

ENMU-Roswell Celebrates Sixty-Sixth Commencement Ceremony

Large crowds filled the Roswell Convention and Civic Center for ENMU-Roswell's Sixty-Sixth Commencement Convocation on December 8. Close to 390 students completed graduation requirements, making this semester the largest fall graduating class. About 230 graduates participated in the two ceremonies held in order to accommodate all graduates, family and friends. The first ceremony recognized graduates receiving associate degrees and graduates from the ENMU campus in Portales receiving bachelor's degrees. The second ceremony recognized 110 New Mexico Youth ChalleNge Academy graduates and ENMU-Roswell graduates receiving certificates.



Commencement speaker, Adrianna Espinoza told graduates to hold their heads high and reach for the stars because they now have the power to make a difference.

Members of the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board, ENMU Board of Regents and Dr. Steven Gamble, ENMU President, attended the ceremo-

ny. Youth ChalleNge cadets also served as the Color Guard. The featured speaker was Adrianna Espinoza, who received an Associate of Science degree in Medical Assisting with Certificates of Employability in Pharmacy Technician and Phlebotomy.

Espinoza is the first in her family to graduate from college. She graduated from Roswell High School in 2014 and enrolled as a Presidential Scholar at ENMU-Roswell. Espinoza knew she wanted to pursue a career in the medical field and her goal is to become a pharmacist. She said the education and training she has received so far provides her with a solid background for her future. She plans to continue her education and is exploring options for pharmacy school.



A total of 438 students applied for graduation this fall semester, with many completing requirements for multiple certificates and associate degrees.

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Seeks Public Comment

Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will host a visit on April 24 – 26, 2017, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell has been accredited by HLC since 1971. The team will review

the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to the following address:

Public Comment on Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on HLC's website at:
www.hlcommission.org/comment

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by March 24, 2017.

Voters Support Bonds For Higher Education And Libraries

Voters across New Mexico showed their support for higher education and libraries with the passage of General Obligation Bonds B and C in the November 8 election. Unofficial results show 64 percent of voters statewide were in favor of Bond B and 63 percent of New Mexico voters approved Bond C. In Chaves County, Bonds B and C passed by 60 percent.

Bond C proposed a total of \$131,106,200 for New Mexico's public colleges and universities, of which \$1 million will be allocated to ENMU-Roswell. These funds will be used to make needed renovations and improvements to outdated classroom facilities. Eastern New Mexico University in Portales will receive \$11 million to renovate and upgrade the campus's aging library facility into the Golden Student Success Center. The

ENMU-Ruidoso campus will receive \$700,000 for classroom and student services renovations. In total, the ENMU system will receive \$12,700,000 with the passage of Bond C.

Through Bond B, the ENMU-Roswell library will receive \$20,612 to enhance the library's collection of materials, equipment, and online databases in a variety of academic and general interest areas.

"We appreciate and thank the voters statewide and especially the voters in Chaves County for their support of these bond funds," said Dr. John Madden, President, ENMU-Roswell. "The college can now work to fix some critical needs in some of our older classrooms. Maintaining and upgrading our facilities for comfort and safety of our students, employees, and visitors continues to be a top priority."



Classrooms across campus will be identified for furniture replacement and technology upgrades using Bond C funds.

Community College Board Welcomes New Member

Patricia Parsons is the newest member of the ENMU-Roswell Branch



Community College Board. Parsons was officially sworn into office at the December 6 board meeting by Fifth Judicial District Court Judge, Hon. Kea W. Riggs. The board appointed Parsons to represent District 2, following the resignation of Chad Hamill. Parsons will complete the remainder of Hamill's term and file as a candidate for the Community College Board in the February 7, 2017 local school board election. She hopes to be officially elected to the position for a full four-year term.

Parsons is the former Dexter Schools superintendent with close to 40 years

of experience in public education. A native of Dexter, Parsons worked as a teacher in Texas and Hagerman before joining Dexter Consolidated Schools in 1984. She worked as a teacher, then as a principal, and began serving as superintendent in 2005. She retired in 2013. Parsons currently works as an educational diagnostician at the Parkview Early Literacy Center with the Roswell Independent School District. Parsons has a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in education, in addition to a certificate as an educational diagnostician.

Federal Grant To Enhance STEM Education

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell has received close to a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education over the next 5 years. The grant activities will focus primarily on Hispanic students, which make up more than half of the college's enrollment. "This will transform education in our area for generations to come," said Dr. John Madden, president, ENMU-Roswell.

The three key grant objectives are: 1). Increase access and success in STEM education for Hispanic and underserved students; 2). Increase the number of Hispanic and underserved students

attaining degrees in STEM fields; and 3). Develop articulation and transfer agreements with 4-year institutions for STEM education programs.

