



## Agricultural and Extension Education



The Agricultural and Extension Education department is dedicated to molding students into agricultural leaders. Our graduates have a broad understanding of agriculture, strong communication skills, applied leadership experiences and specialized training in individual interest areas. Our alumni work in a variety of fields, including domestic and international community development, agricultural education, cooperative extension, agricultural communications, and government.

### Why New Mexico State University?

- NMSU was recognized as a top-tier university by U.S. News & World Report in 2017.
- NMSU College of ACES was ranked the #1 agricultural university in New Mexico by Agriculture-Schools in 2017.
- The Brookings Institution listed NMSU as a leader in research and social mobility.
- Four National FFA Officers have started their college careers at NMSU in the last eight years.
- Contribute in the development of a large percentage of Ag teachers and Extension County faculty.

### Why Agricultural and Extension Education?

Have you ever had a teacher who made a difference in your life? Would you like to be that person for someone else? We have two majors to prepare you for formal or non-formal teaching:

#### Agricultural and Extension Education Major

Prepares students for careers as professional educators; develops students as leaders in agriculture, communications, technology, and related disciplines. There are three concentrations:

##### Agricultural Education Teaching

Prepares students to teach agriculture, food, and natural resources in middle- and high-school settings.

##### Agricultural Communications

Prepares students for careers in print and broadcast media, public relations, photojournalism, and advertising and marketing related to agriculture, food, and natural resources.

##### Advanced Technology Education

Prepares students to teach technology courses in a high-school setting and implement engaging, hands-on experiences and internships for students.

#### Agricultural and Community Development Major

Prepares students for a broad spectrum of domestic and international positions in government agencies and non-governmental organizations that deal with agricultural community development issues and natural resources (e.g., Cooperative Extension Service, USDA, NMDA, Peace Corps, and World Neighbors). There are three concentrations:

##### Cooperative Extension Service

Prepares students for a career with the Cooperative Extension Service in youth development and other programs related to agriculture.

##### Government Agencies

Prepares students for a career in government agencies such as USDA and NMDA.

##### International Programs

Prepares students for a career working in agricultural development in an international setting.

Ranked a top 10 **AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE NATION**

– College Values Online, 2015

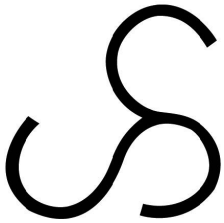


## NMSU College of ACES Clubs and Organizations

The College of ACES offers more than 35 college-based clubs, organizations and competitive teams for students to become involved in. Being involved in ACES clubs, organizations and teams allows students opportunities to network with faculty, staff and other students, i.e. Aggie Rodeo, Aggie P.A.W. (Partners for Assistance Through Work), Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Collegiate FFA, Pre-Vet Club, Judging Teams, and several others.

For a complete list, visit:

[aces.nmsu.edu/academics/clubs.html](http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/clubs.html)



### Sam Steel Branding Ceremony

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences strives to create a **family** atmosphere for all students, staff and faculty. Five years ago, the College of ACES developed the Sam Steel Brand that unites all students through a shared brand.

Every freshman in the College of ACES receives the Sam Steel Brand paint brand on their shoulder as a “welcome” to the ACES Family. Seniors are also recognized to thank them for their time as Aggies.



### Alumni Spotlight

#### Pate Chavez

*Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Education, 2011  
Yard Maintenance Manager, JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding*

Pate Chavez graduated from New Mexico State University in May 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Extension Education. While at NMSU he worked in the Ag Institute for Dr. Carlos Rosencrans. He served as president of the Collegiate FFA for two years and was also a College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Ambassador.

Pate met recruiters from JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding at an Agriculture Future of America conference, and interned for two summers with the company at their Cimarron Feeders location in the Mill and Cattle Departments. Now he recruits for JBS Five Rivers at NMSU and enjoys bringing talented individuals to the team. He credits most of his success to the people who invested in his life along the way.

Pate hopes to continue working with JBS Five Rivers in the future and run a few cows of his own, and enjoy his family and wife, Arianne Chavez, who is also an NMSU alumna.

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