

49ERS



2025

OCTOBER 16-19

Where Legends Walk Among Dinosaurs!



NEW MEXICO TECH
ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Thursday, OCTOBER 16



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THU

VLA Tour

Time: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Fidel Center Parking Lot
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs
Space is limited. Contact Alumni Affairs to confirm availability.

Join us for an exclusive 49ers Homecoming guided tour of the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA), one of the world's leading radio astronomy observatories. Alumni and guests will walk among the 82-foot radio dishes, hear from scientists and engineers, and discover how the VLA helps explore the universe. Transportation from campus is provided, but space is limited and registration is required. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water, and prepare for changing weather on the plains.

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THU

Alumni Lounge

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location: Brown Hall 113
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Relax and reconnect in the Alumni Lounge during 49ers Homecoming—a welcoming space to catch up with classmates, share memories, or simply take a break between events. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, browse nostalgic memorabilia, and meet the Alumni Affairs team. The lounge also serves as the official check-in spot for 49ers registration, where you can pick up exclusive alumni swag and learn about new initiatives. All alumni and their guests are invited to stop by and celebrate being a Techie for life.

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MRO Tour

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Location: Fidel Center Parking Lot
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs
Space is limited. Contact Alumni Affairs to confirm availability.

Experience a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Magdalena Ridge Observatory (MRO), New Mexico Tech's premier research facility at 10,600 feet in the Magdalena Mountains. Led by MRO scientists, the tour highlights cutting-edge research, the 2.4-meter telescope, and the developing MROI interferometer array. Transportation from campus is provided, but space is limited and registration is required on a first-come, first-served basis. Please wear sturdy shoes and prepare for cool mountain weather as you explore this world-class observatory.

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Hammel Museum Tour

Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Location: Fidel Center Parking Lot
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Discover Socorro's industrial heritage with a tour of the historic Hammel Museum, once home to a brewery, ice plant, and soda bottling facility. Preserved by the Socorro County Historical Society, the museum showcases original machinery and exhibits highlighting local industry. This unique experience offers a glimpse into the area's past and its ties to Tech's history. Space is limited, so RSVP is required to attend this nostalgic tour.

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NMTAA Presents "Bring it on Home"

Time: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Location: Capitol Bar Patio
Hosted by: NMTAA

Join NMTAA for a free party at the Cap on Thursday evening during 49ers, featuring live music, food, and your first beverage on us. A silent auction will be held to support the Victor J. Saracini scholarship, and donations are welcome to help with this fundraiser. All Techies are invited—if you didn't get a personal invite, please contact us so we can plan for food and beverage tickets. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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Tech Trivia

Time: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: The Capitol Bar

Hosted by: Advancement & Alumni Affairs

Test your New Mexico Tech knowledge, including history, famous alumni, campus legends, and more, at Tech Trivia during 49ers! Join us at the Capitol Bar for a fun night of friendly competition, laughter, and prizes for the top teams. Bring friends or come solo and we'll match you up for a great time. Show off your Techie smarts and celebrate 49ers in true trivia style!

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Live Music at the Capitol Bar

Time: 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Location: The Capitol Bar

Hosted by: The Capitol Bar

Celebrate 49ers weekend at the Capitol Bar, one of Socorro's favorite gathering spots for alumni, students, and the community. Enjoy live music from Wredemppshun, known for their energetic mix of rock, reggae, and classics that keep the crowd moving. Reconnect with friends, grab a drink, and soak up the festive spirit in downtown Socorro. Whether you're dancing, singing along, or just enjoying the vibes, this is the place to be!

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Comedy Night

Time: 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Location: Macey Center

Hosted by: Student Government Association

Get ready for a night of laughs at 49ers Comedy Night, featuring a professional comedian live on the Macey Center stage. The performer will be announced soon, but past acts have kept Techies laughing nonstop, and this year will be no different. Whether you're a student or an alum, it's the perfect way to end your Friday with fun and campus energy. The event is free and open to all, with first-come, first-served seating.



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Paint the M

Time: 7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Facilities Management

Hosted by: Student Affairs & Research

Kick off 49ers weekend with one of NMT's most iconic traditions—Paint the M! Join alumni, students, and friends for the annual hike up 'M' Mountain to give the letter a fresh coat of white paint. This tradition is a symbol of pride, unity, and Tech spirit, and lunch will be provided after the hike. RSVP is required, space is limited, and participants should meet at the Facilities Management parking lot at 7 am with sturdy shoes, water, and readiness for a moderate climb.

