

ENMU-Roswell Celebrates Fall Commencement

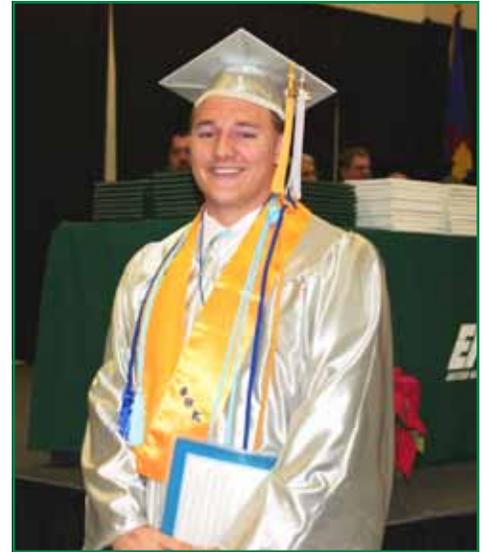
More than 180 candidates for graduation participated in Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell's Fifty-Sixth Commencement Convocation December 8 at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center, making it the largest fall ceremony in the college's history. In total, 367 students completed graduation requirements for the fall semester. Members of the ENMU Board of Regents, the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board, and Dr. Steven Gamble, ENMU president, attended the ceremony. Several local area bachelor's and master's degree candidates from ENMU in Portales also participated, in addition to a group of New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy cadets who received Certificates of Employability. Youth Challenge Academy cadets also served as the Color Guard. The Tom Blake Trio performed the National Anthem. The commencement speaker was Dylan Sant, a Presidential Scholar who received an Associate of Arts degree in University Studies.

Sant is a 2011 graduate of Hagerman High School. He enrolled as an ENMU-Roswell Presidential Scholar this past fall semester with a huge head start on his college education. Through dual

credit classes taken while he was in high school, Sant earned 44 college credits from ENMU-Roswell. He began taking dual credit classes as a freshman and continued through his senior year, even taking classes during the summer. He has been named to the Dean's List and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Sant plans to pursue a career in the field of mathematics.

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In his address, Sant described a freak accident with a clothes hanger in February of 2010 that severed the optical nerve in his left eye. Although he lost sight in that eye and he has had to learn to cope with limited vision, he called the incident "both a learning experience and new opportunity to view life from a different angle." Sant quoted the book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss and urged graduates to find their path of passion in life. "You can't let others tell you what way you will go, if it goes against



Speaker, Dylan Sant, told fellow graduates to live life to the fullest, because it is the things you *don't* do that you will regret.

your will and desires to accomplish your goals. Don't try to live someone else's life and by that I mean don't try to be someone you are not. It is the person inside of you who makes you – YOU! You have got to follow your heart and intuition because it's those two things that will determine the path in which you will achieve happiness and success."



A large crowd of family and friends filled the Civic Center to capacity.



Excited graduates were ready for the ceremony to begin.



Cheryl Vineyard, Medical Assisting director, received her Master of Education from ENMU.

Phi Theta Kappa Holds Induction Ceremony

A group of honors students at ENMU-Roswell were recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Mu Pi Chapter. New chapter officers were also elected following the induction ceremony. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is one of the oldest and most prestigious honor societies around the world. The society benefits its members in numerous ways, including scholarships for advancing future educational pursuits, honor recognition upon graduation, and letters of recommendation for career opportunities.

In order to qualify for PTK membership, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher. In the new year, the newly elected PTK officers and members plan to encourage increased student participation in community service projects and Campus activities through a visibly strong and united chapter.

For more information about PTK, contact Mike Jimenez at 575-624-7157.



Newly elected PTK officers (left to right): Selene Avila, Secretary; Rafael Alvarez, Vice President; Michael Lawing, President; Seth Rosson, Treasurer



The Alpha Mu Pi Chapter is an enthusiastic group of scholars.



PTK advisor, Mike Jimenez (left), presents symbolic white roses to inductees during the ceremony.

ENMU-Roswell Partners with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM) has awarded the ENMU-Roswell Division of Health a grant for the "Move With Blue" program in support of BCBSNM's Healthy Kids, Healthy Families initiative. This three-year initiative is designed to improve the health and wellness of New Mexico's children through community investments that encourage health education, promote physical activity, prevent and manage disease, and support safe environments for children. ENMU-Roswell allied health students will volunteer at local elementary schools during the year working with the students and staff. The program includes two weekly after-school sessions for selected elementary schools in Roswell and involves monthly "Celebration Saturdays" to promote parental involvement in healthy nutrition and activities. The BCBSNM Care Van will be available at some school sessions during the year to support screening



A "Move With Blue" assembly was held last September at Pecos Elementary. Blue Bear was the special guest who danced with students and staff.

activities for students and parents. For information, contact Jane Batson, ENMU-

Roswell Dean of Health, at 575-624-7233.

