

## New Educational Center Under Construction

A new Educational Center is now under construction on the ENMU-Roswell Campus, just south of the Campus Union Building on University Blvd. The \$4.8 million center is funded by a statewide general obligation bond approved by voters and existing local general obligation bond proceeds. The project is expected to be completed by mid-October.

The 11,514 square foot building will centralize student services functions,

providing an improved and modernized location for those departments providing direct services to students. Those areas include admissions and records, financial aid, advising, and new student relations.

Because the building site encompasses part of parking lot B in front of the Student Services Center, University officials want to remind students and visitors to be alert for construction crews and equipment and to be prepared for changes in public parking areas.



This is the architect's drawing of what the new center will look like when construction is completed.

## Campus to Host Scholarship Pageant

The 2012 Miss Roswell/Miss Chaves County Scholarship Pageant will include a new title: Miss ENMU-Roswell. The Campus has partnered with Keep Roswell Beautiful and the City of Roswell to provide another opportunity for candidates to win a title and represent Roswell as leaders in environmental and educational stewardship in 2012. The pageant will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the ENMU-Roswell Performing Arts Center. The Masters of Ceremonies will be Dallas and Crystal Pollei, instructors at ENMU-Roswell. A panel of local judges will determine the three title holders, who will be eligible to compete for Miss New Mexico in June 2012, with the opportunity to earn thousands of dollars in prizes and additional scholarships.

In order to compete for the Miss ENMU-Roswell title, candidates must be a New Mexico resident and either a current part-time student (enrolled in at least 6 credit hours) or a full-time student (enrolled in 12 credit hours or more) at ENMU-Roswell with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Entrants must be 17 years of age and no older than 24 years of age as of December 31, 2011. The candidate selected as Miss ENMU-Roswell

will receive a \$250 scholarship from the ENMU-Roswell Foundation after completing at least 18 hours of educational community outreach. Miss ENMU-Roswell will represent ENMU-Roswell during 2012 at all Campus and community activities and events, promoting the importance of a college education and specifically the benefits of attending ENMU-Roswell.

Registration forms are available online on the ENMU-Roswell web site ([www.roswell.enmu.edu](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu)) and in the College Development Office in the Administration Suite of the Occupational Technology Center. Registration forms must be submitted by February 17 in order to participate in the pageant. Tickets for the pageant are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and military personnel, and \$1 for ENMU-Roswell students and staff with I.D., City of Roswell personnel, and Keep Roswell Beautiful members. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center, Roswell Chamber of Commerce, and ENMU-Roswell College Development Office. For more information, contact the Keep Roswell Beautiful Office at (575) 637-6224.



Miss Chaves County 2011, Tracey Young (left) and Miss Roswell 2011, DeAnna Jerge attended the Sci Fi Film Festival, presented by ENMU-Roswell, in July of last year. Jerge is also a Presidential Scholar at ENMU-Roswell with a 4.0 GPA.

# ENMU-Roswell Students Selected to All-State Academic Team

Two ENMU-Roswell students have been named to the 2012 New Mexico All-State Academic Team sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges (NMACC) and the New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC) in recognition of their top academic achievements. Nicolle Gibson and Jesus Vega III are among a group of 31 outstanding New Mexico community college students honored February 1 during All-State Academic Team Recognition Day at the State Capitol in Santa Fe. Dr. Jose Garcia, Secretary of Higher Education, proclaimed February 1 as Community College Day in the legislature. The program for the day included recognition of team members in the House and Senate Education Committees and House of Representatives and State Senate floors, and a formal awards ceremony.

Gibson is studying secondary education and mathematics and currently maintains a 4.0 GPA. She plans to transfer to ENMU in Portales in the fall. Her goal is to be a high school teacher. Gibson describes herself as a non-traditional student, returning to college after 17 years absence. While she was a little intimidated at first, Gibson said she soon



(left to right) PTK advisor, Mike Jimenez, Jesus Vega III, ENMU-Roswell President, Dr. John Madden, and Nicolle Gibson attended the All-State Team ceremony in Santa Fe.

realized ENMU-Roswell has a “nice and comfortable blend” of students of all ages. She is taking 18 credit hours and works a full-time job. She said the All-State Team scholarship will help her to manage financially when she starts taking classes at ENMU. “I am really honored to receive it. Without the scholarship to help, I didn’t know if I could complete my degree in the timeframe I want to finish. This is quite a blessing.”

Vega graduated with honors in December of 2011 with two Certificates of Employability in Engineering and Design Technology, one with an emphasis in surveying and another with an emphasis in architecture. He also received a

Certificate of Occupational Training and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Engineering and Design Technology. He graduated with 3.51 GPA and plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering at NMSU in the fall. He is currently working three jobs to save enough money to attend NMSU, but said the scholarship he will receive as a member of the All-State Academic Team is “awesome.” “I have been studying engineering for many years now and I need my bachelor’s degree. I am blessed,” he said.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, annually conducts a national community college student achievement competition: the All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges. New Mexico’s community colleges have actively participated in this program for many years and annually recognize the students who have been nominated by their institutions as members of the New Mexico All-State Academic Team. These students are recognized for outstanding achievement with certificates, medallions, and academic scholarships offered by New Mexico public universities.