Things to Know:

1. Online registration only- no in person registration. Each person must register themselves.
2. Bibs must be picked up from Student Engagement in Fidel Center 262 the week before the event.
3. Must have your bib to participate.
4. Must wear closed toe shoes.
5. No drones.
6. Last bus leaves at 7:45 am.
7. All participants must be 18 or older.
8. No pets allowed.
9. Cut off for registration is NOON SHARP on 10/16/25.
10. Cut off to pick up bib is 5pm SHARP on 10/16/25.

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FRI

College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Macey Center

Hosted by: College of Arts & Sciences

Reconnect and celebrate your roots at the College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Luncheon, featuring honored alumni, emeritus professors, and current faculty. Enjoy an afternoon of conversation, reflection, and discovery while sharing memories with fellow Techies. Lunch will be provided, and business casual attire is encouraged. Don't miss this chance to honor the past and look ahead to the future of Arts & Sciences at NMT.

This year's luncheon will include special recognition of:

Alumni Honorees: Bo Putnam and Hope Cahill

Emeritus Faculty Honorees: Al Smoake (Biology), Fred Phillips (EES), and Lois Phillips (CLASS)

Note: Al Smoake's attendance will depend on his health that day.

Whether you studied biology, physics, communication, chemistry, or any other discipline in the College of Arts & Sciences, the luncheon is a chance to:

- Reconnect with faculty who inspired your journey
- Meet today's professors shaping the next generation
- Network with alumni and students
- Discover the college's latest developments and innovations

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College of Engineering Alumni Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Macey Center
Hosted by: College of Arts & Sciences

Come reconnect with your favorite Engineering professors, network with fellow Techies from all class years who studied in any of the engineering disciplines, and hear the latest updates from the university and the College of Engineering. Celebrate Distinguished Alumni honoree Warner Williams and alum Anthony Montoya. Dean Corey Leclerc will be joined by faculty members Mehrdad Razavi, Jun Zheng, Hamid Rahnema, Pabitra Choudhury, and Rene Arechiga for this special gathering.

Whether your path was in mechanical, electrical, civil, petroleum, materials, or another engineering discipline, this luncheon offers a chance to:

- Reconnect with faculty who shaped your career
- Meet current professors leading cutting-edge research
- Network with alumni across engineering fields
- Learn about the college's latest developments and future plans

Lunch will be provided | Business casual attire encouraged

Honor the legacy of Tech's engineering excellence and connect with the people and programs that make NMT special.

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Block Party

Time: 1 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Athletic Field Campus Drive
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Get ready for the 49ers Annual Block Party, a highlight of Homecoming weekend celebrating Techie spirit with alumni, students, families, and the Socorro community. Enjoy local food trucks, live entertainment, interactive booths, and Tech-themed activities for all ages. Catch up with classmates, dance to great music, or simply soak in the festive atmosphere. Grab dinner, support local vendors, and celebrate being part of the NMT family.

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Heritage Events

Time: 2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Athletic Field Campus Drive
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs & Cooney Mining Club

Celebrate NMT's mining and engineering legacy with hands-on Heritage Events. Try classic challenges like Swedish Saw, gold panning, and jackleg drilling. These family-friendly activities let alumni and visitors connect with Tech's history in a fun, interactive way. Stop by, cheer on fellow Techies, and get a little dirt under your nails—Tech-style!

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Dr. Allan M. Stavely Memorial

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Cramer Hall-203
Hosted by: Advancement & Alumni Affairs

Join us in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Allan M. Stavely, esteemed professor, mentor, and friend. Alumni, colleagues, students, and friends are invited to share stories and celebrate his contributions to New Mexico Tech.

A Zoom session will be available from 2:30–4:30 PM for those unable to attend in person. Please share any photos of Dr. Stavely with Sophie.bauer@nmt.edu to include in the celebration.

MEMORIAL EVENT

Join us to celebrate Dr. Stavely's life with shared memories, heartfelt stories, cherished photos, live music, and refreshments.

Dr. Allan M. Stavely



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NMT Rugby Games

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Athletic Field
Hosted by: NMT Rugby Team

The NMT Miners face off against the UTEP Miners in a rugby double-feature that showcases true Techie spirit and Miner pride. The women's match kicks off at 3:00 p.m., followed by the long-standing Students vs. Ancestors men's match at 4:00 p.m., where current students and alumni face off in a spirited competition filled with energy and tradition. Whether you're cheering from the sidelines or stepping onto the pitch, bring your lawn chairs, your loudest cheers, and celebrate the camaraderie and grit that define every Miner.

