



Adult Education 2024



Thursday, May 9, 2024
ENMU-Roswell Performing Arts Center
7:00 pm

New Mexico Higher Education Department

Stephanie Rodriguez

Cabinet Secretary of the NM Higher Education Department

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Director, Adult Education Division

*“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.” -Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh*

Commencement Speaker

New Mexico State Senator Greg Nibert



Greg Nibert and his wife, Carolyn, have two adult sons, Greg Jr. (Autumn) and Jeff (Hannah), and a grandson, Edward. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1980 and received a Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from Pepperdine University in 1983. He was Editor in Chief of the Pepperdine Law Review from 1982-83. He is a partner in one of the oldest law firms in New Mexico, Hinkle Shanor LLP. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1993, Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers for Business since 2005, and in Southwest SuperLawyers. Recently he was recognized in Business Today as one of the top ten energy lawyers in New Mexico. He was named legislator of the year by the New Mexico Rural Water Association in 2017 and lawyer of the

year in 2015 by the Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico.

Greg is a frequent speaker and author of papers on oil and gas law topics and taught at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation’s Federal Oil and Gas Leasing Short Course for over 20 years. An article jointly prepared by Mr. Nibert, George Snell, Tim Dowd, Tom Daily, John McDavid, and Richard Revels: “*A Comparative Review of Oil and Gas Law in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Louisiana*” published in Landman, November/December 2002, by the AAPL, was selected as the Best AAPL Published Article at the AAPL annual meeting in June 2003. That paper was expanded into a book published by the AAPL: Oil and Gas Law, a Nationwide Comparison of Law on Leasing, Exploration & Production, updated in 2022. Greg is active in the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico (President in 2011-12) and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. He is a member of the State Bar of New Mexico, Chaves County Bar Association, New Mexico Landmen’s Association, and American Association of Professional Landmen.

Greg was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 in House District 59, and was recently appointed to serve in the New Mexico Senate. Greg was appointed to serve on the Energy Council, where he serves on its executive board, and to the Uniform Law Commission. In 2022 Greg graduated from the Legislative Energy Horizons Institute. He served two terms (the maximum allowed) as a Chaves County Commissioner in 2006 and was re-elected in 2010. Greg graduated from Leadership New Mexico (Core Class of 2011 and Local Government Class of 2009). He has served as President of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce (2007-08), Executive Board of the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation (2007-14), Roswell Independent School District Board of Education (1996-97), Lt. Governor of the Southwest District of Kiwanis International (1996-97, 2015-16, and 2020-22), a Distinguished Past President of the Roswell Kiwanis Club (1994-95), current member of the Roswell Kiwanis Club, Chairman of the Rio Hondo District of the Conquistador Council, Boy Scouts of America (1997-2003), Vice President – Finance Conquistador Council (2015-2017) and is Assistant Scout Master of Troop 2, sponsored by the American Legion. He is a deacon and frequent bible teacher at Country Club Road Church of Christ.

**32nd Annual
GED[®]/HiSET[®]
Adult Education Graduation**

Processional	John Bitner Performing Arts Center Technician
New Mexico Color Guard Recognition	David Castro Assistant Director, Adult Education
Presentation of the Colors	NM Youth ChalleNGe Academy
Pledge of Allegiance	Andrea Carrillo Student Speaker, Adult Education
Certificate of Appreciation to NMYCA Color Guard	David Castro Assistant Director, Adult Education
Welcome	Matthew Rincon Director, Adult Education
Introduction of Student Speaker	David Castro
Student Address	Lidia Ochoa Student Speaker, Adult Education
Presentation of Commencement Speaker	Matthew Rincon
Address	Greg Nibert New Mexico State Senator
Presentation of Graduates	Annemarie Oldfield Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, ENMU-Roswell
Conferring of Diplomas	Dr. Shawn Powell President ENMU-Roswell
Presentation of Diplomas	Dr. Shawn Powell and Annemarie Oldfield
Concluding Remarks	Dr. Shawn Powell and Matthew Rincon
Recessional	John Bitner

(Audience standing – Please allow graduates to exit.)

