

2026 NM AMP Student Research Conference Agenda

New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (NM AMP)

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

Friday, October 23, 2026

7:00 am – 7:30 am	Poster setup by NM AMP student poster presenters (East Ballroom, 3 rd floor)					
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Conference check-in, name tag pick-up (Hall in front of Ballrooms, 3 rd floor)					
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast served for all attendees (West Ballroom, 3 rd floor)					
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Opening Session and Keynote Address (West Ballroom, 3 rd floor) Dr. Paola Bandini, NM AMP Director and NMSU Professor Dr. Valerio Ferme, New Mexico State University (NMSU) President Dr. Joseph L. Bull, NMSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cherie De Vore, Assistant Professor, Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Arizona State University; Core Faculty at UA Indigenous Resilience Center, and former NM AMP student: "TBA"					
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Break					
	Breakout Sessions and Meetings					
	Track 1 Senate Chambers Room, 3 rd floor, room 302	Track 2 Senate Gallery Room, 3 rd floor, room 304	Track 3 Doña Ana Room, 3 rd floor, room 312	Track 4 Otero Room, 1 st floor	Track 5 Col. Fountain Room, 3 rd floor	Meeting Conference Room 204A, 2 nd floor
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Workshop 1 (for all students)	Workshop 2 (for all attendees)		NM MESA and NMSU TRIO Upward Bound Programs, Orientation and Workshop: "Navigating the Conference" and "Reading Research Abstracts and Abstract Exercises"	Community College Professional Development Workshop 1 (by invitation). Facilitator: Michael Voegerl, Associate Director of Advancement, New Mexico Tech	NM AMP Advisory Board Meeting (by invitation). Advisory Board Chair: Provost Bull
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Workshop 2 (for all attendees)	Workshop 1 (for all students)	Podium Student Presentations (for all attendees)	--High school students now go to Track 1, 2, or 3		
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Break					
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address (West Ballroom, 3 rd floor) Keynote Speaker Introduced by Clayton Abbey, NMSU Assistant VP of Government & Community Relations 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. Award Presentations: "Mentor of the Year" and "NM AMP Institutional Coordinator of the Year" Presented by Michael Voegerl, Assoc. Director of Advancement, New Mexico Tech, and NM AMP Director Bandini Lunch Raffle Winners *					
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Break					
	Breakout Sessions and Meetings					
	Track 4 East Ballroom		Meeting Doña Ana Room, 3 rd floor, room 312	Track 5 Otero Room, 1 st floor		Meeting Conference Room 204, 2 nd floor
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Poster Session 1: Presentations by SCCORE and university undergraduates			Workshop for NM MESA and NMSU TRIO Upward Bound Programs		
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break					
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Poster Session 2: Presentations by university undergraduates			--High school students go to Track 4 and return at 3:15 pm		NM AMP Institutional Coordinators (IC) Meeting
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm			Presentations judging scoring: Judges 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 and Social (West Ballroom, 3 rd floor) Awards to Research Presentation Winners (Community College Category and University Category, Podium and Posters) Presented by Cyrena Ridgeway, NMSU Graduate Assistant, Conference Judging Lead and NM AMP Director Bandini Final Raffle Winners * 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.