




CrimsonOpps for Mon., Sept 8, 2025

This week: mark your calendar for fall CURCA events, Imagining America comes to campus, Model UN, a panel on the MD/PhD, tips for cold emailing a mentor, and more.

- Back by popular demand: Open Mic Night in Honors!
- CURCA Fall Events Calendar
- NMSU Model United Nations Team Wants You!
- Imagining America Conference at NMSU: register free!
 - **Research Voices: Ruben Morales, '26**
- The MD/PhD: What and Why? Open Honors Panel
- Interested in medicine? Find a mentor at BAM
-  **QUICK TIPS**
 - How do I cold email a potential research mentor?
 - What should go into my CV?



OPEN MIC NIGHT

**Sept. 25,
6-8pm (CHC)**

Reserve your spot at the QR code or <https://forms.office.com/r/4ZkFQa2qYV>



The poster features a black background with a large, glowing yellow microphone on the right. The text 'Open Mic NIGHT IN Honors' is prominently displayed in the center. The event is held at the Conroy Honors Center, 1st floor commons, on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 6-8pm. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and a URL for reserving a spot is provided. The CURCA logo is in the top right corner.

Open Mic NIGHT IN Honors

Conroy Honors Center, 1st floor commons

Thurs, Sept. 25, 6-8pm

Read, sing, recite, play an instrument-- the mic is yours!

Reserve a 5-minute spot now

Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity
honors.nmsu.edu/curca

JOIN US AT CURCA EVENTS THIS FALL

FALL EVENTS @CURCA



Open Mic Night

5-minutes on the mic! Read your favorite poem, sing or play--you name it!

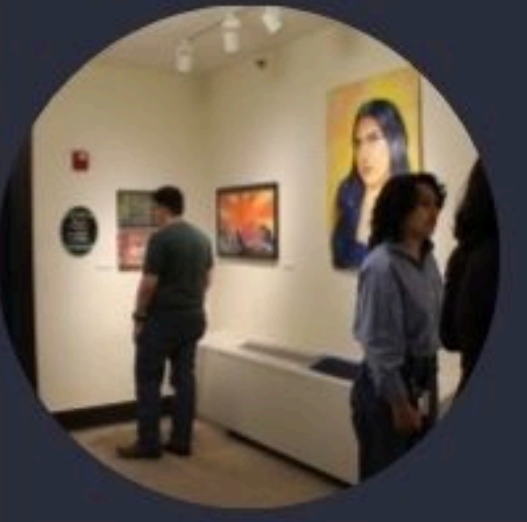
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R&C Open House

Faculty and staff open labs, offices, archives, and studios where research and creative scholarship are happening at NMSU.

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Honors Art Collective

Conroy Honors Center serves as a gallery for artwork by Crimson Scholars. Student curated!

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Honors Fall Symposium

NEW! Honors students present their Honors capstone projects and internships.

