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## **BACK ON CAMPUS AUGUST 5, 2021**

Registered and prospective students are invited to attend a Welcome Back event at ENMU-Roswell on Thursday, August 5. Campus tours will be available for new students from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A free BBQ will be offered from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the lawn area between the Student Services Center and the Administration Center. Advising and registration will also be available for students still interested in enrolling for the fall semester, which begins August 16. The event will also include live music and community members are welcome to attend.

## **FACULTY/STAFF IN-SERVICE**

**Friday, August 13**

Breakfast at 8:00 am - Outside PAC area

Program at 9:00 am - Inside the PAC

## **BREAKING NEWS:**

**Registration for Fall NOW Open**

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



# Scholarships & Awards

## NM SOLAR GROUP AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENMU-ROSWELL STUDENTS

NM Solar Group has awarded scholarships to three Technical Education students at ENMU-Roswell. Company representatives met with the students, instructors, and county officials on campus to make the scholarship presentation, which was coordinated by the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation.

Samy Matemb, Aviation Maintenance Technology student; Graylen East, Welding Technology student; and Frank Wyatt, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning-Refrigeration Technology (HVAC/R) student, each received a \$1000 scholarship from NM Solar Group to be used toward their educational expenses.

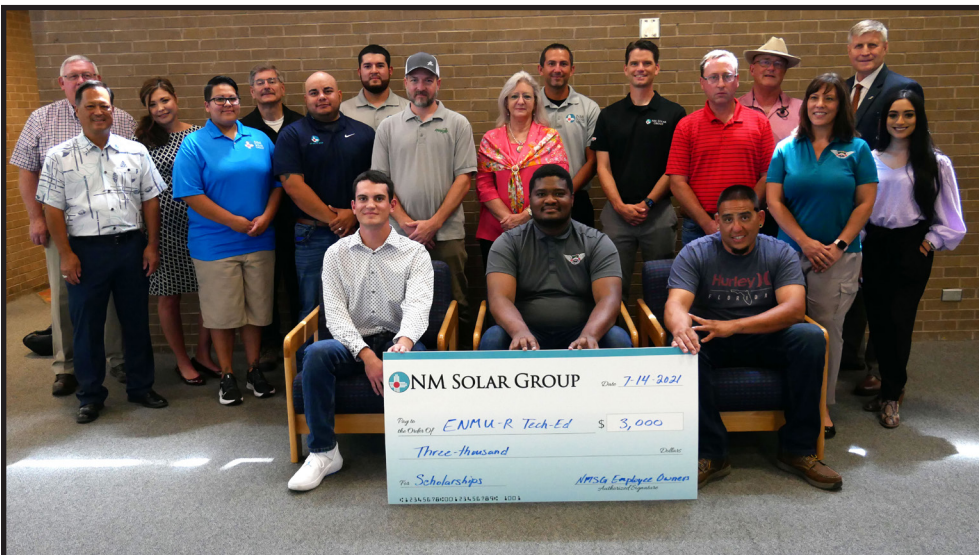
Nick Kadlec, President/CEO of NM Solar Group thanked Mike Espiritu, President of Roswell-Chaves County EDC, for championing their work in Roswell. Kadlec said education is key to providing jobs for the county and that NM Solar Group is honored to help the students on their educational journeys. Espiritu thanked Kadlec and his team for their support and for helping the students fund their pathways to successful careers.

Matemb is an international student from Cameroon who enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program in the summer of 2020. "He is a straight A student who has excelled academically", said Jenna Lanfor, Transportation Controller. To date he has completed all the General and Airframe courses and has tested with the FAA receiving his Airframe certification. He will complete his Powerplant certification later this fall. Matemb will graduate in December of this year and will begin his Occupational Practical Training at one of the Roswell Air Center facilities. He intends to continue his education pursuing a bachelor's degree through ENMU.

