

# 2026 NM AMP Student Research Conference Agenda – At a Glance

Corbett Center Student Union, NMSU Main Campus, Las Cruces, NM

Friday, October 23, 2026

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| 7:00 am – 7:30 am   | Poster setup by NM AMP student poster presenters (East Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 7:15 am – 8:00 am   | Conference check-in, name tag pick-up (Hall in front of Ballrooms, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 7:30 am – 8:00 am   | Breakfast served for all attendees (West Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 8:00 am – 9:15 am   | Opening Session and Keynote Address (West Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)<br>Dr. Paola Bandini, NM AMP Director and NMSU Professor<br>Dr. Valerio Ferme, New Mexico State University (NMSU) President (pending confirmation)<br>Dr. Joseph L. Bull, NMSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs<br>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cherie De Vore, Assistant Professor, Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Arizona State University;<br>Core Faculty at UA Indigenous Resilience Center, and former NM AMP student                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 9:15 am – 9:30 am   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| Location:           | Breakout Sessions and Meetings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
|                     | Option 1<br>Senate Chambers Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 302                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Option 2<br>Senate Gallery Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 304 | Option 3<br>Middle Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 318 | Option 4<br>Doña Ana Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 312       | Track 1<br>Otero Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 126                                                                                                        | Track 2<br>Col. Fountain Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 324                                                                                                        | Meeting<br>Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 204A                         |
| 9:30 am – 10:30 am  | Workshop 1<br>(for all students)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Workshop 2<br>(for all attendees)                                | Workshop 3<br>(for all students)                             |                                                                  | NM MESA and NMSU TRIO Upward Bound Programs, Orientation and Workshop:<br>“Navigating the Conference” and “Reading Research Abstracts and Abstract Exercises” | Community College (CC) Professional Development Workshop – Day 1 (by invitation).<br>Facilitator: Michael Voegerl, Associate Director of Advancement, New Mexico Tech | NM AMP Advisory Board Meeting (by invitation).<br>Advisory Board Chair: Provost Bull |
| 10:30 am – 10:45 am | Break - Choose to attend a different Session Option after the break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | Workshop 1<br>(offered again, for all students)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Workshop 2<br>(offered again, for all attendees)                 | Workshop 3<br>(offered again, for all students)              | Podium Student Presentations<br>(for all attendees)              | --High school students now go to Options 1, 2, 3, or 4                                                                                                        | Continued: CC Professional Development Workshop – Day 1                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |
| 11:45 am – 12:00 pm | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm  | Lunch and Keynote Address (West Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)<br>Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Clayton Abbey, NMSU Assistant VP of Government & Community Relations<br>Keynote Speaker: The Honorable New Mexico Representative Meredith A. Dixon, Vice Chair of the House Appropriations & Finance Committee, and Member of the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources.<br>Award Presentations: “Mentor of the Year” and “NM AMP Institutional Coordinator of the Year”<br>Presented by Michael Voegerl, Assoc. Director of Advancement, New Mexico Tech, and NM AMP Director Bandini<br>Lunch Raffle Winners * |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
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|                     | Poster Sessions<br>East Ballroom, Room 320                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                  |                                                              | Meeting<br>Doña Ana Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 312        | Track 1<br>Otero Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 126                                                                                                        | Track 2<br>Col. Fountain Room, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 324                                                                                                        | Meeting<br>Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 204A                         |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm   | Poster Session 1:<br>Presentations by SCCORE and university undergraduates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  | Workshop for NM MESA and NMSU TRIO Upward Bound Programs                                                                                                      | --Community College students attend Poster Sessions (East Ballroom)                                                                                                   |                                                                                      |
| 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm   | Poster Session 2:<br>Presentations by university undergraduates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  | --High school students attend Poster Session 2 (East Ballroom), <u>return</u> to Track 1 at 3:15 pm                                                           | --Community College students attend Poster Sessions (East Ballroom)                                                                                                   | NM AMP Institutional Coordinators (IC) Meeting                                       |
| 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |                                                              | Presentations Judges: meet and report to Conference Judging Lead | Feedback Session for NM MESA and NMSU TRIO Upward Bound Programs                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 3:45 pm – 4:00 am   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm   | Awards and Brownie-Sundae Bar Social (West Ballroom, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)<br>Awards to Research Presentation Winners (Community College Category and University Category, Podium and Posters)<br>Presented by Cyrena Ridgeway, NMSU Graduate Assistant, Conference Judging Lead and NM AMP Director Bandini<br>Final Raffle Winners *<br>Conference Closing, NM AMP Director Bandini                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |                                                              |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |

**\*NOTE:** For the Lunch and Awards Raffles, you **MUST** be present to WIN; otherwise, another winner will be drawn.