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held immediately following the graduation ceremony in the Instructional Technology Center (ITC) Commons Area. Graduates are reminded that all caps and gowns are to be returned to the Adult Education Department.

2024 GRADUATION

Kalyn Allen	Jackson Elwell*
Roman Anaya	Sebriella Erickson*
Ericka Arenas	Iori Espinoza
James Atkinson	Jacob Flores
Cammy Baca-Snyder	Robyn Florez
Madison Blancet	Niobi Galindo
Caden Boulden	Valerie Gonzales
Jamie Branch	Jaethen Grado
Andrea Carrillo	Korbin Green
Raechel Carter	Josselyn Guzman
Alexander Castillo	Gavin Harvey
Dania Castillo	Jorge Hernandez
Monica Chaidez	Jonathon Hidalgo
David Chavez	Carmen Holguin
Nkat Mbi Chefor	Jared Ibarra
Isaiah Conde	Regina Iglecias
Dina Diaz	Cintia Jimenez

2024 GRADUATION

Jose Jurado	Emrie Naranjo
Jackson Kidd	Dathan Newton
Keiana Kleinschmidt	Lidia Ochoa
Kyler Lennan	Jose Olivas
Ashley Lopez	Rodolfo Olivas
Dimitri Lopez	Alexa Ornelas
Mercedes Lopez	Kayla Orosco
Ashley Mann	Alisandra Orozco
Tryston Mason	Ma Felix Pelcastre-Corona
Lori McDaniel	Angela Pena
Daniela Medina	Angelica Pina
Juan Medina	Luis Reyes
Kamryn Medrano	Dameon Rivera
Alvaro Mendez	Clarissa Rodriguez
Katherine Montoya	Jaiden Rodriguez
Emily Morales	Maria Rodriguez
Jose Moreno	Madai Romano

2024 GRADUATION

Francisco Romero

Jewel Solis*

Mauricio Romero

Ramon Tarango

Karina Ruelas

Jessica Tarleton

Israel Sanchez

Jesus Trujano

Jeremiah Sanchez

Angelo Vera

Sabrina Slusser

Alondra Wilson

Ashley Sneed

Lourdes Zapata

The GED®/HiSET® Tests

For adults who did not complete high school, the tests of General Educational Development (GED® tests) or High School Equivalent Tests (HiSET®) provide an opportunity to earn a high school credential. The GED®/HiSET® programs, sponsored by the American Council on Education, enables individuals to demonstrate that they have acquired a level of learning comparable to that of high school graduates.

Recognized nationwide by employers and institutions of higher learning, the GED®/HiSET® programs have increased employment, education, and earning opportunities for more than ten million adults since 1942. Each participating state, province, and territory administers the GED®/HiSET® tests and issues a credential based on its own minimum score requirement. The GED®/HiSET® testing programs thus enables almost 500,000 adults every year to obtain high school equivalency certificates - about 15 percent of all high school diplomas issued in the United States.

The test battery consists of the following five separate areas: Social Studies, Science, Language Arts-Reading, Language Arts- Writing, and Math. Using a multiple-choice question format (the Writing Skills portion also requires a written essay), the test corresponds to the general framework of most high school curricula and is designed to measure, as nearly as possible, the major and lasting outcomes (skills and concepts) generally associated with four years of regular high school instruction.

Since 1986, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell's GED®/ HiSET® Testing Center has issued more than 4,000 high school equivalency diplomas. Instruction for the GED®/HiSET® is available, free of charge, through the University's Adult Education Program, which is funded by the Adult Education Act in a grant from the New Mexico Department of Education, Vocational-Technical and Adult Education.

Our sincere appreciation to the following for their support and contribution to Adult Education:

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Eastern Area Workforce Development Board

Local legislators and New Mexico citizens for their support of the Career Technical Education scholarships

TRIO Educational Opportunity Centers

New Mexico Youth Challenge - Color Guard

Thank you to Hallet Montgomery for announcing the names of our graduates



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