

# **2026 CES In– Service Gerald Thomas Hall (GTH) January 7– 9, 2026**

## **Agenda– Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

Coffee and Snacks in Gerald Thomas Hall Lobby

**7:00am – 8:00 am Registration** – GTH Auditorium Foyer

**8:00 am – 8:30 am Welcome** – GTH Auditorium, Room 194

Dr. Valerio Ferme, President

Dr. Rolando A. Flores Galarza, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer

Dr. Jon C. Boren, Associate Dean & Director, Cooperative Extension Service

**8:30 am – 9:30 am – Student Recruitment** – GTH Auditorium, Room 194

Dr. Tony Marin, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Danielle Staley, Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Amanda Alder, Associate Director for Recruitment

Dr. Robert Torres, Associate Dean and Director, ACES Academics

Leandra Barreras, ACES Student Recruitment Specialist

Dr. Jon C. Boren, Associate Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension Service

**9:30 am – 9:45 am– Break**

**9:45 am – 12:00 pm – Agricultural Economics & Agriculture Business/Extension  
Economics Session for County Agriculture Agents, FCS Agents, 4– H Agents,  
and State Specialists** – Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 194

Dr. Carlos Carpio, Department Head, Extension Ag Econ and Ag Business

**12:00 am – 1:15 pm – Lunch on your own**

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm– Specialist Association Meeting** – GTH, Room 297

Dr. Matheus Cezarotto, President, NM Specialist Association

## Wednesday, January 7, 2026– Continued

**11:00 pm – 1:30 pm – Photo Opportunity/Extension Speaks** – Get new headshot and ask questions – Gerald Thomas Hall, 330

Lee Martinez Soto – Extension Publications Editor, NMSU Marketing and Communications

Tiffany Acosta – Publication Information Officer, NMSU Marketing and Communications

Josh Bachman – University Photographer, NMSU Marketing and Communications

Julie Hughes – Program Operations Director, Cooperative Extension Service

**1:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Session for County FCS Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 303 & 338

Dr. Efren Delgado, Department Head and Dr. Laura Bittner, Associate Department Head

**1:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Innovative Media Research & Extension for County Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 336

Dr. Barbara Chamberlin, Department Head

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Evening Reception** – Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, music, and games– Student Learning and Outreach Center

**Dinner on your own**

## **Agenda– Thursday, January 8, 2026**

Coffee and snacks in Gerald Thomas Hall Lobby

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Extension Plant Sciences Session for County Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 336    **\*\*Lunch will be provided\*\***

Dr. Anowar Islam, Department Head, and Dr. Richard Heerema, Assistant Department Head

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Innovative Media Research & Extension for County FCS Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 337

Dr. Barbara Chamberlin, Department Head

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – EFCS Department and Association Meeting Luncheon**

GTH, Room 330, Social Living Center

Amber Benson, President NM Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp**

Committee, GTH, Room 297

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Lunch on your own**

**1:15 pm – 5:15 pm – Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources Session for County Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 336

Dr. Shanna Ivey, Department Head, and Dr. John Wenzel, Assistant Department Head

**1:15 pm – 5:15 pm – Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Session for County FCS Agents and State Specialists** – GTH, Room 303 and Computer Lab 338

Dr. Efren Delgado, Department Head, and Dr. Laura Bittner, Associate Department Head

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Agriculture Agents Association Meeting**– GTH, Room 330, Social Living Center

Savannah Daniels, President NM Association of County Agricultural Agents

**Dinner on your own**

## Agenda– Friday, January 9, 2026

Coffee and snacks in Gerald Thomas Hall Lobby

**7:00 am – 8:00 am – Epsilon Sigma Phi Breakfast Meeting** – Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 330, Social Living Center Dr. LaJoy Spears, President

**8:00 am – 9:30 am – AI and Extension** – GTH Auditorium, Room 194  
Keynote – David Warren, Senior Director of Integrated Digital Strategies for the OSU Agriculture Division and AI Program Leader for the Extension Foundation.

**9:30 am – 10:00 am – Faculty Reports from 2024 CES Innovation Grants** – GTH Auditorium, Room 194  
Savannah Daniels, Hidalgo County  
Tom Dominguez, Santa Fe County  
Emily Bruton & Jamie Fassett, Socorro County  
Amber Benson, Bernalillo County

**10:00 am – 10:30 am – Center of Excellence in Sustainable Food and Agricultural Systems (CESFAS)**, GTH Auditorium, Room 194  
Omar Holguin, Director CESFAS

**10:30 am – 10:45 am – Break**

**10:45 am – 11:45 am – Ignite Talks** (2 minutes each to showcase programs) – GTH Auditorium, 194

**11:45 am – 12:00 pm – Wrap– up and Q&A Session** – GTH Auditorium, Room 194 Dr. Jon C. Boren, Associate Dean and Director, and Dr. Allen Malone, Associate Director

NOTE: ACES Information Technology staff will be available in Gerald Thomas Hall Room 270 throughout the 2026 Extension In– Service for assistance with computer issues and questions.