are also available for student use. Rooms in Piñon are suite style (two rooms share an adjoining bathroom), and doors open into the outdoor patios so residents can enjoy the community.



Garcia Hall:

Garcia Hall is NMSU's largest residence hall, and home to many Living Learning Communities, designed to integrate the students' living environment with their academic interests. Garcia Hall features open air patios offering ideal locations for students to connect with each other. Garcia Hall is also home to La Vista Learning Center, which houses two academic classrooms alongside comfortable study areas. Rooms in Garcia are suite style, and doors open into the outdoor patios where there is always something to do.



Juniper Hall:

Juniper Hall is the newest NMSU residence hall; its grand opening was celebrated in 2019. Juniper features a modern community kitchen and two spacious classrooms available for student use. Juniper Hall is just steps away from the Corbett Student Union, making it convenient to visit the dining hall, connect with a study group, or visit campus offices. Rooms in Juniper are suite style, and doors open into an indoor hallway, which makes it easy to meet others in the building year-round.



Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Hall (RGH):

RGH is NMSU's most historic residence hall. Built in the 1940's, RGH offers modern interiors with a hint of nostalgic elegance thanks to a renovation in 2019. Tradition is an important element of RGH's community, and the RAs emphasize the unique historic charm that RGH provides. RGH is home to some of the largest resident rooms on campus, and doors open to interior hallways, which supports a strong sense of community among the students who call RGH home. RGH offers suite style accommodations, along with community bathroom style accommodations.

AGGIE PRIDE & TRADITIONS

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WHO IS PISTOL PETE?

Pistol Pete is NMSU's mascot. He is present at all athletic events, as well as many community, student, and alumni events. You will find Pistol Pete taking photos with fans, launching Aggie gear out of a t-shirt cannon, and cheering for the Aggies. Pistol Pete makes more than 90 appearances per year and never runs out of Aggie spirit! The individuals portraying Pete are full-time students who competitively audition for the USA Collegiate Cheerleading National Champion Mascot position.

1860
Frank Eaton, later known as "Pistol Pete," witnesses the murder of his father in Lawrence, Kansas. Then, at only age 8, he vowed to avenge his death.

1867
 Eaton moved to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, to learn about shooting from the Cavalry. There, he earned the name "Pistol Pete" for outshooting all of his fellow troopers.

1869
 At age 11, Eaton killed four of his father's murderers in fair gunfights.

1881
 Eaton finally located the final gunman, Wylie Comsey, who had murdered his father in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Although seriously wounded himself, Eaton won the duel. His father's death had finally been avenged.

1923
 With Eaton's permission, the first caricature of his likeness was created by an artist from Des Moines, Iowa. It still exists today as NMSU's "Classic Aggie" design only used on collectible items.

1973
 The first use of a live mascot of Pistol Pete began. Before a home football game against Utah State, a student went to a western clothing store and purchased a crimson shirt, jeans, white chaps and white vest. He made a crimson felt cutout of an "A" to put on his vest. A fellow Aggie fan donated a pistol and an off-white hat to complete the costume.

1988
 Enter "Big Head" Pistol Pete. This large, fiberglass head weighing 25 pounds made quite an impression. "We, students expressed difficulty playing the part because of unbreakable head, causing some students to lose 5 to 15 pounds in water weight depending on the event.

2005
 Affectionately named by disapproving fans as "Lasso Larry," a new version of Pistol Pete emerges. At the time, NMSU decided to rework the logo and four-headed mascot by replacing Pete's pistols with a bearing lasso.

2006-07
 "You can't bring a lasso to a gunfight," said students who were angry about the politically correct logo. By 2006, Pistol Pete and his six-shooters and chaps returned. His costume then remains today, adorned by competitively-selected students who audition for the job and a scholarship.

2018
 Pistol Pete is immortalized on campus with a new status in front of Corbett Center Student Union.

THE HISTORY OF PISTOL PETE



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