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WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	<b>If you haven't responded yet:</b>
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

### Ten Reasons Why Everyone Should Be Counted:

1. Results directly support emergency services and preparedness.
2. Results are used to revitalize old neighborhoods and build new homes/apartments.
3. Completing the census is YOUR right—it's the law. It's illegal not to respond.
4. Doing the census is quick and easy—complete it online, by phone, or mail it in!
5. The census is CONFIDENTIAL – your information is protected for 72 years! It's actually a felony for census employees to share information.
6. Results can grow our community.
7. Results generate \$37,450 per resident over the next 10 years!
8. Results support services for ALL generations, from babies to seniors.
9. Results directly support healthcare.
10. Results directly bring in new businesses, shopping and restaurants.

## BREAKING NEWS:

**Registration for Summer & Fall Now Online**

visit [www.roswell.enmu.edu](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu) for class schedule



# Acknowledgements

## NISOD FACULTY RECOGNITION

Two instructors at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell have been selected to receive 2020 Teaching Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Each year, instructors are asked to nominate one instructor to receive the award. From these nominations, the Faculty Evaluation Committee selects two faculty members for national recognition. This year, Cheryl Vineyard, Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, and Phlebotomy Director, and Edna Yokum, Edna Yokum, Director of Behavioral Sciences and Social Sciences instructor, have been selected. NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning and leadership at community and technical colleges.



Cheryl Vineyard

Vineyard is also a tenured faculty member and currently serves as the President of the Faculty Senate at ENMU-Roswell. She was nominated by Jesse Davis, who serves as director of the Emergency Medical Services Program. “Cheryl is a very dedicated faculty member to her students as well as her service to the University,” said Davis. “As a program director myself, I often times rely on Cheryl for expertise and guidance on issues since we share many of the same responsibilities to our third-party accreditors. In my association of over 13 years with Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, I have witnessed first-hand her dedication to this institution and the students she serves.”

Yokum currently serves on the Institutional Assessment Committee, Faculty Senate, and the new Curriculum and Instruction Committee. She has also worked on the Faculty Development Committee and the Faculty Handbook Committee. Yokum was nominated by Candi Miller-Morris, Nursing Clinical instructor.

“Edna has been going above and beyond since she began her work at ENMU-Roswell,” said Miller-Morris. “Edna uses mini lectures, active learning, and collaborative learning techniques. She is a strong facilitator who uses

engaging tools to build rapport and trust quickly with students. Edna works tirelessly to make our campus a great place to work and to learn. Her work ethic is superior and her character impeccable. She is always welcoming and willing to help out. She is an excellent instructor. ENMU-Roswell is very lucky to have her as faculty.”

The NISOD Excellence Awards were established in 1991 to provide NISOD-member colleges with an opportunity to recognize individuals doing extraordinary work on their campuses. Since then, more than 30,000 recipients have been honored with the Award by their colleges.



Edna Yokum





# Community Involvement

## ENMU-ROSWELL SUPPORTS ENMMC

The Health Education Unit at ENMU-Roswell recently transferred about \$1,500 worth of protective equipment to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center at their request to assist with the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The equipment was primarily procedural masks, gloves and isolation gowns, said Laurie Jensen, ENMU-R assistant vice president of health education.

EMS Director Jesse Davis loaded the items in his vehicle and delivered them to ENMMC. The hospital staff was very grateful and has agreed to replace these items when the current crisis is over.



