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Ms. Knighten has worked for over 25 years developing and implementing strategies for advancing new technologies toward customer and user adoption and technology-based economic development. Her work has supported both small and large businesses, state and federal governments, and federal research laboratories. She joined NMSU in early 2021 to manage the invention portfolio and intellectual property office, and to foster a lab-to-market culture for translating NMSU research.

Ms. Knighten proudly serves as a Kirtland Air Force Base Team Kirtland Wingman as a Command Chief Civic Leader for the Air Force Global Strike Command. She serves the board of advisors for the Air Force Logistics Officers Association and Industry Forum Advisor for NewSpace Nexus. She serves the State of New Mexico as a member the Sustainable Economy Advisory Council and the Technology Enhancement Fund committee. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Logistics Management from Weber State University, and Master Certificates in Project Management and Lean Six Sigma from Villanova University.



Chris Corbine, Program Manager, Aggie I-Corps

Chris Corbine is an accomplished Program Manager for the Aggie I-Corps program, specializing in innovation transfer within New Mexico research institutions. With a background in aiding early-stage start-ups, Chris provides valuable mentorship, education, and resources to burgeoning entrepreneurs. A 20-year retired Air Force veteran, he served as an electronics technician and combat aircrew and systems expert on the HH-60G Combat Rescue Helicopter. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in Strategic Leadership from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS and a Master of Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management from Liberty University.



Kathy Foster, MBA, serves as a Senior Program and Strategic Planning Officer developing and implementing strategic plans to maximize program effectiveness. Her professional experience includes federal program management, grant writing, and entrepreneurial training. Kathy's ability to provide comprehensive entrepreneurial training and support has empowered individuals and businesses to navigate the complex landscape of starting and growing their ventures. Kathy earned her BA in English and MBA in Leadership at the University of New Mexico.