

**New Mexico School for the Arts**  
**Head of School Report: January 2018**  
**Report by Eric Crites**

*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

**Kudos**

Malaya Peixinho (junior, theater) has been selected as a recipient of the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award in recognition of her significant contributions to social justice, the arts, and her community. She will receive her award at a ceremony on Monday, January 15.

**Teacher Evaluations**

NMSA met NMPED's December 21 deadline for submission of all Round 1 teacher evaluations.

**Business Office Update**

Our new business manager is Don Moya.

**Progress Toward Graduation Update**

The Progress Toward Graduation team has met and is implementing interventions as needed to ensure that all seniors graduate on time.

**Testing Update**

State-mandated End of Course exams in Government, Health, and New Mexico History were taken by students in December. Lisa Goldman, District Testing Coordinator, and the testing team have begun regular meetings to plan for the implementation and delivery of spring state accountability exams in science (SBA) and math and English language arts (PARCC).

**Facility Updates**

Gayle McGuinness and Cecile Hemez are coordinating to respond to recommendations made by the NMPSIA liability inspector who visited in December.

**Safety Update**

The paper curtains on classroom door windows have all been replaced with mini-blinds, which provide better concealment when closed (classroom door windows must provide concealment during a lockdown drill or incident).

**Charter Renewal**

Eric Crites and Cindy Montoya will meet with consultant Karen Ehlert for the first charter renewal work meeting on Friday, January 19.

**Professional Development**

During semester 2, staff and academic faculty will continue with weekly mindfulness sits facilitated by Sky Center. Sky Center will also add some weekly sits for arts faculty.