



## From the Office of the President

*Thursday, September 28, 2017*

The past week has seen a flurry of activity that emphasizes how special a place New Mexico Tech is. Please take the time to review the following topics.

### **New Mexico Tech Ranked Among the Nation's Elite**

With the beginning of each fall semester comes a new set of annual rankings for America's colleges. As has become an annual custom, New Mexico Tech resides among the nation's elite universities, ranked either atop or near the top of a number of this year's lists.

The 2018 rankings from Payscale.com and College Factual's annual national college rankings place New Mexico Tech not only No. 1 among New Mexico's public four-year colleges by a wide margin, but also among the nation's elite institutions as well.

For the second year in a row, College Factual ranked New Mexico Tech No. 1 nationwide among all universities in Engineering and Physics when it comes to the best colleges for the money or best value. Payscale ranks NMT No. 9 among nearly 1,000 public universities nationally on return on investment by annual percentage. That ranking jumps to No. 6 for students who live off campus. U.S. News and World Report ranked New Mexico Tech the No. 3 public university on its West Regional Schools list and No. 23 overall among all universities.

For more information about the most recent College Factual and Payscale rankings, read our official release or watch this KOB-TV report.

### **Loma Theater Update**

It's almost movie time again in Socorro. The Loma Theater will have a soft opening at the end of October, with our grand opening event planned for Friday, Nov. 3. When The Loma opens, we'll have first-run movies. We hope in the near future to have 3D capabilities as well.

The plan is for the theater to be open Thursday through Sunday during the week for first-run movies, including matinees. The movies will be for the entire Socorro community. The theater would be available Monday through Wednesday to Tech's auxiliary services to utilize for the university and the community. We'll provide more details as they become available.

### **Upcoming Events**

Many times I hear people say on our campus that there is "nothing to do in Socorro." Au contraire...de lo contrario...on the contrary, we have a myriad of exciting special events. Please see the menu below, and I hope you will take the time, stick around and enjoy one or more of these opportunities.

**San Miguel Fiesta**

Music, food, arts & crafts, and much more  
Fri.-Sun., September 29-October 1, San Miguel Mission  
socorronm.org

**History/Her Story**

The exhibition features the work of six New Mexico women photographers  
Sept. 15 -Oct. 14 2017, Warehouse 1-10  
Magdalena, NM  
Warehouse110.com

**TAIKOPROJECT ALL-STARS**

Traditional Japanese drumming with a fresh and innovative approach  
Friday, October 6, 7:30pm, Macey Center  
nmtpas.org

**Oktoberfest**

Music, food, drinks vendors and tour the old brewery  
Saturday, October 7, 11am-3pm, Hammel museum  
socorronm.org

**Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array Guided Tours**

Saturday October 7, 2017 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array  
socorronm.org

**VLA Fall Open House: Contact 20th Anniversary**

October 7 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
The Very Large Array, NM  
Free  
Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the celebrated feature film Contact!  
Free activities, talks, and guided tours.  
<https://public.nrao.edu/visit/very-large-array/#tours>

**New Mexico Tech Rugby vs. New Mexico State**

Saturday, October 14  
1 p.m. at the New Mexico Tech Athletic Field

**15th Annual SocorroFest**

Three music stages, art, food, spirits and car show  
Fri.-Sat., October 13-14, Live music at Historic Plaza, Capitol Bar and Sourdough Mine  
nmtpas.org

**Grab a Hunk of Lightning**

A film about the life of Dorothea Lange  
Saturday, October 14, 2017 5pm,  
Warehouse 1-10 - Magdalena, NM  
Warehouse110.com

**NDI-NM "Roots Revival"**

Socorro County youth dance in a gala culmination performance of three weeks of intense dance instruction

Friday, October 13, 1pm & 7pm, Macey Center

[nmtpas.org](http://nmtpas.org)

**49ers Celebration**

Paint the 'M,' parade, many social and sporting events.

Wednesday-Saturday October 18-21, 2017

[socorronm.org](http://socorronm.org)