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FRI

Retirement Party Honoring Lorie Leibrock

Time: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Location: Cramer Hall

Please join us in honoring Dr. Lorie Liebrock, the most glorious professor of Computer Science, as she begins her well-earned retirement. We'll gather to celebrate her career, her impact on generations of Techies, and the many ways she has shaped New Mexico Tech.

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FRI

49ers Rave

Time: 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Macey Center

49ers Rave — September 18, 6–8 PM | Macey Center Step into an electrifying night of music and lights as the 49ers Rave returns! The Macey Center stage will transform into a high-energy dance floor with lasers, fog effects, and pulsing beats. A full bar will be available—don't miss this unforgettable kickoff to the 49ers celebration!

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FRI

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Fidel Center Ballrooms

Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

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Join us for the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, honoring outstanding New Mexico Tech graduates. This special event recognizes alumni who have made exceptional contributions to their fields, communities, and NMT's legacy. The evening features a plated dinner, remarks from NMT leadership, and awards in categories including Engineering, Arts & Sciences, Young Alumni, and the President's Medal. Celebrate, reconnect, and reflect on the remarkable impact of our alumni community during this signature 49ers Weekend event.

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Live Music at Box Canyon Brewing

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Box Canyon Brewery

Hosted by: Box Canyon Brewery

The 835s, bringing their high-energy sound to the stage. Enjoy the show alongside 10 freshly made beers on tap and a full menu of delicious food.

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Live Music at the Capitol Bar

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Location: The Capitol Bar

Hosted by: The Capitol Bar

Enjoy 49ers Weekend at the Capitol Bar, a favorite spot for alumni, students, and the community, featuring live music from Wredempshun. Their high-energy mix of rock, reggae, and classics will keep the dance floor moving all night. Grab a drink, reconnect with friends, and soak up the 49ers spirit in downtown Socorro. Whether singing along, dancing, or just enjoying the atmosphere, this is the place to be!

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Jurassic Gala & Costume Contest

Time: 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Location: Student Activity Center

Hosted by: Student Government Association

Step back in time for a prehistoric party! The Jurassic Gala is your chance to dance, laugh, and show off your best dinosaur-themed or creative costumes. Grab your friends, hit the dance floor, and make it a night to remember at the SAC.

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Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

2025 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL



Awarded for decades of service, leadership, and philanthropy, Jean and Frazer have made lasting contributions to NMT, the Socorro community, and global astrophysics. Jean, the first female professor in the Physics Department, has mentored countless students and continues as Professor Emerita, while Frazer's distinguished NRAO career has strengthened NMT's international ties. Together, they have supported scholarships, advanced departmental programs, and championed causes from local charities to national scientific initiatives.

