Dates to Remember:

Winter Break—
12/22/2012 to 1/2/2013
University closed

Spring Classes begin
January 14, 2013

Martin Luther King Day
January 21, 2013
University closed

Staff Advisory Senate Meeting: Tuesday—
January 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. location TBD

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A message from… Highlands Santa Fe and Española Centers

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

At Highlands, Student Success Is Our Passion, NMHU’s Santa Fe Center and Española Site are models of successful outreach within our neighboring communities, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business, Criminal Justice, Education, and Social Work.

Recently, NMHU’s Center @ Santa Fe/Española brought on board a new center director. Dr. Melissa W. Lomax came to us from the College and Career Readiness Office of the New Mexico Public Education Department where she served as bureau chief since 2007. She possesses a solid background in education, encompassing PreK – continued on page 3

Left to right: Ron Martinez and Dr. Melissa Lomax. Not pictured, Mary Ann Sandoval, Debbie Fleming, Erwin Rivera, Mary Anthony Torres and David Ortiz.
STAFF SENATE UPDATES

- Suggestion boxes are available at the following locations on campus:
  
  Student Center, Felix Martinez Building, Rodger’s Administration Building,
  Donnelly Library and Ivan Hilton Building

- All FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS are encouraged to submit their suggestions/comments. Collected periodically, these comments are gathered, separated by area, and forwarded to the appropriate individuals.

- The annual staff satisfaction survey has been completed. Results are being compiled and will be posted to the Senate website before the end of the semester. This information allows the Senate the opportunity to assess needs/concerns and thus set goals for the upcoming year.

- A vacancy exists within the Technical/Skilled membership group. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact any member of the Staff Advisory Senate.

- As is customary, all staff are highly encouraged to attend our regularly scheduled meetings. These meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

- Please visit the staff senate link on the Highlands website for updates on any of the above information.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU, AS A STAFF MEMBER, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE INFORMED. GET INVOLVED WITH STAFF SENATE TODAY!

From the desk of Margaret Gonzales, Staff Senate President

IN THE NEWS!

The music program would like to recognize our three workstudies, Janika Jaramillo, Isaac Hidalgo & Rock Ulibarri. They are really talented majors in the Visual and Performing Arts music program. All three can step in and make sure the work is done, if need be. All three take pride in their majors and whatever task is given to them while working here at the music building. Mary Martin, would also like to recognize professors Dr. Andre Garcia-Nuthmann, Dr. Edward Harrington and Donald Evans, and Production and Choir manager Victoria Evans, for being such talented people and giving their knowledge to our students here at Highlands University. We in the music program have a great bunch of adjuncts. They are Linda King, Shawn Woodyard, Kevin Zoernig, Timothy Crofton, Nicole Robinson, Karliz De Marco, Regina Rickless, Mary Basler, Gregory Tyrone, Cynthia Riley, Roberto Capocchi, Ralph Marquez, Emily Maestas & Lydia Madrick.

The Office of Academic Support would like to welcome Mr. Ira Harge and Mr. Tim Crofton to our department. Ira is the Retention and Intervention coordinator/academic adviser. Tim joins us as the New Student Orientation coordinator/academic adviser. They both have a wealth of knowledge in higher education, along with outstanding energy and will be valuable assets to our department and the university. Please join us in welcoming them as they begin their journey of making a difference for our students.

As the year ends, so will the exceptional job that Rose Martinez has done at the Foundation Office. We will surely miss you Rose Martinez – Administrative Assistant, Foundation Office. Retiring in February will be Joe CdeBaca from Gear-Up Program and Pat Ueckert from Payroll.
20 educational initiatives delivered through her work as a public school administrator, counselor, teacher, and as university professor in New Mexico, Texas, and Illinois. Dr. Lomax earned a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas, a master’s degree from Hardin Simmons University, and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas, Austin.

Priorities of Dr. Lomax, directly aligned with the priorities of Highlands University and Highlands’ Centers for Higher Education, are an unwavering support for programs and policies that place educational and training resources in the hands of students, teachers, and business and industry partners in a manner that ensures that an individual is able to pursue his or her next step regarding college.

Students at the Santa Fe Center and Española site are supported by dedicated and committed staff. Center staff possess a wealth of experience with both Highlands main campus operations and the local community colleges.

Located in Santa Fe, but providing for both the Santa Fe Center and the Española site, Debbie Fleming serves as adviser to students, conducts transcript reviews, conducts degree plan audits, and ensures students are well-informed and able to successfully address each next step in their educational pathway. Additionally, Ms. Fleming oversees course scheduling and virtual conferencing, working closely with department chairs and deans, to ensure that designated courses are available through the Center.

Mary Anne Sandoval serves as liaison for the provision of Extended Outreach Services, supporting the Center’s ITV operations, equipment, and virtual conferencing needs. Additionally, Ms. Sandoval manages Santa Fe and Española operations related to budget, travel, purchasing, and work orders, while simultaneously negotiating the vast number of inquiries requiring Banner navigation, database extractions, the status of student enrollment, class rosters, student files, and maintaining the archives related to the Center.

Located in Española, Ron Martinez is the newly designated site coordinator, providing leadership and supervision in developing outreach strategies as he recruits, coordinates, manages, and supports students attending classes at the Española site. Mr. Martinez consults with the center director, academic deans, and department chairs, and is an active participant in supporting the students in Española and surrounding communities in their pursuit of a quality education.

Mr. Erwin Rivera, in close association with the Española site, serves as Community Outreach & Resource Coordinator for ENLACE, a national initiative dedicated to increasing higher education attainment for Latino students. He also ensures that there is support for student achievement and family involvement within the education system.

Additionally, the Center is greatly appreciative for the opportunity to participate in the university’s work-study program by employing currently enrolled students. Mary Anthony Torres and David Ortiz oversee ITV connections for courses delivered via the Center.

Most importantly, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Sandoval, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Rivera, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Ortiz are committed to providing the most timely and helpful assistance possible in support of students and faculty, and to fostering a true sense of belonging to the Highlands community.

With the goal of ensuring visibility, access, and service to increasing numbers of motivated individuals, the NMHU Center @ Santa Fe/Española keeps its eye on national and global educational/training needs and its heart synched to each community’s pulse. For more information about our Center/Site, our programs, and how to contact us, please visit http://www.nmhu.edu/statewidecenters/santafe/index3.aspx or http://www.nmhu.edu/statewidecenters/espanola/index.aspx.
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Support NMHU and get yours today!

Quotes to live by:

“Character is power.”
- Booker T. Washington

Or

“Failure is success if we learn from it.”
- Malcolm Forbes

Or

“Either you run the day or the day runs you.”
- Jim Rohn

Or

“Learn from the past, set vivid, detailed goals for the future, and live in the only moment of time over which you have any control: now.”
- Denis Waitley

HU employees fixing a steam leak
Happy Holidays to All!
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Please feel free to contact any of the above members directly with questions, comments, or general feedback. Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Please contact any of the above Newsletter Committee members with any ideas you would like to see in the next issue of “The Pony Express.”

Be on the look out for our next quarterly issue at the end of March, 2013.