East and his family moved to Roswell from Portales and he chose to enroll in the Welding Technology Program at ENMU-Roswell. He will be starting his second year in the program and plans to complete the Associate of Applied Science degree. He said he chose welding because he felt it would give him the best opportunity to find a job. He enjoys the different aspects of welding and hopes to explore the world, finding a job in either pipeline welding or structural welding. East's instructor, Dusty Baker, said East has a great work ethic and will be a great employee.

Wyatt is completing his first year of the HVAC/R Program. Wyatt's instructor, Caleb Cain, said he is a very hard-working student and can complete any task he is asked to do. Cain said Wyatt is always on time for class and is a student who is willing to go the extra mile in class but also in his life in general. "He has had many obstacles standing in his way, but got through them without any hesitation," said Cain. Wyatt plans to complete the Certificate of Occupational Training and then possibly pursue the Associate of Applied Science degree. Cain said Wyatt is a top-notch student and will be a good asset for an employer.

For additional information about Technical Education programs at ENMU-Roswell, call 575-624-7336.



Sitting: left to right: Graylen East, scholarship recipient, Welding Technology; Samy Matemb, scholarship recipient, Aviation Maintenance Technology; Frank Wyatt, scholarship recipient, HVAC/R Technology  
Standing left to right: Bud Kunkel, Past Chairman, Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corp. Executive Committee; Michael Espiritu, President of Roswell-Chaves County EDC; Irma Perez, Business Development Manager, Roswell-Chaves County EDC; Jasmine Molina, NM Solar Group; Ron Flury, Interim Assistant Vice President, ENMU-Roswell Technical Education; Jose Ojeda, NM Solar Group; Uriel Villagran, NM Solar Group; Dusty Baker, Career and Technical Education and Welding Director; Annemarie Oldfield, Vice President, ENMU-Roswell Academic and Student Affairs; Ian Brumana, NM Solar Group; Nick Kadlec, President/CEO, NM Solar Group; Caleb Cain, HVAC/R Instructor; Will Cavin, Chairman, Chaves County Commission; Jenna Lanfor, ENMU-Roswell Transportation Controller; Dr. Shawn Powell, President, ENMU-Roswell; Melissa Juarez, Project Manager, Roswell-Chaves County EDC





# New Staff

## MATH CURRICULUM COORDINATOR



David Almond

## FINANCE ASSISTANT



McKayla Grajeda

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Antoinette Martinez

## HEALTH INSTRUCTOR



Cassandra Solis

## GEAR UP ADVISOR



Javier Rivera

# Security Update



The beginning of a semester can be fun, exciting, and even a bit confusing. Unfortunately, even smaller college campuses can pose threats through new experiences and the attitude of “It won’t happen to me”. Many new students are so excited about their new environment and a new-found independence that they may not see the warning signs of trouble on the horizon. A few simple tips may make all the difference when it comes to how your college experience begins or continues. Some general safety guidelines are as follows:

- Know how to contact campus Security and first responders (police, medic and fire). Campus Security can be reached by dialing 180 or 181 from a campus phone or 575-624-7180 & 575-624-7181 from a regular phone. You can also utilize the emergency phones on campus, they will dial security directly. To call 911 from a campus phone you must first dial 9 then 911, but don’t forget to call campus security immediately after. We can respond faster and help stabilize the situation.
- Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus, stick to well-lit paths at night and travel with others. Another option if you just aren’t feeling all that safe, call campus security for an escort to your class, dorm, or car. You might just see us out and about.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times! If you are walking through a parking lot, watch for moving vehicles or individuals looking for an opportunity to take advantage others. Keep your keys in hand and ready to use as soon as you arrive at your car or room.
- Only cross the street only at intersections; don’t jaywalk. Use marked crosswalks where available. Never cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Just because you have the right-of-way doesn’t mean you’ll get it. Don’t assume a vehicle will stop, even at a stop sign.
- Turn down your music! With so many great audio tracks now, wearing earbuds/ear phones or is a common sight. Eliminate distractions by lowering the volume level and increase your awareness in. This will allow you a better chance of avoiding a potentially dangerous situation.
- Keep a record of serial numbers of electronic devices and pictures with accurate descriptions of valuable items.
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR DOORS!** Whether it is the door to your house or car, make sure it is locked.
- And don’t forget the new normal of face masks and sanitizing supplies. Do your best to stop the spread of COVID-19 and practice social and hygiene etiquette.

