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## Powell Selected as ENMU-Roswell President

Shawn Powell, Ph.D, vice president of academic affairs at Casper College in Casper, WY, has been named the new president of Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. "I am delighted that Dr. Shawn Powell has accepted our offer to become the next President at ENMU-Roswell," said ENMU Chancellor Jeff Elwell. "He was the top choice of several of the search committee and Community College Board members and had strong support from the faculty and staff. I look forward to working with Shawn to make Roswell the best branch campus in New Mexico."

"I am eager to be at ENMU-Roswell and appreciate this opportunity to work with the college's students, faculty, staff, and administrators," said Powell. "Lisa and I are looking forward to joining the Roswell community."

"I want to extend a sincere appreciation to the ENMU-R community—from the dedicated search committee to the participation by the employees and the support of the community at large," said Mireya Trujillo, search committee chair and secretary of the ENMU-Roswell Branch Community College Board. "Your involvement and input was instrumental in helping select Dr. Powell as our new president. I am confident that he will work collaboratively with our faculty, staff, and employees to lead our community college, as an important part of the ENMU System."

"I look forward to working with our community college board and Shawn Powell as we move ENMU-R forward," said Cla Avery, member, ENMU-Roswell Branch Community College Board. "His knowledge of aviation related education and alternative programs like the Youth ChalleNGe program bode well for our



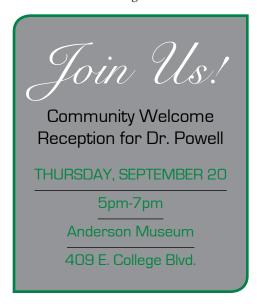
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population. His academic background is solid and I trust he will more closely integrate our campus with our community."

"It was a pleasure serving on the search committee as a representative from the main campus," said Benito Gonzales, ENMU system director of Human Resources. "We had a great pool and each of the finalists brought great strengths to the table making for a tough decision. Dr. Powell exhibited very strong and diverse leadership experience which will serve ENMU-R and the Roswell community well."

Powell holds a doctorate in psychology and a master's degree in administrative leadership. He retired from the United States Air Force and Air National Guard after 30 years of service. His military service included a tour at the United States Air Force Academy as an associate professor of behavioral sciences and leadership and director of the cadet counseling center. He is a co-chair for Complete College Wyoming. He is a licensed psychologist and is board certified in school psychology. Powell was the founding director of the Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and worked as a school psychologist in Wyoming public schools for 12 years. He is the president of the American Board of School Psychology and past president of the Wyoming Psychological Association. Powell and his wife, Lisa, enjoy outdoor activities and their dogs and cats.



## Bond Issue to Benefit Auto and Welding Programs

This November, voters in Chaves County will be asked to invest in the state's public colleges, universities and specialty schools. General Obligation Bond D (referred to as GO Bond D) is asking voters to approve more than \$128 million for needed renovations, upgrades and improvements. If approved by voters statewide, GO Bond D will not increase property taxes.

In Chaves County, approval of Bond D will mean an allocation of \$3 million for ENMU-Roswell, which will fund needed renovations to the Automotive and Welding Technology facility on campus. Also, passage of Bond D is estimated to create approximately 112 jobs in construction, architecture and related fields, adding to our community's economic development and gross receipts tax revenue.

For many of New Mexico's colleges and universities, including ENMU-Roswell, GO Bond D is the only source of funding that allows us to re-invest and modernize facilities we already have, improve safety and technology, and boost degree and certificate programs that give our students the knowledge and



Bond funds will be used for needed renovations to create a state-of-the-art Automotive and Welding Technology facility on the south end of campus.

skills they need to pursue high-paying, in-demand careers.

These voter-approved funds are crucial to ensuring our schools remain competitive and are able to attract the best and brightest students and faculty, as well as provide a quality education and a safe learning environment. GO Bond D will not only invest more than \$128 million into our state's colleges, universities and specialty schools, but will do this without increasing the burden on

New Mexico's taxpayers.

Absentee voting will be open from October 9-19. Early voting will be open from October 20-November 3. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, with polls open for in-person voting from 7 am - 7 pm.

