Apache hosts New Mexico Tech students

Apache’s Permian Region hosted a field visit in Artesia, New Mexico, Nov. 17 for 18 petroleum engineering students from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMT). Javier Berdoza, production foreman, led the field visit with coordination from Apache intern Dylan Larson, junior petroleum engineering student at NMT who interned this summer in Artesia and will return for his second internship in 2016 working in Permian Production.
“We were excited to help the students get some common knowledge of how Apache’s equipment operates in the real world,” said Berdoza. “We began the trip with a safety tailgate meeting and orientation, followed by visits to a pulling unit to understand well workover procedures, a production battery and facilities overview, and various well sites to understand artificial lift equipment including a conventional pumping unit, rotoflex unit, electric submersible pump and Mark II pumping unit. Dylan did an excellent job putting this together for his classmates.”

Dylan expressed his appreciation to all who made the field visit possible. “I know all the students, and I had a great time and learned a lot! We really appreciate the opportunity to give our students some exposure and experience in the field. I would especially like to thank Javier, David, Brad, Cesar, Bear and Jorge for sharing their knowledge with us and making sure everyone stayed safe. Of course, we’d also like to thank Lucky Well Services for cooking us lunch! Hopefully we can do this again sometime in the future.” Dylan also added how excited and ready he is to come back to work with Apache next summer.

Dr. Thomas Engler, professor of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering at NMT, gave his appreciation for this opportunity to the students. “I attended an SPE distinguished lecture and several students were raving about the field trip hosted by Apache. Thank you for providing this experience to our students.”