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**VOTE ON  
HIGHER ED  
BOND C  
November 3, 2020**

## Bond Issue Funds to Enhance Campus Safety and Security

In the November 3 General Election, voters will be asked to invest in the state's 33 public colleges, universities and specialty schools in 23 cities and 21 counties across New Mexico. General Obligation Bond C (also referred to as Higher Education Bond C) will provide \$156,000,000 to renovate educational facilities. If approved by voters statewide, Bond C will provide money to accomplish this goal by not increasing property taxes (as verified by the New Mexico State Department of Finance and Administration).

In Chaves County, approval of Bond C will mean an allocation of \$1.85 million for ENMU-Roswell, which will fund needed upgrades to video surveillance equipment and exterior lighting. NMMI would receive \$3 million for the renovation of roofs for Wilson Hall, Godfrey Athletic Center, and Toles Learning Center. ENMU in Portales would receive \$8 million for phase one renovations of Roosevelt Science Hall and safety upgrades. ENMU in Ruidoso would receive \$1.5 million for campus infrastructure improvements.

Also, passage of Bond C is estimated to create approximately 1,500 new jobs in construction, architecture and related fields statewide, adding to the state's economic development and gross receipts tax revenue. Bond C will help maintain the educational institutions New Mexicans have already invested in, and give colleges and universities the resources needed to continue providing a safe, quality educational environment.

On the Roswell campus, the majority of the existing 75 video surveillance cameras are old analog cameras that do not provide image quality to today's standards. Most of the buildings on campus have minimal or no camera coverage at all. Funds would be used to replace the majority of existing cameras and install 350 new cameras, with additional servers,

monitors, storage hardware, and infrastructure.

The existing exterior lighting fixtures are old and not as energy efficient as they could be. In many areas the lighting level is not adequate for the security and safety of students, staff, visitors and property. Plans call for the replacement of all exterior lighting fixtures with LED with significantly higher lumen outputs without increasing wattage. Additional building mounted LED fixtures and pole mounted LED fixtures would be added as needed to provide the desired coverage and foot-candle level for the safety of students, visitors, and staff and protection of property.

Absentee voting begins October 6 and early voting starts October 17. Absentee ballots can be requested from October 6-20 and ballots must be returned by November 3 at 7pm. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, with polls open for in-person voting from 7am -7pm.

## Local College Administrator Retires After 40-Years of Service



Mike Martinez

“After forty (40) years of service to Eastern New Mexico University, I’ve finally reached that “magical” milestone. In hindsight, I can tell you the years have gone by way too fast. In doing so, I must acknowledge and express my sincere appreciation for everyone I have worked with during my time at Eastern. Appreciation goes a long way in making a workplace enjoyable and I feel confident that we have ALL felt an appreciation in many different ways over the past years. Thank you for that.”

Mr. Martinez, the Vice-President for Student Affairs since Fall 2014, and whose office is responsible for coordinating and delivering all student-related services at the college, says, “the most challenging part of this current position is that college administrators across the country are challenged by a never-ending barrage of state/federal rules and mandates. We have to work to ensure that our bureaucracies don’t get in the way of teaching and learning.”

Mr. Martinez, whose hometown is Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, chose to attend ENMU because it was “relatively close to home and I was lured by a gracious program called Upward Bound”. Upward Bound (UB), is a federally funded program that assists students in their pursuit of a high school diploma and prepares them to enter post-secondary education.

“I applied for the program, housed at the ENMU-Portales campus, and was initially denied acceptance”. I told my Mom I really wanted to participate in this program. She told me I needed to call Eastern and let them know how bad I want to attend. That was a tough call for a shy, high school sophomore. Dr. Jay Gurley, Director at that time, took my call seriously and, shortly thereafter, I received a letter of acceptance into the program. My Mom had a sixth-grade education and it was important to her that her kids graduate from high school and have the opportunity to go to college. Attending the Upward Bound Program was the right decision.

Mike graduated in 1976 with a B.S. degree with a major in physical education and a minor in health education, since he’d planned to be a teacher/coach. The Greyhound graduate later went on to earn his M.Ed. from ENMU in 1984.