## ENMU-R HOSTS MAZE OF LIFE

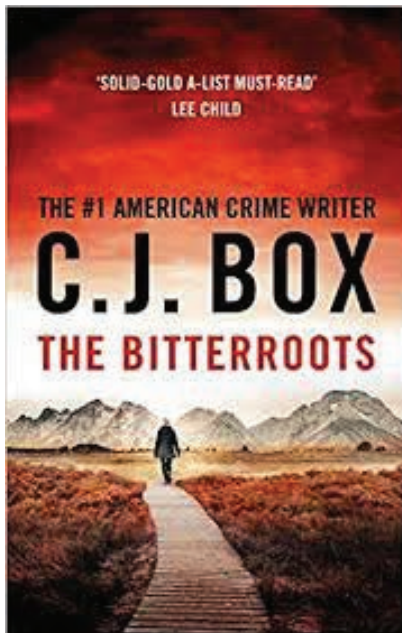
In conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Health, Chaves County Health Council, DWI Prevention and Education Coalition, and many other community organizations, ENMU-Roswell hosted the Maze of Life on campus February 18-20. The event was held in the Physical Education Center all three days. Every 8th grade student in Chaves County—public school, private school, home school— participated in the event designed to increase their knowledge of health, education, and future career opportunities.

Each day from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., students took part in activities and learned how to make important life choices and decisions. Students visited booths set up by various organizations and businesses on topics like smoking/vaping hazards, suicide and pregnancy prevention, and the consequences of drinking and driving. Students also learned about health, career/technical, and other academic programs at ENMU-Roswell.



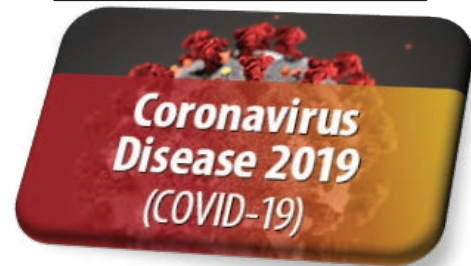
# Department Update

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LRC



With a majority of regular everyday activities, events, restaurants, bars, etc. being cancelled or closed due to the coronavirus, it might be a good time for people who find themselves isolated because of the need for quarantines and social distancing to read a good book or two. The Bitterroots by mystery and suspense author C.J. Box is one recommended by the LRC staff. Its heroine, former sheriff's investigator Cassie Dewell, finds herself up to her neck in a complex case involving a man from a well-known, influential Montana ranching family. He is accused of sexually assaulting his high school-aged niece and the case against him at first appears to be open and shut. But the deeper Cassie digs in her search for corroborating evidence, the more tangled and confusing things become. As with fellow suspense author Craig Johnson's *Longmire* books, the surrounding rugged western landscape acts as an important underlying character running through the book's entertaining, constantly evolving plot.

## SECURITY UPDATE



There are so many changes in our daily lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and many things that are changing on a daily basis. The New Mexico Public Health Emergency Order has been extended to April 30th and more limitations on businesses regarding the number of individuals allowed inside as well as the number of specific items that can be purchased. However, the most essential things haven't changed; we are all in this together, be aware of personal space, and be thoughtful of others. Stay positive and optimistic especially if you have children at home. This could be a great time to learn new songs to wash your hands to in addition to spending some quality time with the loved ones in your home or through technology connections (facetime or zoom).

Please keep in mind that you shouldn't be traveling or running around town for things that aren't essential to everyday living. If you do have to go out, wear a face mask and maintain social distancing rules of 6 feet apart and no person to person contact. It's great to see a friend at the store but send them an air high five instead a potentially contaminated hug. Be conscience of surfaces you come into contact with and make sure not to take those germs home with you.

For up-to-date information on how our New Mexico is doing in regards to the coronavirus disease, go to <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>. There is great information on things we can do to help our medical professionals as well as each other in our community. Just remember there may be an increase of new cases of COVID-19 but there is also an increase in the number of those who have recovered. So, stay safe, stay home, and stay positive! And as always contact the Campus Safety/Security department at (575) 624-7180, for additional information.





# Awards & Recognition

## HARELSON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The certificate of appreciation was sent to Peggy Harelson from the U.S. Department of Justice-Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Department (ATF) to pass along their appreciation of her service and to ensure she understands her importance to the ATF Tactical Medic program. ATF is a Federal Law Enforcement agency focusing on the reduction of violent crimes utilizing firearms, explosives and arson. As a function of this mission, ATF utilizes a premiere Special Response Team (SRT) which conducts the highest risk operations. Training and preparation for this group is paramount. Ms. Harrelson is a critical piece of this training effort.

Ms. Harelson is the primary point of contact for the CPR program. Ms. Harelson has taken it upon herself to ensure that the ATF Medic program has completed all requirements in an appropriate manner.

