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A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.

- Collin Powell

Home for the Holidays (H4H) 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. Last month, to create a sense of family, the Men of Color

Initiative hosted its "Home for the Holidays" event, which was open to the NMSU-Aggie Nation. The event included a nice turkey dinner, fantastic live music from "The Fanny Pack Bradas" duo, and several board games.

It was inspiring to see over 45 attendees from diverse backgrounds (e.g., international, graduate & undergraduate students, professional staff, and faculty) come together as a family, an Aggie family. The room was filled with good vibes and energy.



Laughter, smiles, affection, and great conversations echoed throughout the space. Indeed, it was like having dinner with your loved ones back home.



For a moment, it felt like this group of strangers, were life-long friends. Home4Holiday has become an instant classic, which I hope becomes a regular NMSU event. I applaud this type of effort that brings the NMSU community closer through a shared experience.



Dear M.O.C.I Members & Supporters,

The M.O.C. Initiative is always open to new members. Find more information, including the link to sign up at <https://provost.nmsu.edu/student-resources/men-of-color/>

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

- M.O.C.I. Executive Team

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Upcoming Events:

- 12/03 Last day to drop a course
- 12/10 End of the semester
- 12/14 Faculty Deadline to Submit Final Grades

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Racial Inequality and Over Representation of MOC in the Justice System

From the very beginning, the United States judicial system has operated with mass incarceration to respond to social justice issues (e.g., income disparity, racial injustice, hunger, and food insecurity, equality). This practice has put behind bars a surprising number of males from low-income backgrounds, particularly those from communities of color. Moreover, the jail as a palliative solution has caused more bad than good. The crime rates, instead of diminishing, have increased over the years. When we look at the numbers, this policy has failed the safety scope. Mass incarceration does not equal fewer crime rates. It is quite the opposite. When the state resources focus on prisons, there is less investment in prevention and treatment.