Additionally, the grant will be used to support the development of the ENMU-Roswell campus "iCenter" (innovation center), which will include a "FabLab" (fabrication lab with current laser, 3-D computer/printing and advanced multi-format print technologies) and improvements in the lecture hall in the "iCenter." "This grant will help the campus achieve the necessary and innovative technology improvements to support the development of key STEM education programs, as well as promoting ENMU-Roswell as

a recognized state and national leader in entrepreneurial and STEM education programs," said Jim Engelhard, Title V Activities director. Grant funds will also be used to provide additional training and development for teachers in distance learning and STEM fields on campus.



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Foundation Announces Fall Scholarship Recipients

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation has so far awarded \$10,250 in scholarships to students this fall semester. Andrea Ceja, Sabrina Daniel, Alexandra Eiffert, and Christina Sedillo received the ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship for \$750 each. Krystal Paez and Anakaren

Medina each received the Claribel Marshall Trust Scholarship for \$1000. Kallea Dickson and Shawn Kelly received the William McCutchen Memorial Scholarship for \$750 each. Lydia Velasco received the \$750 Sally Pacheco Memorial Scholarship. Rebecca Denniston received the

\$1000 Saul Sanchez Nursing Scholarship. Gabriela Rios received the \$1000 Sharon Farris-Stern Nursing Scholarship. Christopher Neal received the Morgan and Joyce Nelson Endowed Scholarship for \$1000.

Student Receives First Scholarship Named For Morgan And Joyce Nelson

ENMU-Roswell student, Chris Neal, is the first recipient of the Morgan and Joyce Nelson Endowed Scholarship administered by the ENMU-Roswell Foundation. Neal, 46, is enrolled in the Human Services program and will graduate next May with an Associate of Arts degree in Human Services and Certificates of Employability in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies and Helping Relationship Skills. He said the \$1000 scholarship will be used to pay for his tuition and books expenses as he completes his associate degree requirements. He plans to continue his education at ENMU in Portales taking online classes in career and technical education or human services. "Receiving this scholarship is awesome," he said. "Students need to make an effort to apply for these scholarships because the help is out there." Neal said his financial aid has run out, so he also works at several part-time jobs. He



Chris Neal, Nelson Scholarship Recipient

thanks Financial Aid Assistant, Kimberly Andazola, for her support and he also appreciates his parents, Butch and Karen Neal, for their assistance as he reaches his higher education goals.

In 2014, ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board member, Morgan Nelson, created the scholarship to honor his late wife, Joyce, of 58 years. Nelson is credited with establishing Roswell Community College, now

ENMU-Roswell, through his work in the New Mexico House of Representatives. He served in the legislature from 1942 to 1962 (with the exception of 1952-1954) and was instrumental in the passage of the 1957 Branch Community College Act. He also used his contacts and influence to lobby for the passage of the Junior College Act in 1963, which authorized junior and community colleges to form districts for taxing purposes. When government officials announced that Walker Air Force Base would be closing on June 30, 1967, Nelson was part of the Executive Committee which oversaw the planning and development of the proposal to move Roswell Community College to the base facilities. Nelson is a founding member of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation and has served on the board since 1969. He received the President's Distinguished Award from the Foundation in 2003.



14TH Annual ENMU-Roswell Foundation Golf Tournament

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
NMMI GOLF COURSE

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation will hold its Fourteenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 15 at NMMI Golf Course. Tee time is at 8 a.m. The cost for the four-person team scramble tournament is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, green fees, carts, and range balls. Teams should have a minimum total handicap of 40. Teams will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up a team or become a sponsor, call Craig Collins at (575) 624-7304.



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Campus Receives New Pilot Training Simulator

ENMU-Roswell has a new addition to Professional Pilot Training Program. The Redbird MCX-Dual control, full motion, Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) is housed in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Center. The MCX includes a dual, control-loading yoke system and dual rudder pedals for simultaneous pilot and copilot control. The MCX also features realistic wrap-around visuals, quick-change cockpit configurations, and extensive government approvals. This allows student pilots to log some of their simulator time as flight hours. ENMU-Roswell offers an Associate

of Science degree in Professional Pilot Training-Fixed Wing.



Community College Board President, Eloise Blake (left) spent some time in the pilot seat with Aviation Director, Lyle Lane, providing the instruction and demonstration.



Students Perform Community Service Projects



Students in Maureen Olguin's fall COMM 101 courses joined together to complete several service projects at the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) in Roswell. Students cleaned an outside visitation area, painted the inside waiting area, disinfected some observation rooms, cleaned furniture, cleaned out cars, decorated for a Halloween program, and collected backpacks for a backpack drive.



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