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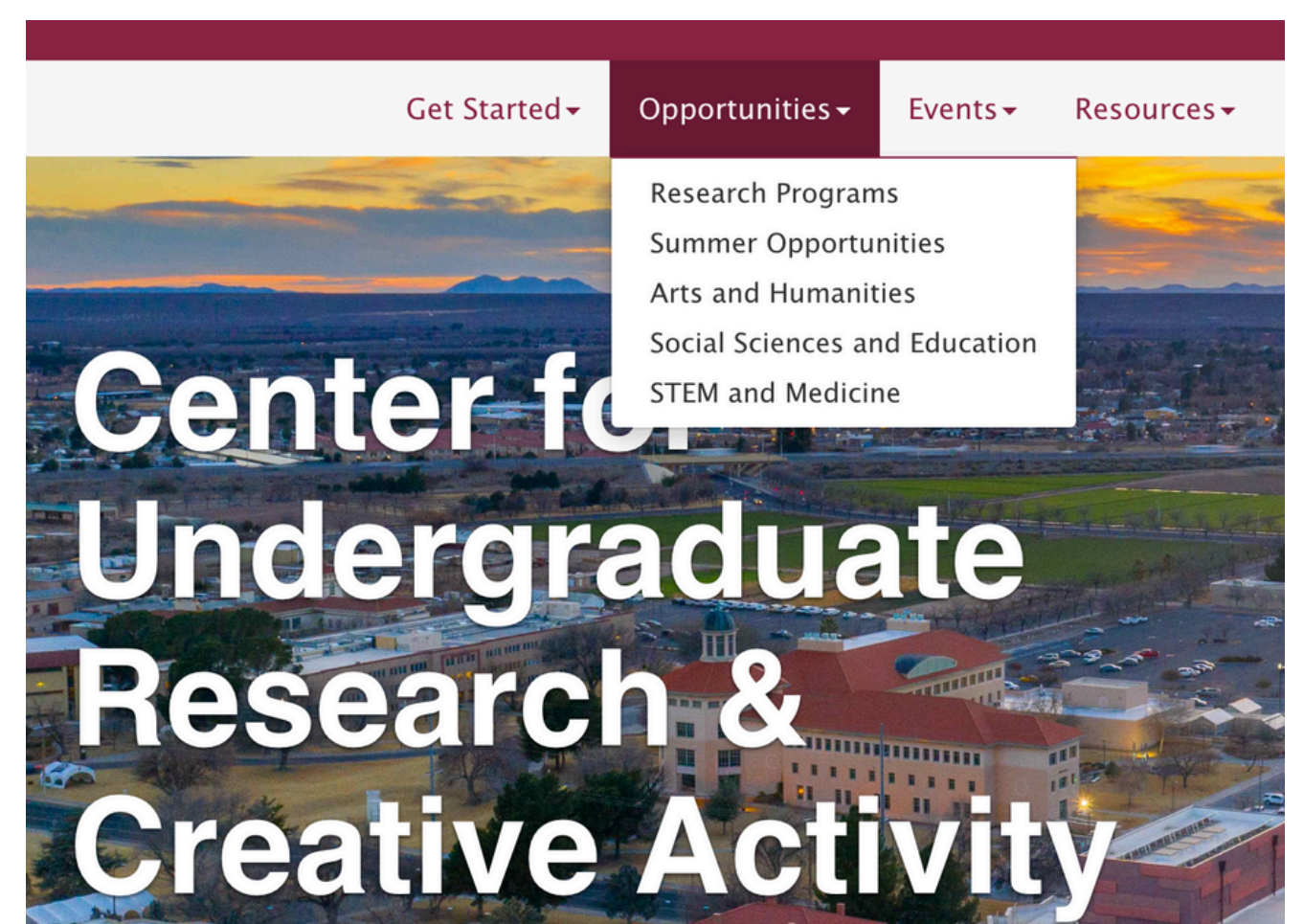
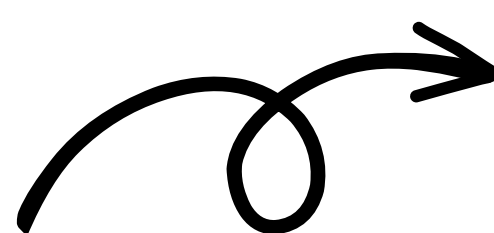


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CONROY HONORS CENTER



OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES
ON THE CURCA WEBSITE



NMSU MODEL UN WANTS YOU!

Apply by Fri., Sept. 12, 2025

NMSU's award-winning Model UN team seeks new members. Each spring the team competes at the Model UN conference in New York City. This is a great opportunity to meet peers from all over the world, participate on a top team, and get more engaged with international politics and current global security concerns.

For more information, contact Dr. Sabine Hirschauer at shirscha@nmsu.edu.

**INTERESTED IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?
IMPROVING PUBLIC SPEAKING?
TRAVEL?**

ACCESS THE APPLICATION HERE



JOIN MODEL UNITED NATIONS!

HURRY AND APPLY! APPLICATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12TH

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IMAGINING AMERICA CONFERENCE AT NMSU

Oct. 3-5, 2025, NMSU campus

**Free for
NMSU
students!**

2025 IA National Gathering
PROVIDING PASSAGE

practicing the worlds we want

OCTOBER 3-5
Las Cruces, NM

*Free Registration with the Code
NMSUIA25*



Art by Citlali Delgado,
Visual Artist for the
2025 IA National Gathering



iaathering.org/registration



The 25th anniversary Imagining America conference will be held in Las Cruces.

This gathering “celebrates and conjures passages: of time, texts, pathways, and portals that IA has created for public and engaged scholars in the past, present, and imaginable future; and of the life-sustaining ecological, physical, intellectual, and spiritual passages that artists, organizers, and scholars provide as a way forward in the turbulent currents of our time.”

Join us for three days of events!

Ruben Morales '27: why I am presenting at Imagining America

Ruben Morales, a McNair Scholar double-majoring in Sociology and Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law, shares why he will be presenting at this year's conference:

"I'm presenting at the Imagining America conference here at NMSU because young student voices like mine belong in conversations about change. I believe that through constructive dialogue and creative expression, we can uncover hidden truths, reimagine what's possible, and help transform the structures that shape our world – and this conference provides a powerful space to do just that."



THE MD/PHD: WHAT AND WHY? OPEN HONORS PANEL

Thurs., Sept. 11, 2025, 3-4pm (Zoom)

The national Council on Honors Education is hosting an all-Honors session for Honors students who are thinking about combining their passion for medicine with a zeal for scientific research. Panelists discuss the MD/PhD track, which can lead to faculty positions at universities, the National Institute for Health, or pharmaceutical/ biotech companies. The panel discussion for this virtual session brings together a top MD/PhD researcher with recent honors alumni, who together will:

- Discuss the process of applying to MD/PhD programs
- Compare the standard med school experience with that of the MD/PhD track
- Strategize about financing the MD/PhD track
- Detail the career opportunities open to MD/PhDs
- Take questions from the audience.

