

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Couture tapped to lead NMSU



COUTURE

New Mexico State University's new president is Barbara Couture – the first woman to hold the position on a non-interim basis in the institution's 121-year history.

Couture, who is currently the senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and English professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will begin her career at NMSU Jan. 1, 2010.

"She has a wonderfully diverse background and understands diversity, faculty and staff," said NMSU regents Chair Blake Curtis. "She is considered by this board of regents to be the most balanced individual. She brings land-grant experience and she brings a great husband, Paul Couture."

Celaya joins Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo Private Client Services announced the addition of Ovidio Celaya as a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Investments LLC. Ovidio will be handling investment needs for clients in Las Cruces and El Paso.

"O.C.'s experience along with his dedication to meeting client needs makes him a valued asset to the Wells Fargo Private Client Services team," said Brett Bellcase, Regional Brokerage Manager. "O.C. will maintain our high standards of service for our clients."

Celaya received a degree in accounting from Arizona State University and has 14 years of experience in financial services.

Bosland awarded for service to New Mexico

Paul Bosland, a professor in Plant and

genetics research program at NMSU. He is the co-founder and director of the Chile Pepper Institute at NMSU and is recognized internationally as one of the foremost experts on chile.

Bosland has published more than 100 scientific papers dealing with chile genetics, breeding and germplasm evaluation. He serves as co-chairman of the International Chile Pepper Conference, which has grown to become the world's largest conference dedicated to the chile pepper. He is the founder and curator of the Capsicum Genetics Cooperative and served as the chairman of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Capsicum Crop Advisory Committee.

Carrillo to oversee NMSU land, operations

New Mexico State University's Agricultural Experiment Station lands located on and near the Las Cruces campus are under new management. In October, Tracey Carrillo was named assistant director of campus farm operations, a new position. Carrillo will oversee and coordinate land use and assist faculty who are conducting research at the Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center, the Fabian Garcia Science Center and other College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Agricultural Experiment Station lands near campus, including grazing lands. In his 18 years as a senior research scientist, Carrillo, who earned his doctorate in agronomy and master's degree in agricultural biology at NMSU, worked on numerous projects at Leyendecker and Fabian Garcia, before becoming director of the Seed Certification Program in 2007.

Bartelsmeyer appointed to Standards Board

Doña Ana County Clerk's Office Elections Supervisor Bob Bartelsmeyer has been appointed to the Standards Board of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) by Mary Herrera, New Mexico Secretary of State. Bartelsmeyer will serve along with Herrera on the Standards

1979. Prior to coming to Doña Ana County, Bartelsmeyer lived in Florida, where he was the Absentee Ballot Coordinator for Palm Beach County. Herrera is the chief election official for New Mexico.

CLC-TV staff win prestigious Emmy award



CLC-TV's Media Production Specialist Dominic Aragon and Media Production Specialist Senior Adrian Guzman are 2009 Emmy Award recipients.

Two media production specialists with the City of Las Cruces government access cable TV channel, CLC-TV Comcast Cable Channel 20, have been awarded a regional Emmy by the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The award, under the category of Community/Public Service Campaign, is for the "Car Seat Safety" campaign directed by Media Production Specialist Senior, Adrian Guzman, and Media Production Specialist Dominic Aragon. The cam-

paign consists of two video public service announcements (PSAs) related to car seat safety. Guzman and Aragon each received an Emmy statuette.

The announcement was made at the annual awards presentation held in Phoenix on Saturday, Oct. 24. Making the announcement specifically for the CLC-TV award was Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner.

Two dispatch employees honored

Two employees of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority have been recognized for outstanding performance. Christopher Cooksey was the valedictorian of the 40-member 110th Public Safety Dispatcher class of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, which graduated earlier this month in Santa Fe. The three-week academy is required for all dispatchers within one year of taking employment. The New Mexico Department of Public Safety runs the academy. Attendees are subjected to intensive classroom training in emergency communications policies, procedures, and operations for 40-hours per week during the three-week period.

Also in November, Yesenia Lara was honored by the New Mexico Office of Emergency Medical Services, Region 2 EMS Council, as its Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year. Lara is employed as a lead dispatcher with the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

"We are all extremely proud of Chris and Yesenia and their accomplishments, which reflect well on our organization," said Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Director Hugo Costa. "We are fortunate to have them working for us at MVRDA. They both are assets for all the residents of Doña Ana County."



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