It is interesting to see how all his previous work experience was a stepping stone to becoming the Vice President for Student Affairs. “I learned, literally from the ground up, and recognized the processes built upon each other, level by level. I was drawn to Student Services initially because I wanted to contribute to the University in an area with a potential to make such a high impact and I stayed in this career field because I loved it so much. You’ve heard the old adage, if you do what you love, you’ll never work a day in your life. This was true for me even though every day brought a new challenge.”

“What I’ve enjoyed most is being part of a support system for students earning their degrees and then being there to watch them walk across the stage and move on to successful careers of their own... especially for the first-generation students. The realization that I played, if only a small part, was life-changing for me”, said Mr. Martinez.

“It has been a genuine pleasure working with everyone associated with Eastern New Mexico University over the years. One of the many highlights, not only of my career, but my entire life, was seeing the positive changes in our staff as they came to excel – first as individuals – then as a “team”. I too believe you should train people well enough so they can leave, but treat them well enough so they don’t want to. Having served under many great mentors, I’d like to acknowledge and express my appreciation for everything they’ve done for me over the course of my 40-year career.

“I literally received my student affairs indoctrination at ENMU,” said the outgoing VP. “I was inspired by a long list of student affairs professionals and other Eastern administrators that include, but not limited to, Dr. Wayne Gares, Dr. Orlo Sundre, Dr. Chester Haughawaut, Dr. Jay Gurley, Eddy Garcia, and later by Dr. John Madden, Dr. Steve Chambers, Dr. Shawn Powell, along with many others.”

I respect and treasure the people here at Eastern, from the faculty and staff - to the students and administrators. ENMU has been very good to me. “I have a list of life-long friends at ENMU... friends I will treasure forever.”



# ENMU-Roswell to Participate in NMCAC 2020 Virtual College Fair

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NEW MEXICO  
2020  
VIRTUAL  
COLLEGE FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 14-19**

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Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell will be among the colleges and universities showcased in the New Mexico College Access Council's 2020 Virtual College Fair scheduled for the week of **September 14-19**. To attend, students can register at <https://nmcac.swoogo.com/fall2020>

### This college fair will allow students and families to:

- Uncover new college options through a robust search tool
- Experience virtual campus tours
- Watch videos and download materials helpful for the decision process
- Schedule meetings and interviews with admissions representatives

No matter where students are in the college search process, they can learn more about higher education options by attending this fair. Students who participate will also have the opportunity to win a number of giveaway items, including a \$500 scholarship provided by the ENMU-Roswell Foundation.

The fair will be “live” with opportunities for webinars and interactions with institution representatives from **September 14-19**.

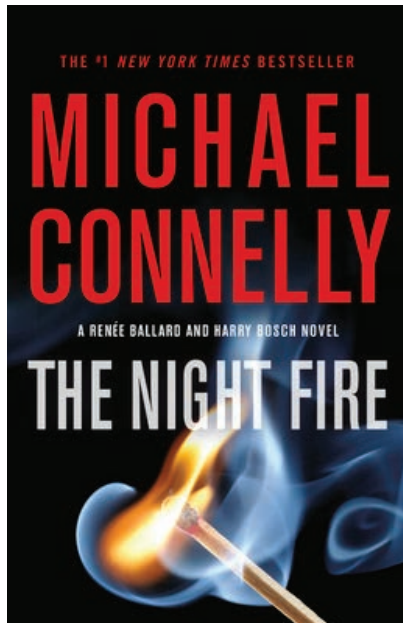
- Monday, September 14th: 9AM-3PM
- Tuesday, September 15th: 9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM
- Webinar: “Family Matters - A Journey to Student Success” 6PM-7PM\*
- Wednesday, September 16th: 9AM-3PM
- Thursday, September 17th: 9AM-3PM and 6PM-9PM
- Webinar: “Access your Financial Aid” 6PM-7PM\*
- Friday, September 18th: 9AM-3PM
- Saturday, September 19th: 10AM-4PM
- Webinar Info: “The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) - Become a Military Officer” 1PM-2PM\*

For additional information about the fair, contact Kyler Burd, ENMU-Roswell recruiter at 575-624-7405.