## Nursing Program Boasts Graduate Success

The ENMU-Roswell Associate of Science degree in Nursing Program is continuing its tradition of graduate success. Susan Golden, director of the Nursing Program, reports that all of the qualified graduates from December of 2011 have passed the National Council Licensure Examination or NCLEX. For



Nursing students often assist with community health outreach projects, such as this one at Sunset Elementary, as part of their training.

the past four years, the pass rate on the NCLEX has been 100-percent.

The Nursing Program at ENMU-Roswell started in 1958 as one of the primary programs on Campus. The two-year associate’s degree program prepares graduates to complete the national examination to become registered nurses. Since its inception, the program has educated and graduated over 700 students who have completed national board exams to become registered nurses. At least 70-percent of all registered nurses working in Chaves County are graduates of the program. With nursing shortages reported in New Mexico and across the nation, the program is providing well-trained nursing graduates to meet those shortages in hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies in the region. For more information about the nursing program, contact Susan Golden at (575) 624-7234.

## Graduates Earn Credentials

ENMU-Roswell December 2011 Respiratory Therapy graduates recently passed their Registered Respiratory Therapy (RRT) board exams. Graduates of accredited Respiratory Therapy programs must pass a total of three board exams to attain this credential to become Registered Respiratory Therapists. All five December graduates passed all three board exams giving the program a 100-percent pass rate. ENMU-Roswell offers an Associate of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy, enabling graduates to sit for their RRT exams. For more information on the Respiratory Therapy Program, call (575) 624-7268.



Respiratory Therapy students enjoy showing their classroom equipment to visitors and potential new students.

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## Foundation Announces New Interim President

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of its new interim president, Betty Patton. Patton replaces Bob Cates, who recently resigned from the position to focus on family health matters. She will serve the remainder of Cates's term through April. Patton began serving on the Foundation Board in 2011, but she is not new to ENMU-Roswell. She joined the faculty in 1990 and taught reading at the Campus for 15 years. In 2005, she was named dean of the Business and Science Division. Patton officially retired from ENMU-Roswell in 2009. She has a bachelor's degree in Education from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in Education from ENMU.

"I am excited and honored to have been asked to fill Bob Cates's position as president of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors. His years of service and dedication to the Foundation were phenomenal. It will be a big job to fill these shoes."



For the past several years, Betty Patton has volunteered to work the annual golf tournament.

## ENMU-Roswell Presidential/Cougar Scholarships Accepting Applications

Top performing high school graduates in Chaves County and Artesia are invited to apply for the 2012 Presidential Scholarship and 2012 Cougar Academic Scholarship now available at ENMU-Roswell. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is May 1. To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, the student must be ranked in the top 10-percent of his/her high school graduating class with a minimum 3.5 GPA. The scholarship will pay up to \$37,804 covering tuition, fees, books, cougar meal card, student employment, Phi Theta Kappa dues, and graduation expenses. A laptop computer is also provided to the student, which they can keep upon completion of associate degree requirements.

To qualify for the Cougar Academic Scholarship, the student must be a Chaves County or Artesia High School graduate with a minimum 3.25 high school GPA and a minimum ACT score of 22. The \$2,506 scholarship covers tuition, fees, books and supplies per year.

The scholarship application is posted on the Campus web site, [www.roswell.enmu.edu](http://www.roswell.enmu.edu) in the Financial Aid section. For information about the Presidential Scholarship, contact Angie Bersane, academic advisor, at (575) 624-7401. For information about the Cougar Academic Scholarship, contact Laura De La Hoya, financial aid specialist, at (575) 624-7114.



Sara Humaran is a 2011 Roswell High School graduate in her second semester as a Presidential Scholar with a 4.0 GPA. She said she appreciates the scholarship, especially the laptop computer. She is pursuing a degree in Medical Assisting.



Presidential Scholar and 2011 Roswell High School graduate, Vanessa Gutierrez is studying Criminal Justice. She said ENMU-Roswell classes are challenging, but fun. She is taking 16 credit hours this spring semester, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She said the scholarship is the main reason she chose ENMU-Roswell.



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## Building Demolished on South Side of Campus

Building 748 south of the Child Development Center was demolished in January by a crew with Coronado Wrecking and Salvage Co. The old Air Force building had been vacant for many years and mainly used for storage by the University.

## ENMU-Roswell Offers Free Tax Preparation

ENMU-Roswell accounting students will once again be providing free tax preparation assistance to low income and elderly individuals this year. All preparers are IRS certified for 2011 income taxes. The TaxHelp New Mexico site at ENMU-Roswell will be open Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. February 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 27; and April 3 and 10. The location is room 112B of the Instructional Center on Campus. No appointments are necessary.



Students are preparing both federal and New Mexico tax returns for those with a total family income of less than \$50,000 or who are over the age of 65 with a simple tax return. Taxpayers must bring original social security cards for themselves, spouses, and all dependents; picture ID's for all those listed on the return; W-2's from all employers; and all other tax documents. Taxpayers should also bring prior year's tax return if the taxpayer itemized in 2010. If married, both spouses must be present. For more information, contact Carol Dutchover, Accounting instructor, at (575) 347-8466.



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