For the above tips and more visit, <http://simplisafe.com/blog/campus-safety-tips> or you can also come by the Safety/Security office to visit with us! We are located between the IC and the ITC building, can’t wait to meet you!



# Awards & Recognition

## CONOVER AND TORKE RECEIVE KOSA MERIT AWARDS



Rachel Conover

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation is recognizing Rachel Conover and Dr. Kyle Torke as the recipients of the 2021 Kosa Merit Award. Conover is the Director of the Nursing Program. Torke is the Director for Humanities.

Conover has been a nursing instructor for the ENMU-Roswell Nursing Program since January of 2016 and the Director of Nursing Education since July of 2020. She graduated from Angelo State University with an Associate degree in Nursing in 2001 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 2002. She graduated from Angelo State University with a Master of Science in Nursing - Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist in 2012. As a nursing educator, she feels that there are now thousands of lives that rely on her ability to effectively educate those who are entering into the nursing profession.

Torke began teaching at the Roswell campus in July of 2020. He has a Master of Arts degree and a PhD from the University of Denver and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grinnell College. Torke has been a collegiate faculty member and educational leader at many institutions teaching writing, literature, and communications. He has published in every major genre. A collection of nonfiction essays and a children's book are his most recent. Currently, he said he is grateful to serve as English faculty and Area Director for Humanities at ENMU-Roswell.



Kyle Torke

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, rapport with students, professional achievements, and service to the institution. Chosen by their peers, the honorees receive an engraved plaque and a stipend of \$500.



# Awards & Recognition

## ENMU-ROSWELL AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE ENJOYING DREAM JOB AT VIRGIN GALACTIC



Victor Lopez

ENMU-Roswell Aviation Maintenance Technology graduate, Victor Lopez, 26, took his credentials and boosted his career to new heights on Earth and beyond. After completing the AMT program in the spring of 2019, he began working with SkyWest Airlines in Tucson, Arizona and also applied for a position with Virgin Galactic. In January of 2020, he was hired at Virgin and now works as a Space Wrench, his official title, and it's a job he feels "super lucky" to have.

Lopez said after researching various Airframe and Powerplant (A and P) programs, he chose ENMU-Roswell because of its fast-track completion timeframe, which was then 14.5 months. He already had a background in automotive mechanics after completing a tech program in Arizona, but knew he wanted to "step it up a bit" and pursue a career in aviation. Lopez said the training he received and the dedication of the instructors at ENMU-Roswell really prepared him for his career. "When you go to school, you only get out of it what you put into it. I wouldn't go anywhere else if I had to redo it honestly. I wouldn't do it any other way," he said.

Unlike other A and P positions which involve more repetitive troubleshooting on aircraft, Lopez said his A and P mechanic duties at Virgin are unique and every day is different. He lives in Deming, his hometown, and commutes one and a half hours each day to work the night shift at Spaceport America, Virgin Galactic's human spaceflight headquarters and center of flight operations. As the floor lead on his shift, Lopez and his crew prepare the spaceship for flight, loading fuel, and moving it to the runway. He was involved in the first power launch out of New Mexico, but the successful flight

to suborbital space of SpaceShip Two VSS Unity on July 11 was surreal for him and a true "pinch me moment." He said the last 24 hours leading up to the launch were critical. "You spend a lot of time and a lot of effort just to get it launched. It's pretty sweet." He said everyone he works with is wonderful and feels he really has opportunities for advancement. He sees a great future and plans to stay with Virgin. "We are still at the beginning stages, so we're not like an airline yet. There is still a lot of structure that needs to happen with everyone's input."