Moderator: Dr. Alexander J. Lazar, Professor of Pathology, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**ALL-ACCESS MEETING:
PURSUING THE MD/PHD TRACK**
September 11th AT 5:00 PM EASTERN/4:00 PM CENTRAL

Featuring CoHE honors alumni:

- Anthony Azzun**
University of California – Los Angeles
- Angela Shar**
University of Florida
- Sanjeev Gurshaney**
Washington University – St. Louis
- Philip Barris**
University of Michigan

Moderated by:
Alexander J. Lazar, MD/PhD
Professor of Pathology
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Students are invited to attend, especially those with a passion for medicine and scientific research! Click [here](#) to join the meeting.

**Fall Semester with
BAM**

- Sep** September 23rd 5:30-7:30 PM
Practice Intubation and IV Placement
- Oct** October 14th 5:30-7:30 PM
Halloween Themed Suture and Injection Lab
- Nov** November 11th Time TBD
DO vs MD? Come see what OMM is all about!

Burrell Aggie Mentorship

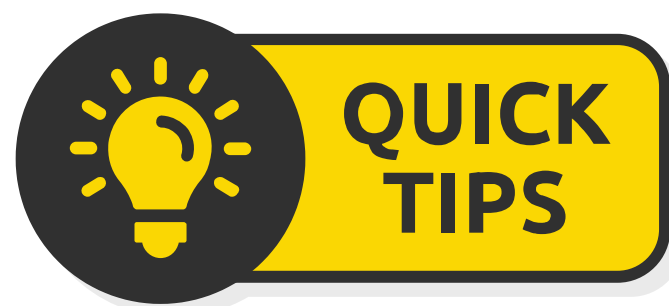
INTERESTED IN MEDICINE? FIND A MENTOR AT BAM

Burrell-Aggie Mentorship Network Fall Events

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine,
3501 Arrowhead Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001

Next event:

Practice Intubation & IV Placement,
Sept. 25, 5:30-7:30pm



How do I cold email a potential research mentor?

You have a short list of faculty you would like to approach about mentoring your research. These may be faculty you have taken classes with, found on the department website, or heard good things about from other students, perhaps in a major club. Try introducing yourself after class or visiting their office hours, if these are posted in a syllabus or on their door. If face-to-face is not an option, it may be necessary to cold email your would-be mentor. Make sure that to describe what interests you in their research and any experiences that would qualify you for their team. Also make to attach a CV. *For advice on your academic CV, see this resource from Columbia.* The sample email below is adapted from resources at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center.

SUBJECT LINE: Student Interested in Independent Research in your Laboratory

Dear Dr. Agatha Pete,

My name is Tim Aggie, and I am a second year NMSU undergraduate majoring in Microbiology. I write to ask whether you might be accepting students into your lab group this fall or spring.

As a microbiology major, I am interested in research that focuses on the genetics and molecular biology of microorganisms. Your work studying the molecular basis for bacterial communication, or quorum sensing, sounds very exciting. I am very interested to learn more about this topic and the techniques that your laboratory uses to study this mechanism as an undergraduate researcher.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to discuss projects that I might be able to join. My schedule is currently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays after 1pm to meet with you and for lab hours.

I have attached my curriculum vitae for your review. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,
Tim Aggie
E-mail address
Phone number**

Checklist:

- Summarize your qualifications for the position
- Show that you have familiarized yourself with the work the research lab or group is conducting (check their web presence)
- Personalize each letter for the particular researcher. Do NOT send generic emails.
- Make sure your CV lists relevant experiences and qualifications, such as coursework
- Send from your NMSU email address for a professional introduction

CURCA Office Hours



Drop in!

Research & Creative
Opportunities

Mon, 10-12
in CHC 204 or Zoom

Weds., 10:15-11:15
Zoom

and by appointment at other times,
tomlin@nmsu.edu

Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity
in Conroy Honors Center

And as always:

- to get started in research and creative activity, visit [CURCA](#) and email Dr. Tracey Miller-Tomlinson at tomlin@nmsu.edu,
- to learn about our journal of undergraduate scholarship, submit work or join the editorial team, go to [The Agora](#),
- to talk about an [Honors capstone project](#), or getting Honors credit for a [capstone in your major](#), contact Dean Camarena at phame@nmsu.edu,
- to learn more about the [McNair Scholars Program](#), contact Director Marko Mohlenhoff at markom@nmsu.edu,
- for [Honors capstone internships](#), including medical shadowing, contact Shawn Werner at swerner@nmsu.edu,
- to make a plan to [graduate with Honors](#), contact Dr. Anne Hubbell at ahubbell@nmsu.edu.

Best wishes,

Dr. Tracey M-T



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