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and Community Volunteers



The Community University

Special Services 34th Annual Graduation Ceremony



Thursday, July 23, 2020
2:00 p.m.

Biographies

Elaine Davies Mayfield: A long-time Roswell resident, Elaine worked for over 42 years in the field of zoo management, with the last 32 years as the Director of the Spring River Zoo in Roswell. Having supervised all aspects of operating a municipal zoo, she retired in December of 2016.

Elaine has been extensively involved in the Roswell community and even more so since her retirement. Her major organizational involvements include:

Elaine was a member of the Leadership Roswell Class of 1996. For the Leadership Alumni Association, she served four terms on the Board of Directors, and two terms as President. In 2019 Elaine was honored with the Leadership Roswell Alumni Award for her service to the organization.

Elaine has served 4 terms as Board Member of the Historical Society, holding the offices of Secretary, Vice President, and two terms as President.

She has also served as Board Member for 36 years and President numerous times for the Rio Pecos Kennel Club, and has served as its AKC Show Chairperson for over 30 years.

A UFO Festival Executive Board Member from 2007 until 2011, she then transitioned to the Coordinator of the Roswell Sci-Fi Film Festival & Galacticon.

While Director of Spring River zoo, Elaine championed placement of the ENMU-R Special Services Practicum Site at the Zoo. This site has Animal Healthcare students working side by side with professional Zookeepers. Since 2005 this has enabled well over 100 Animal Healthcare students to gain experience about exotic animal husbandry.

*"When I started at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell,
I never expected how much good one place could bring
into my life."*

Hannah Gallegos
Office Skills, Class of 2020

*"When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry,
show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh."*

Juana Fox
Office Skills, Class of 2020

Dr. Shawn Powell: Currently serves as President of Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. He holds a doctorate in psychology and a Master's degree in administrative leadership. Shawn retired after 30 years in the Air Force and Air National Guard. 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 licensed psychologist and is board-certified in school psychology.

Annemarie Oldfield: Currently serves as Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. She holds a Master's degree in English and has done graduate work in pedagogy and administrative studies. Before serving in her current position, Ms. Oldfield was the Assistant Vice President of Arts and Sciences Education. She holds a Level IIIA teaching license in NM and taught for over twenty-five years.

Rebecca L. Cobos: Currently the Director for the Special Services Program. She is retired from the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard. She has served the Roswell area and the state of New Mexico as an advocate for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Cobos has completed her associate's degree at ENMU-Roswell, her Bachelor of Social Work from Eastern New Mexico University and her Master of Social Work from New Mexico Highlands University.

*"My teachers are wonderful people who love helping their students realize their
full potential to become the best that they can be..."*

Jacob C. McElhaney
Stocking and Merchandising

*"My teachers were very kind and did their best to give me the education and
training that I deserved, even when COVID-19 showed up and things had to move
to online classes."*

Tyler Johnson
Office Skills Graduate

*"Some of the activities I liked to do when I was at ENMU-R was going into town
with friends to the movies, eating at some of the local restaurants and going to
the mall. One of my favorite activities was karaoke night."*

Nadine Smith
Animal Healthcare, Class of 2020

34th Annual Graduation Ceremony

Welcome & Introduction..... Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services

National Anthem Mary Gonzalez

President's Welcome..... Dr. Shawn Powell
President, ENMU-Roswell

Introduction of First Student Speaker..... Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services

First Student Speaker Lucas Hernan
Class of 2020 Student

Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services

Commencement Speaker Elaine Davies Mayfield

Presentation of Graduates..... Annemarie Oldfield
Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Confirmation of Certificates..... Dr. Shawn Powell
President, ENMU-Roswell

Certificate Presentation..... Annemarie Oldfield
Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Introduction of Final Student Speaker..... Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services

Final Student Speaker Tianna Baca
Class of 2019 & Class of 2020 Student

Closing Remarks Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services

Special Services Administrative Staff

Rebecca L. Cobos Director

Brianna Bitner Coordinator

Special Services Program Staff

Christina Bravo Life Skills, and Conflict Management Instructor

Megan Burnett..... Food Service Vocational Classroom and
Recognizing Conflict Instructor

Patrick Burris Animal Healthcare Vocational Classroom,
Life Skills Instructor, and Dorm Support Specialist

Lisa Cassels Child Care Vocational Classroom, Independent Living,
and Child Care Practicum Site Supervisor