Lopez said the Virgin team was happy to complete their first fully crewed spaceflight. They are supportive of the accomplishments of Blue Origin as well, because he said each company has different experiences to offer and both are opening up new opportunities in the space tourism industry. "Their rocket is pretty cool too."

If given the opportunity, Lopez would absolutely take the trip to space, but for now looks forward to the new challenges to come at Virgin and his wedding here on planet Earth in October. For information about the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program at ENMU-Roswell online go to [www.roswell.enmu.edu/amt](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/amt), send a message to [aviation@roswell.enmu.edu](mailto:aviation@roswell.enmu.edu) or call 1-888-AV8-ENMU.



# Campus Graduations

## ENMU-ROSWELL CONGRATULATES AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES



Top row (l-r): Franz Clemmer, Joseph Ponce Molinar, Mathew West, Uriel Gelbart, Jonathan Young  
Bottom row (l-r): Zachary Frausto, Brayden Rook, Calvin Williams

Congratulations to this dedicated group of Aviation Maintenance Technology students (Fall 2019 Cohort) who completed graduation requirements, persisting through a complicated period of COVID interruptions, changes, and delays. The students are now eligible to test with the FAA.

The AMT program is now enrolling for the upcoming fall semester. Call 575-624-7022.

For information about the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program at ENMU-Roswell online go to [www.roswell.enmu.edu/amt](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu/amt), send a message to [aviation@roswell.enmu.edu](mailto:aviation@roswell.enmu.edu) or call 1-888-AV8-ENMU.

## SPECIAL SERVICES GRADUATION

The ENMU-Roswell Special Services Certificate of Training Program for students with disabilities held its Thirty-Fifth Annual Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, July 22 on campus. The ceremony recognized 22 graduates of the program. Students received certificates in a variety of program areas: Animal Health Care, Food Services, Independent Living, Office Skills, and Stocking and Merchandising. The commencement speaker was Dennis Kintigh, Mayor of Roswell. Two graduates, Felicia Avila and Ana Daly, were featured speakers during the ceremony.





**COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**


**NMDOH**  
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Mark your calendars:**

**Free COVID-19 Vaccinations  
will be available in the ENMU-R  
Health Science Center (HSC)  
75 University Blvd.**

**AUG. 05**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
HSC 162 (Initial Pfizer)**

**AUG. 25 & 26**

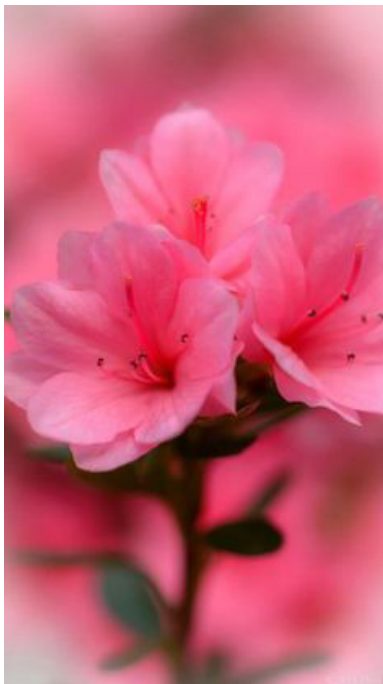
**10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
HSC 228 (Booster Pfizer)**

**SEPT. 15 & 16**

**10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
HSC 228 (Booster Pfizer)**

Go to the NM DOH  
Vaccination Registration  
Portal [www.vaccinenm.org](http://www.vaccinenm.org)

**CORONAVIRUS  
VACCINATION**



To our ENMU-Roswell family  
who have lost loved ones  
during the last year.  
Wishing you the strength  
to face the days ahead and  
wonderful memories  
to cherish forever.

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