“We appreciate the dedication she has placed into the success of our program and we hope to maintain our partnership in the years to come.” ~S/A Paul D. Vanderplow Division Chief, United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Special Operations Division.



**Peggy Harelson**  
EMS/AHA Administrative Assistant,  
ENMU-Roswell

## SAM CHAVEZ EARNS TENURE

**Congratulations** to Director of OTA Fieldwork, Sam Chavez on earning Tenure. Sam was recognized at the Community College Board meeting on March 11.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Laurie Jensen, Mirella Trujillo, Annemarie Oldfield, Sam Chavez, Vanessa Stroman and Dr. Shawn Powell

## RALPH FRESQUEZ SWORN INTO CCB OFFICE

Fifth Judicial District Court Judge, Hon. Thomas Lilley, administers the oath of office to ENMU-Roswell Community College Board member, Ralph Fresquez on March 10. Fresquez, who represents District 4 on the board, ran unopposed during the November 2019 local election. He was re-elected to a four-year term.



Ralph Fresquez sworn in by Fifth Judicial District Judge Tom Lilley



# Awards & Recognition (cont'd)

## GOVERNOR'S AWARD



Ludivina Gurule (center with certificate) receives award for the Achieve Therapy Services LLC program

Achieve Therapy Services, LLC provides speech and occupational therapy to youth ages 3 to 18 at its East Second Street clinic. It also works with young children enrolled with Los Pasitos Early Intervention Services. The owner, Ludivina Gurule (founder), and her staff of 11, which includes nine therapists, also provide therapy to some adults at community settings or during home visits.

This year, Achieve Therapy Services LLC was recognized for its work at the Star Business Reception held in Santa Fe on February 10, 2020. Ludivina Gurule formed the program and holds the event at the ENMU-Roswell PE



Center every year for the last five years.

For more information on the Achieve Therapy Program, go to Facebook and search for: Achieve Therapy Services, LLC.

## MPAEA AWARD



Elsa Rangel



Elsa Rangel was awarded the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) Award in February. The Mission of the MPAEA is to support and promote lifelong learning in the Mountain Plains Region (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and beyond).

Elsa has always had a yearning for learning, but until going to the AE department, never dreamed that she would be able to accomplish her dreams. Elsa immediately enrolled in the English as a Second Language Class (ESL). Elsa soon realized that she needed to streamline her learning if she was going to be able to support her children. She started taking GED classes. Although, she was going to take the GED in Spanish, the GED classes were only taught in English. Elsa's goal of getting her GED took

a while because by this time, Elsa was the mother of three children. This did not dissuade Elsa, and in July, 2015, Elsa passed the GED. Elsa immediately started college classes the following August, taking two classes a semester. So far, Elsa has accomplished 14 classes with 8 A's, 4 B's, and 2 C's. She still has about 10 more classes to take in order to complete the requirements for her goal of an Associate's Degree in Human Services. Four years ago, In the midst of all of this, Elsa studied for and passed her citizenship test. Along with her studies, Elsa has also been a great asset to the Adult Education Department at ENMU-Roswell. Congratulations Elsa on this great honor.





# Awards & Recognition (cont'd)

## 2020 TEACHER OF CHARACTER



Candi Miller-Morris

Congratulations to Nursing Clinical instructor, Candi Miller-Morris, who received a 2020 Teacher of Character Award from Character Counts of Chaves County. She was nominated by Interim Nursing Director, Rachel Conover. Candi is responsible for teaching future nurses Medical Surgical Nursing, Pharmacology,

as well as the Seminar and Capstone course work. In her nomination, Rachel described how Candi incorporates the six Pillars on Character in her classroom: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. "Since I started teaching, Candi has acted as a mentor to me," Rachel said. "She has been encouraging, and always willing to share her knowledge to myself as well as others. This last year, she has actively supported me in my new role, and has gone above and beyond in helping in any way she can. She openly shares her vast knowledge with me and has continued to guide and mentor me. She is an asset in our academic world that we could not do without. She is always upbeat, even when things are tough going. The nursing program at ENMU-Roswell would not be the program it is without her."