# Department Update

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LRC



For the past few decades, author Michael Connelly has written over thirty police suspense/procedural novels, with the majority of them featuring L.A. police detective Harry Bosch. In one of his latest, Night Fire, he pairs the now retired, almost 70 year-old Bosch with much younger detective Renee Ballard to solve what at first appears to be two completely unconnected murder cases. The book makes for a fast-paced, compelling read, as the two doggedly determined detectives work, both together and separately, on their cases, with Connelly's usual surprise ending tying things together and making the ending a very satisfying one. The LRC will be happy to have this book on its shelves, once the campus reopens in the fall.

## SECURITY UPDATE

### COVID SAFETY PART 1



The current COVID19 pandemic has led to financial difficulty for many people in our communities. As a result, property crime rates have the potential to rise. Some examples of property crimes are: Burglary, vehicle burglary, larceny, shoplifting, and robbery. Most criminal offenders will choose targets that offer a high reward with little effort and risk. The ENMU-R Safety and Security Department would like to take this opportunity to offer the following tips to help prevent becoming a victim of a crime:

#### **Vehicle/Driving Safety:**

- During the evening hours park your vehicle in well-lit areas of any parking lot when at school, shopping, or hospitals
- Always lock your doors of your vehicle
- Leave windows rolled up
- While getting fuel be very aware of your surroundings and lock your vehicle to prevent the theft of valuables or the entry for someone to hide in vehicle
- Prior to entering your vehicle always check the surrounding area and look inside it
- Do not talk on your cellular phone while walking to vehicle
- If dark outside & your vehicle has remote locks/lighting, activate both before getting inside and look carefully for occupants
- Have keys/key fob in your hand prior to arrival at your vehicle so that you are not standing in one place with your attention focused on finding them
- Lock your doors immediately after entering your vehicle
- If you discover your vehicle has a flat tire, look all around the vehicle and surrounding area from a distance if possible before getting too close to vehicle or opening the trunk
- While away from home and parked for extended periods remove any garage door opener. Thieves can break into car, obtain your address from any vehicle registration/insurance documents, steal the garage door opener, then go to your home and gain access via the garage



# Awards

## ROSWELL HISPANO CHAMBER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO ENMU-ROSWELL STUDENT



Photo left to right: Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President; Mathew Martinez, President, Roswell Hispano Chamber Board of Directors; Jasmine Torrez, scholarship recipient; Marcos Nava, Executive Director, Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce

Jasmin Torrez is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Marcos Nava, Executive Director of the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce and Mathew Martinez, Hispano Chamber Board President, met with Torrez on campus to congratulate her on the scholarship award.

Torrez, 32, with four children, is taking the prerequisite classes she needs to enroll in the Nursing Program next fall. Born in Dexter, Torrez works as a patient care technician at Lovelace Regional Hospital, but has been on furlough from that position since April. Torrez said she has always wanted to be a nurse, but became more determined after her mom became ill and she was impressed with the nursing care her mom received. "I want to do that," she said and is trying to catch up with her education. "I'm doing well now and I'm motivated to keep going."

Torrez is taking 14 credit hours of online classes this fall term and so far is enjoying it. She said it feels like she is sitting in the front row in her interactions with instructors and students.

## ENMU-ROSWELL INSTRUCTORS RECEIVE KOSA MERIT AWARDS

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation is recognizing Ron Flury and Amanda Booth as the recipients of the 2020 Kosa Awards. Flury was nominated for the award when he served as Career Education Area Director and instructor of Computer Information Technology. Flury is now Interim Assistant Vice President of Technical Education. Booth is a Phlebotomy/Medical Assisting instructor in the Health Education unit.

Flury was nominated for his flexibility to support student success and adaptation in teaching styles to meet new changes from the NM Higher Education Department. Booth was recognized for her involvement in campus activities and for her rapport with students and willingness to take class overloads.

Long before the current campus complex existed, William and Ethel Kosa contributed a gift of \$31,000 to Roswell Community College. Their generosity eventually led to the establishment of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, a source of scholarships and funds for students and faculty. The Kosa Merit Award, instituted in 1970, recognizes two instructors each year for excellence in teaching and service to the institution. Chosen by their peers, the honorees receive an engraved plaque and a stipend of \$500.