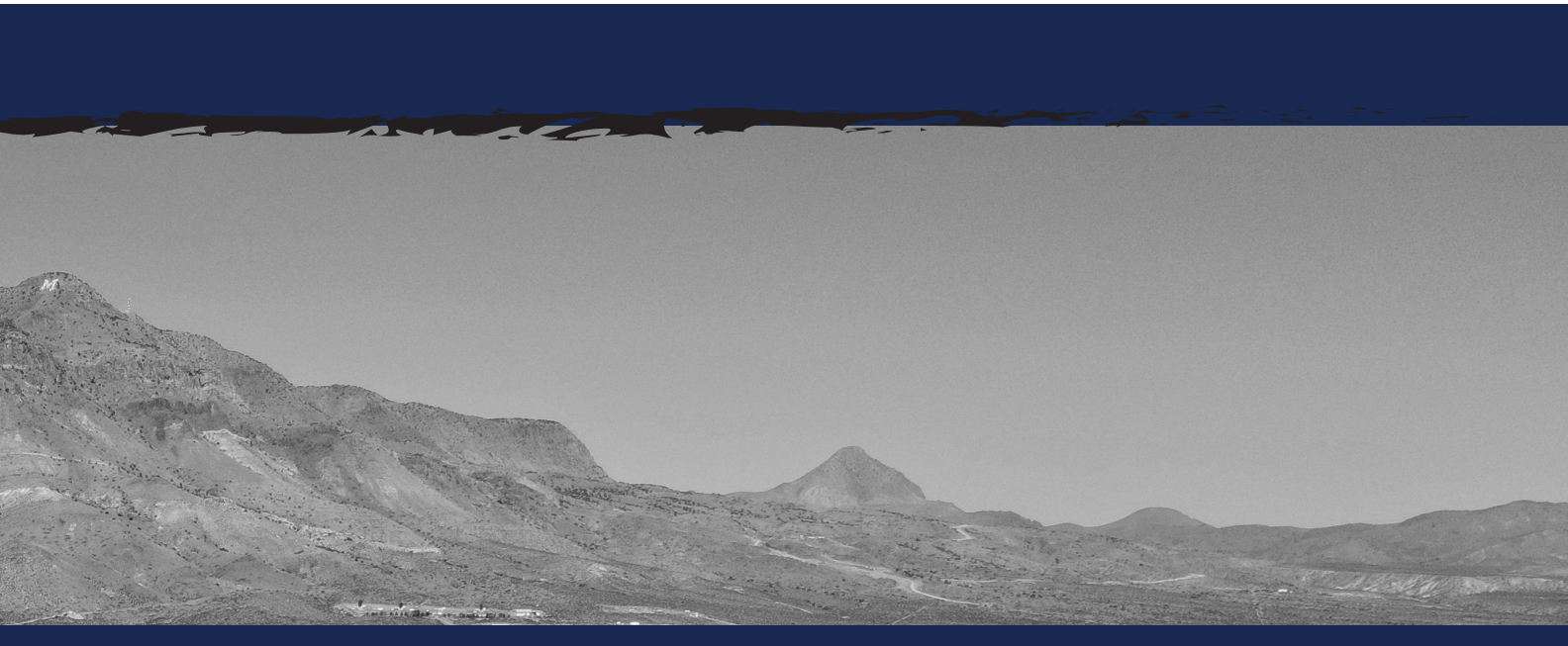
**Drs. Jean Eilek
and Frazer Owen**

YOUNG ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



Celebrated for her dedication as a science educator at El Dorado Community School, where she has made STEM engaging, accessible, and inspiring for countless students. Her commitment to empowering the next generation exemplifies the profound impact of early-career service.

Hope Cahill '20



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI IN ENGINEERING



Honored for four decades of excellence in petroleum engineering, culminating as Vice President of Chevron North America Exploration and Production. Warner's industry leadership, creation of student scholarships, and guidance on the Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board reflect his enduring commitment to Tech and the profession.

Warner Williams '74

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI IN ARTS & SCIENCES



Recognized for a 45-year career in geology, mineral exploration, and investment strategy. His leadership roles at Eastbourne Capital, Robertson Stephens, Newmont, and AMAX, combined with invaluable service on the NMT Foundation Board and generous philanthropy, have shaped opportunities for students and strengthened the university's future.

Borden Putnam '75

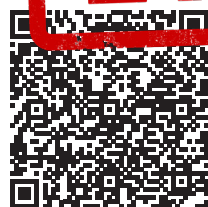
Saturday,
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SAT

NMT Alumni Field Trip: Trinity Site

Time: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Center Parking Lot
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs
Cost: \$15 per person
Limited to 50 participants



Buy your ticket!

Join fellow New Mexico Tech alumni for an unforgettable field trip to the Trinity Site, where the world's first atomic bomb test took place on July 16, 1945. This exclusive visit offers a rare chance to walk the historic grounds and reflect on the scientific, cultural, and ethical significance of the event. The trip includes charter bus transportation, breakfast, and boxed lunches with drinks and snacks.

EVENT CANCELLED

Due to the Trinity Site's location on active military land and its only opening to the public twice a year, pre-registration is required and all participants must bring identification and a valid driver's license.

This is a rare and powerful opportunity you won't want to miss. Reconnect with fellow alumni and dive into a powerful piece of New Mexico's history.

It is recommended patrons bring comfortable clothes and shoes to walk in, as well as bringing protective clothes, sunscreen, and other items to stay safe from the New Mexico heat.

18
SAT

Alumni Breakfast

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Location: Studio Z, 805 N California St
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Kick off your 49ers Saturday with the annual Alumni Breakfast on the Kelly Hall patio, perfectly located along the parade route. Enjoy good food, great company, and a front-row seat to student floats and festivities while reconnecting with fellow Techies. All alumni, families, and friends are welcome—no RSVP required, just bring your Miner spirit!