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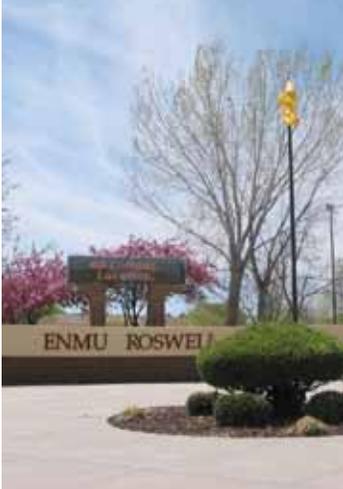
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ENMU-Roswell Raises Funds for Foundation

Dr. John Madden, ENMU-Roswell president, (pictured with Craig Collins, Foundation Coordinator) recently presented a check for \$15,880 to ENMU-Roswell Foundation treasurer, Jon Hitchcock. The money was raised from the Ninth Annual ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament held October 1 at Spring River Golf Course. The proceeds will go to the Foundation's General Excellence Fund. Collins noted that the amount raised was the most in the tournament's history thus far. Hitchcock accepted the check on behalf of the Foundation, saying what a wonderful gift it is to be able to support the education and training of students at ENMU-Roswell.



Foundation Expresses Gratitude

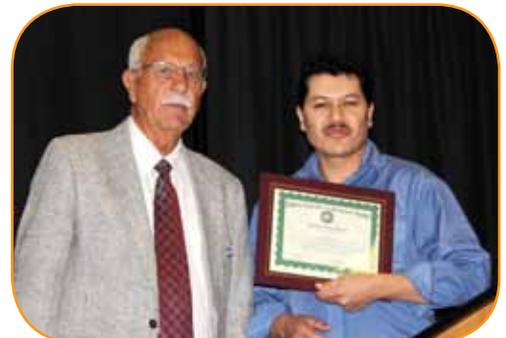
The ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors and the staff at ENMU-Roswell would like to say "Thank You" to those in our community and beyond who supported the work of the Foundation in 2011. More than \$143,000 in donations were received to support the Presidential Scholarship Program, the General Excellence Fund, the Dental Program, the Special Services Program, College Access Program Scholarships (CAPS), various named scholarships, and one special donation from our friend, Larry Harris, to help fund the Theatre Department's spring production of "Beauty and the Beast." The lavish production is set for April 20-22 and April 27-29 in the Performing Arts Center.

ENMU-Roswell also expresses sincere gratitude to Bob Cates, who resigned from his position as board president in November to focus on family health matters. Cates has been a Foundation board member since 1985 and has served as president since 2002. Fortunately, Cates will remain on the Board of Directors. A new Foundation president to serve for the remainder of Cates's term will be announced soon. A new group of scholarship recipients will be selected in February and the annual Foundation For the Future Banquet is tentatively set for May 1.

Again, our appreciation to all who have supported the ENMU-Roswell Foundation in 2011 and we look forward to an even brighter and more successful 2012!



Bob Cates has always been available for campus events. He presented a 2011 Kosa Merit Award to Darlene Klassen, mathematics instructor, during the fall employee inservice meeting.



Bob Cates has provided leadership at board meetings and presided over many annual banquets, as he did this past April.



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Spring Kick-Off Concert Features Curtis Grimes

Rising country singer, Curtis Grimes, will headline ENMU-Roswell's spring kick-off concert on Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public. Grimes's CD, "Doin My Time" recently went into the Top 15 of the Texas Music Chart. His latest release, "Irresponsible," will be hitting the airwaves soon. Grimes has performed with artists such as Jack Ingram, Justin Moore, Eli Young Band, LeAnn Rimes, Josh Abbott, and Kevin Fowler to name a few.

In 2011, Grimes was asked to audition for the NBC Television show "The Voice." He was then invited to Los Angeles to participate on the show and made it to the quarterfinals. The show, which was watched by over 15 million viewers during each episode, has opened even more doors for Grimes and he plans on taking advantage of every one of them. Read more about Curtis Grimes and listen to some of his music at www.curtisgrimes.com



Students Coordinate Service Projects

In late November, students in Maureen Olguin's Communications class collected clothing, bedding, and personal care items for the homeless in Roswell. The activity was one of several community service projects undertaken by students this past semester. Students also conducted a food drive for Lend-A-Hand, Inc.



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