## DIRECTOR OF ADVISING SERVICES

The Student Affairs unit is happy to announce that Nika Najafova has been named Director of Advising Services, effective immediately.

Nika holds a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Political Science from West Texas A&M. She has been serving as the Interim Director of Advising Services since January, 2020. She previously worked as an Academic Advisor and Student Support Specialist for TRiO programs, here at ENMU-Roswell.

She served as an Admissions Analyst at Texas Tech University and a Teacher/Research Assistant at West Texas A&M. Including English, Nika speaks, reads, and writes in two other languages, Russian and Albanian. Nika is also Adjunct Faculty here at ENMU-Roswell.

She designs and delivers courses in American Government, Introduction to Political Science, History and State and Local Government.

Welcome Nika to the "Student Services Upper Management Team" here at ENMU-Roswell.



Nika Najafova

## ELOISE BLAKE RETIRES FROM THE CCB



Pictured left to right: Carleton Avery, Vice President; Patricia Parsons, Secretary; Mike Martinez, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mireya Trujillo, President; Eloise Blake, member; Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President; Ralph Fresquez, member

Eloise Blake (holding plaque) was recognized for her service on the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board during its March 11 meeting. Blake retired from the board after 14 years of service, including a term as board President. She represented District 3. Blake is a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel. She worked as a nursing instructor at ENMU-Roswell and served as the chair of the Division of Health for 12 years before retiring from the university. She was granted emeritus status and received the Harris Award for Distinguished Service to ENMU-Roswell in 2005. Blake is a member of the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center board and several military associations. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in psychology from Eastern New Mexico University. Blake also has a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at El Paso.



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE FOR SUMMER AND FALL CLASSES

Registration for summer and fall classes at ENMU-Roswell is open online at [www.roswell.enmu.edu](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu) Summer classes, which will be offered mainly online, begin **Monday, June 1**. The fall semester begins **Monday, August 17**.

The campus is currently closed to the general public until further notice, but academic advisors are available. The Academic Advising department may be reached at 575-624-7294 or [advising.center@roswell.enmu.edu](mailto:advising.center@roswell.enmu.edu)

Academic advisors will promptly respond to student e-mails and calls within 24 hours to answer questions and provide registration assistance. Please keep in mind that these are temporary adjustments as a response to COVID-19. ENMU-Roswell will continue to update students and the public as circumstances change.

## ENMU-ROSWELL TO HOLD VIRTUAL 73rd GRADUATION CEREMONY

In light of the current state restrictions on mass gatherings, spring graduates at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell will be able to participate in a virtual graduation ceremony. The campus will hold a Facebook live ceremony <https://www.facebook.com/enmuroswell/> on Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m.

The ceremony will include speeches pre-recorded by three graduation candidates, Maria Ramirez, Dominic Gomez, and Joselyn Sanchez. Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President, will conduct the ceremony online. Graduation candidates are asked to submit photos which will be compiled into a slideshow, which will be shown during the ceremony. A form with the photo submission link is on the campus website at <https://www.roswell.enmu.edu/graduation-photo-form/> The deadline to submit photos is 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.

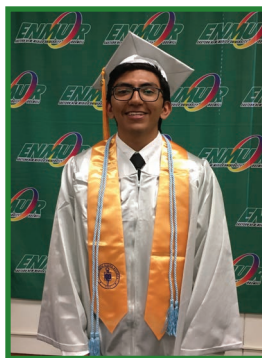
All spring and summer graduates also have the option to participate in the 74th Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Roswell Convention Center.

"We understand that this event can never replace the large ceremony we had planned at the Roswell Convention Center on May 8 with family and friends in attendance, but this is one way we can recognize our graduates' achievements while following state mandates," said Powell. "We hope graduates will be a part of this ceremony by submitting their photos to us."

## Graduation Speakers



**Maria Ramirez, A.A.S. in OTA**



**Dominic Gomez, A.S. in Biology**



**Joselyn Sanchez, A.S. in Biology**

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