18
SAT

49ers Parade

Time: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Location: California Street
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

A highlight of 49ers Weekend, the annual parade brings Miner pride to the streets of Socorro with themed floats, spirited performances, and plenty of Tech tradition. Students, alumni, campus clubs, and community groups all join in, making it a fun celebration for participants and spectators alike. Parade lineup begins at 10:00 AM on California Street—alumni are encouraged to march, cheer from the sidelines, or enjoy the view from the Alumni Breakfast at Studio Z.

18
SAT

Parade Awards

Time: 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Socorro Historic Plaza Gazebo
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Stick around after the parade for the 49ers Parade Awards Ceremony, where the most creative and spirited entries are recognized. Judges will honor standout floats and performances across multiple categories, giving clubs, departments, alumni groups, and community organizations a chance to shine. Join fellow Techies at Socorro Plaza to cheer on the winners, snap photos, and keep the celebration going—no registration required!

Saturday, **OCTOBER 18**



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SAT

StorySlam

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Capitol Bar
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Get ready for laughter, nostalgia, and surprises at the 49ers StorySlam: Tales from Tech, where alumni, students, and faculty share real-life stories of campus life. From dorm antics to lab mishaps and personal triumphs, every tale is uniquely Techie. Free and open to all, this casual favorite invites brave storytellers to sign up on-site, with food and drinks available for purchase.

18
SAT

Down the Rabbit Hole: Pop-Up Ink

Time: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Location: Fidel Center Atrium
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Back by popular demand, Rabbit Hole Tattoo Studio will return to campus during 49ers for a Flash Day Pop-Up Event. This special walk-in event features pre-drawn flash tattoos, including NMT-inspired and dinosaur-themed designs made just for 49ers. No appointments are needed—just stop by, pick your favorite design, and get inked on the spot. Celebrate Tech pride, tradition, and a touch of adventure with Rabbit Hole Tattoo Studio.

18
SAT

NMT Soccer Game

Time: 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Athletic Field
Hosted by: NMT Soccer Club

Lace up your cleats or bring your cheering voice—NMT Soccer takes on the University of Arizona in a fast-paced 49ers Weekend matchup. Show your Miner pride from the sidelines as Techie athletes face a major rival in spirited competition. Spectators are encouraged to join the lively crowd and cheer on the Miners!

18
SAT

25th & 50th Reunion Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Deju University House
Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Join us in honoring the classes of 2000 and 1975 as they celebrate their 25th and 50th reunions during 49ers Weekend. This special dinner is a chance to reconnect with classmates, share memories, and hear updates from NMT leadership. Enjoy a delicious catered meal, great company, and an evening filled with nostalgia and Miner pride.

Spouses and guests welcome. RSVP encouraged.

18
SAT

Live Music at Box Canyon Brewery

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Box Canyon Brewery
Hosted by: Box Canyon Brewery

Enjoy live music at Box Canyon Brewery with Billy & Bella, a dynamic duo performing crowd favorites and soulful originals. Pair the tunes with freshly brewed beers and great food for the perfect evening out.

Saturday, OCTOBER 18

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SAT

Casino Night

Time: 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Location: Fidel Center Ballrooms

Hosted by: Student Government Association

Feeling lucky? Join us for a night of excitement, prizes, and Techie fun at Student Casino Night. Enjoy classic games like blackjack, roulette, and poker in a lively casino atmosphere—no real money, just pure entertainment and bragging rights. Snacks, mocktails, and music will keep the fun going as you play for great prizes. It's the perfect way to unwind and celebrate 49ers weekend in style.

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SAT

Live Music at the Capitol Bar

Time: 8 p.m. – Late

Location: The Capitol Bar

Hosted by: The Capitol Bar

Rock your 49ers Weekend with the Full(ish) Professors Band at the Capitol Bar, where alumni, students, and the community come together for a night of music and memories. This faculty-powered group brings a lively mix of rock favorites, bluesy riffs, and surprises—all packed with Techie spirit. Grab a drink, reconnect with friends, and enjoy the festive downtown Socorro atmosphere.

Sunday, OCTOBER 19



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SUN

Farewell Brunch

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Capitol Bar

Hosted by: Alumni Affairs

Before heading home, join us for the 49ers Farewell Brunch—a relaxed send-off to wrap up an unforgettable weekend of Techie traditions. Enjoy brunch, coffee, and conversation while reconnecting with friends and sharing a few last stories. All alumni, families, and guests are welcome—come hungry and leave full of Miner pride and memories!

19
SUN

Fossil Fuel Feast

Time: 11 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Athletic Field

Hosted by: Student Government

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the Alumni Lounge
Thursday and Friday
or at StorySlam
Saturday!**

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