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"Education and work are the lever to uplift a people" - W.E.B Du Bois

Men of Color in Aviation

Flying has become a part of our lives and livelihood for some whose natural habitat seems to be the openness of the skies. However, a report suggests that commercial flying, though a male-dominated profession, only employs 11% of pilots who are men of color. Main causes of this disparity are the lack of exposure to aviation as a career and the shortage of affordable airline training. Organizations like the Black Pilots of America, founded in 1997, have made efforts to provide opportunities for people of color for them to learn and hone the art of flying.



It is time for a change in the aviation and aerospace industries where men like Joseph Acaba, Bernard A. Harris, Edward T. Lu, and countless others have impacted and broken stereotypes in the world of aviation. Although, the United States is progressing, it will take a while for diversity and inclusivity to supplant the years of isolation and the foundations of aviation in the country. We must see this as an opportunity for men of color to sit in the cockpit and write a new legacy of this diversity and unity high up in the skies.



Spotlight on Achievement: Raul Miramontes

Men of Color Initiative spotlight those members who are successful both inside and outside the classroom. We are proud to spotlight Raul Miramontes, given his effort and dedication in working towards diversity and inclusion at New Mexico State University.

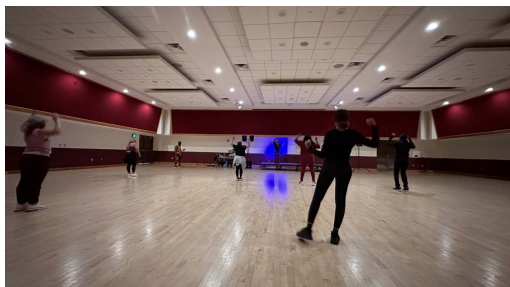
Raul is a student in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, he serves as the Vice President of the MOCI and plays a leading role in organizing events and inviting guest speakers to build an all-inclusive community for our students.

Apart from work and study, Raul is an avid gamer and likes hitting the gym to keep himself fit. He loves to dance and meet people. He says to have learned a lot from the awesome people in the MOCI program and would like to encourage you all to join us.





Images from the **Zumbathon Dance Fitness**



Upcoming Events

12/1/2022

Resume Review 10 AM @
Corbett Center

Basketball

12/18/2022

NMSU vs Northern New Mexico
4 PM @ Pan American Center

12/28/2022

NMSU vs Southern Utah
7 PM @ Pan American Center

Teaching Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Through Dance

It is always good to step out of class and do something fun, especially as the end of the semester is near. This is why Dr. Patrick Turner took first-year students to learn about diversity, equity, and inclusion through exploring various styles of dance and choreography of different places and cultures. These students embraced the experience and understood the assignment.



M.O.C.I Home For The Holidays Event

Attending college away from home can be an adventure, an opportunity, and a new phase in life. However, sometimes around special occasions it can be taxing on the mental and emotional wellbeing of students.



In November, to create a sense of family for Aggies, the Men of Color Initiative and ASNMSU hosted the "Home for the Holidays" event, which was open to our diverse student community. The event was lively and inspiring as attendees from diverse background came together as one big Aggie family to celebrate during the Thanksgiving holidays. Carrying on from last year's success, the Home for the Holiday event has become an instant classic on our campus. A big applause to you, in bringing our community closer through a shared experience.



Winter Break is around the Corner...

What a great semester it has been. We were glad to see everyone back on campus after the long hiatus due to the pandemic. As we unwind the last weeks of the semester, we wish you all good health and luck in your final exams. You have worked hard over the course of the semester and we are confident of your success.



The registration for the Spring of 2023 is open. Register for your class, speak to your advisor and study for success. We hope to see you next semester. Enjoy your winter break!



HAPPY
Holidays