Ron Flury  
Interim Assistant Vice  
President of Technical  
Education



Amanda Booth  
Phlebotomy/Medical  
Assisting Instructor



# Recognition

## **ENMU-ROSWELL NURSING PROGRAM RANKED NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE**

The Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Associate of Science Nursing Program is ranked number one in the state according to a new 2020 list compiled by NursingProcess.org <https://www.nursingprocess.org/nursing-schools/new-mexico/>

Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President, expressed his gratitude to the Nursing program staff and faculty. “Thank you for your efforts to ensure nursing students have access to a high quality education and are able to reach their academic and professional goals,” he said. “I reviewed the methodology used in these rankings by Nursing Process and it is great to have the state’s top ranked nursing program on our campus. Your dedication to the field of nursing is greatly appreciated.” According to information on the [NursingProcess.org](https://www.nursingprocess.org) website, all nursing programs approved by the New Mexico Board of Nursing were thoroughly analyzed. “We then ranked these schools based on indicators we believe are important in defining a nursing student’s preparedness for success in personal and professional life. We have considered only state board-approved nursing schools for our rankings as these schools adhere to strict guidelines and meet high education standards. Our ranking factors look-into every dimension of a nursing school. Mainly, we have captured four broad areas, such as academic quality, NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) exam performance, affordability, and the overall reputation of a school. Among the four areas, academic quality and NCLEX-RN first time pass rates have been given the maximum weightage as both these are clear indicators of college’s academic performance.” ENMU-Roswell’s score is 98.65.

The ranking methodology also included information from accrediting body websites - [ACEN](#) and [CCNE](#). Acceptance rates, graduation rates, student to faculty ratios, and retention rates were gathered from the [National Center for Education Statistics](#). NCLEX-RN first time pass rates for each school were collected from the respective State Board of Nursing websites. College rankings, ratings, and student reviews were sourced from U.S. News, Niche, Grad Reports, and Rate My Professors.

The Nursing Program at ENMU-Roswell is a two-year course of study, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Upon completion of the program, students will earn an Associate of Science (AS) degree, and are prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) exam. For more information about the **ENMU-Roswell Nursing program**, call **575-624-7460**.





# New Staff / Staff Changes

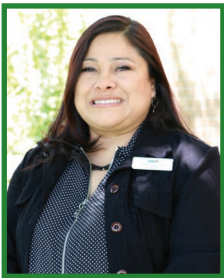
**Roberta Lopez**  
**One Stop Generalist-  
Admissions & Records**



**Dallas Pollei**  
**Instructor of  
Theatre and Humanities**



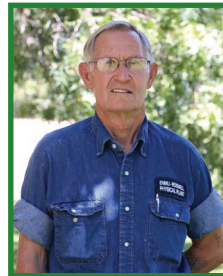
**Rebecca Cobos**  
**Director of Special  
Services Program**



**Nika Najafova**  
**Director of Advising**



**Jim Richardson**  
**Interim Physical  
Plant Director**



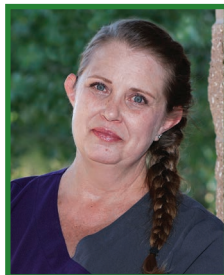
**Karen Franklin**  
**Assistant  
Vice President of  
Business Affairs**



**Todd DeKay**  
**Executive Director  
of Institutional  
Effectiveness**



**Rachel Conover**  
**Director of Nursing**



**Ron Flury**  
**Interim AVP for  
Technical Education**



**Dr. Kyle Torke**  
**English Instructor**



**Dr. T. May Stone**  
**English Instructor**



**Devin Stroman**  
**Interim VP for Student Affairs**



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You can respond  
online (<https://my2020census.gov/>), by phone  
(844-330-2020),  
or by mail.

New Mexico needs you!  
Please respond  
today!

# CARES Act 2020



ENMU Roswell is grateful to have the opportunity to deliver additional financial assistance to qualifying students during this challenging time. As part of the CARES Act, ENMU-Roswell received funds that can be used as emergency financial assistance for eligible students enrolled at our University to help address students' emergency needs due to campus operations disruption.

Students will be able to submit an online application indicating the amount of emergency assistance requested. Supporting documentation will need to be provided along with the application.

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for the funds:

- Degree-Seeking Student
- U.S. Citizen or eligible Non-citizen
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Must have H.S. diploma or equivalent
- Must be currently enrolled at ENMU-Roswell

For more information, please contact Student Services: 575-624-7012.

Link to application: <https://www.roswell.enmu.edu/cosmo-cares/>

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