For more information about General Obligation Bond D, including a detailed list of projects and schools throughout New Mexico, visit www.nmbondd.com

# Special Services Program Celebrates Graduation

The ENMU-Roswell Special Services Certificate of Training Program for students with disabilities held its Thirty-Second Annual Graduation Ceremony on July 26 in the Performing Arts Center. The ceremony recognized 42 graduates of the program. Students received certificates in a variety of program areas: Food Services, Child Care Attendant, Office Skills, Animal Health Care, and Stocking

and Merchandising. The commencement speaker was Senator Timothy Z. Jennings. Two graduates, Dezirae Moore and Lisa Lombardi, and the mother of a graduate, Laura Thielke, also spoke during the ceremony.

The Special Services Program is unique in that it offers students with disabilities vocational and life skills training, which includes living in residence halls on campus. Students have the opportunity to experience college life in an all-inclusive environment in which they can be successful. The program is based around three semesters of training. Students must master 70-percent of the required competencies in their vocational field and obtain a minimum of 2.0 GPA to earn a Certificate of Occupational Training.



Students and faculty posed for photos prior to the start of the ceremony.



Speaker, Senator Timothy Jennings, congratulated each of the graduates. Jennings told the Class of 2018 that they can move mountains and he encouraged them to tell others about ENMU-Roswell.

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### Jim Waldrip and Roswell Daily Record To Be Honored

Jim Waldrip and the Roswell Daily Record will be honored at the ENMU-Roswell Foundation's Seventeenth Annual Foundation for the Future Banquet on Tuesday, September 25. The



event will be held at The Hi-Q Venue, 208 N. Virginia Ave., from 11:30 am to 1 pm Waldrip, Foundation Board member and former ENMU-Roswell Astronomy instructor, will receive the President's Distinguished Service Award. The Roswell Daily Record will be recognized with the Diamond Service Award for its ongoing support and coverage of ENMU-Roswell and the Foundation.

The cost of the banquet is \$60 per person, \$450 for a table of 8, and \$1,000 for a Corporate Sponsorship. The proceeds raised from the event will be directed to the Foundation's General Excellence Fund. RSVP by September 21 to Craig Collins, Foundation Coordinator at [575] 624-7304 or at craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu

## Foundation Enjoys Successful Golf Tournament

Close to 100 golfers participated in the Fifteenth Annual ENMU-Roswell Foundation Golf Tournament held April 15 at the NMMI Golf Course. Each year, the event raises money to support the work of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, which provides numerous student scholarships and other funding for campus programs and activities. Tournament proceeds from 24 teams and sponsorships totaled approximately \$18,800. The top three teams received cash prizes and players also received prizes donated from local businesses.

Event Sponsors were Bobcat Production and Xcel Energy. Corporate sponsors were McClellan Oil, Bank of the Southwest, Hinkle Oil and Gas, Roswell Livestock and Farm Supply. First American Bank, Patton Construction, New Mexico Gas Company, LaNelle Witt, Pioneer Bank, Armstrong Energy, and Steve and Carol Henderson.

"On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support our annual golf tournaments," said Steve Henderson, Foundation President. "We appreciate the professionalism and support of the NMMI golf course staff, and we are grateful for the golfers and those individuals and local businesses who work with us every year to put on a successful event."



Golfers enjoyed a sunny spring day at the NMMI Golf Course.



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# Inmates Earn Diplomas Through Online Program

NMU-Roswell recently recognized two inmates at the Roswell Correctional Center in Hagerman who completed graduation requirements through an online credit program. The program is offered through a contract with the Department of Corrections and the Center for Workforce and Community Development (CWCD) at ENMU-Roswell.

Blaine Olivas and Brandon Weideman completed all of the requirements for an Associate of Arts degree in University Studies with an emphasis in Business. Several ENMU-Roswell administrators presented Olivas and Weideman with their diplomas at a ceremony on August 6. A reception was held following the ceremony.

"These men were so excited," said Vickie Thomas, director, CWCD. "They just could not believe that we took the time to come and give them their diplomas. They both said that this degree will change their life and that they won't



(standing left to right) Chad Smith, Assistant Vice President of Technical Education and Dr. Ken Maguire, Vice President of Academic Affairs, speak to Weideman and Olivas during the graduation ceremony in Hagerman.

be back at RCC. They also said they would like to get further education – possibly a bachelor's degree."

"Participating in the ceremony was a reality check, a confirmation really, that what we do for our students in general, and for the Department of Corrections specifically, does indeed improve lives," said Chad Smith Assistant Vice President of Technical Education. "This little ceremony was something I'll never forget."

Both Weideman and Olivas are scheduled to be released soon.



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