Jill Cornil Food Service Vocational Classroom Instructor, Conflict Management

Audrey Cheney..... Office Skills Practicum Site Supervisor,
and Basic Skills for Job Seekers II Instructor

Nathan Fuller CPR/First Aid Instructor

Kim LaDuca Stocking and Merchandising Vocational Classroom, and Job Skills I & II

Kay Meyers Program Tutor, and Dorm Support Specialist

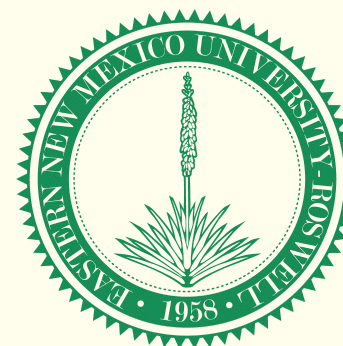
Nola Miller Stocking and Merchandising Practicum Site Supervisor, Food Service
Practicum Site Supervisor, and Independent Living Instructor

Kara Ramage Job Skills Instructor, and Food Service Practicum Site Supervisor

Sara Shaw Adaptive Physical Education

Laney Wilkins Animal Healthcare Practicum Site Supervisor

Brandy Worley..... Office Skills Vocational Classroom



CANDIDATES

Certificate of Accomplishment

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Michael Ford ☼

Certificate of Training

ANIMAL HEALTHCARE

Ivan Armenta

Ein Daniels

Sharmaine Kolp

Jonathan Sims

David Vargas

Tryce Baca-Howes ☼

Eric Heitschmidt ☼

Takoa Littlehat ☼

Nadine Smith

Frank Westerfield ☼

Holly Buscemi

Hunter Griffin

Juan Rivera ☼

Emily Thompson

CHILD CARE ATTENDANT

Kristopher Corder ☼

Angel Payen

Michaela Lopez ☼

Emily Snodgrass

Maria Morales

FOOD SERVICES

Matthew Garcia

Jacob Martin

Sean Smith

Lucas Hernan

Christian Montano

Jason Luna-Corral ☼

Taj Morua ☼

OFFICE SKILLS

Kylie Allison ☼

Wyatt Eason

Jasmine Havens

Tyler Johnson

Francine Raton ☼

Krista Allison ☼

Juana Fox

Theodore Hudson ☼

Jerry Lewis Jr.

Celest Rodgers ☼

Ana Daly

Hannah Gallegos ☼

Dominic Joanou ☼

Noel Price ☼

Sabrina Wilsdon

STOCKING AND MERCHANDISING

Tianna Baca ☼

Dominic Macias ☼

Emmett Prins ◆

Carlos Easter

Jacob McElhaney

Anabel Ramos

Gabrielle Gonzales ☼

Nathaniel Points

Christopher Velasquez ☼

History

The mission of the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Special Services Occupational Training Program is to educate, train, and empower students with disabilities to obtain entry-level, competitive jobs and to live independently.

Prior to the development of the Special Services Program, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell offered a Hearing-Impaired Program and an Accommodations Program in the Division of Developmental Studies. In 1992, these two programs merged with a Vocational Training Program for Students with Developmental Disabilities, which then became known as the Special Services Program. At that time, there was one career field opportunity and less than five staff members. Until the year 2000, enrollment remained below 21 students. Currently, students can choose from six different vocational fields and take six core classes to fulfill their 50 credit hour requirement. The program has increased enrollment from 21 for the 2000-2001 academic year to an average of 60. The Special Services Program is unique in that it offers students with significant disabilities vocational and life skills training, which include living in dormitories on campus. Students have the opportunity to experience college life in an all-inclusive atmosphere in which they can be successful. The program is based around three semesters of training and students must master 70% of the required competencies in their vocational field and obtain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to earn their Certificate of Occupational Training.

The Special Services Administration oversees all special services programming and the delivery of accommodations to all students on campus with documented disabilities. In addition to the director, program staff include a coordinator, 13 instructors, and a program tutor/dorm support specialist. All faculty and staff are trained to work with individuals with disabilities in social, vocational, and academic settings. This program is a model program for other colleges and it will continue to be a nationally recognized program for its unique post-secondary opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

“We want to instill in young leaders the tools they need to live satisfying, fulfilling, and connected lives.”

Rebecca L. Cobos
Director of Special Services
