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Welcome to Campus Connect

Welcome to Campus Connect! We're excited to keep you informed about all the latest campus events, news, and community stories you might not have heard yet. We hope you enjoy exploring this edition of Campus Connect.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. SHAWN POWELL

Welcome to the second issue of Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell's Campus Connect! This newsletter is dedicated to increasing awareness of upcoming campus events and functions for all members of campus community. ENMU-Roswell's mission is to enrich lives through learning. The academic programs and adult education services offered by our outstanding faculty and staff members provide transformational opportunities for our students. These programs allow students to reach personal, professional, and academic goals which can be truly lifechanging by benefitting the individual student, their family, and the community.



With the start of the fall term our ongoing leadership training for students, faculty, and staff will begin in September. Students will have the opportunity to join leadership seminars that will be held throughout the year in the Learning Resources Center. These seminars afford students the opportunity to learn about different leadership styles and decision making. Numerous community leaders from different backgrounds serve as guest speakers for these seminars. Additionally, there are opportunities for students to join the ACES Ambassador program. ACE Ambassadors serve as student representatives for our campus and provides students the chance to have a variety of leadership experiences both on campus and in the community. For faculty and staff members the fourth annual leadership class will be underway in September and will culminate in December.

To assist our campus community a number of support services are available for students, faculty, and staff members. These support services and facilities include: TimelyCare, a 24/7 virtual platform that offers free health care and mental health care services; a fully equipped gymnasium; a food pantry; Veterans Center; academic tutoring; and career services. I encourage all members of our campus community to make use of these resources. For faculty and staff members professional development is also available through academic classes and degree programs offered throughout the ENMU system campuses. As an ENMU-Roswell faculty or staff member you have the option to complete specific classes or earn an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree. Please talk to your supervisor and our Human Resources department to get more information on these career development opportunities.

Again, welcome to this first edition of ENMU-Roswell Campus Connect. I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall!



WELCOME THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

DR. CRAIG LEAGER

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Craig R. Leager as the new Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

Most recently from Monroe, Iowa, Dr. Leager has built a distinguished career in education, holding academic and executive leadership roles at institutions across Iowa, Minnesota, and Texas.



His professional journey spans the full continuum of education—from K–12 teaching and school administration to senior leadership in higher education, including service as Executive Dean of Instruction, Founding Director of Teaching and Learning Center, Provost and Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer, as well as Chief Executive Officer and Founder of a higher education consulting firm.

Dr. Leager is a transformational executive with more than 25 years of leadership experience. A proven executive leader with expertise in academic affairs, student services, accreditation, institutional effectiveness, faculty and staff development, enrollment strategy, and external partnerships. He is also experienced in stewarding public resources and overseeing grant funding.

We look forward to Dr. Leager's leadership in shaping the future of ENMU-Roswell and its students.



WELCOME THE DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, DR. LINDSAY FINCHER

DR. LINDSAY FINCHER

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lindsay Mayo Fincher as the new Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Fincher brings a wealth of experience in higher education, along with a strong commitment to academic excellence, student success, and faculty collaboration. Her leadership, vision, and dedication to fostering innovation in teaching and learning will play a



vital role in advancing the Arts and Sciences division's mission. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the search process, including those who attended the candidate presentations and provided valuable feedback through the campus survey. Your engagement and input played an important role in this process.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Fincher to this important leadership role. We look forward to the continued growth and success of our programs under her guidance.



MEET THE FACULTY

Meet Dr. Manoj Karki

What university or universities did you attend, and what degrees did you obtain?

I earned my PhD in Mathematics from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. Before studying in the U.S., I completed my bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal.

What do you teach at ENMU-Roswell, and how long have you been teaching here?

I joined the ENMU-Roswell faculty in August 2022, so I have been teaching here for four years. As a Mathematics Instructor, I teach a range of courses including Intermediate Algebra, Survey of Mathematics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Precalculus, and Calculus I and II.

What inspired you to pursue a career in your field?

I have always been fascinated by how mathematical structures can describe patterns and complex systems in the natural world. During my studies, exploring abstract concepts revealed the incredible elegance of mathematics. Teaching allowed me to turn that passion into a career, helping students overcome their hesitation with math and discover their own problem-solving abilities.

What is one thing you hope every student takes away from your class?

I hope every student leaves my class with confidence in their ability to solve challenging problems. Mathematics isn't just about memorizing formulas; it is a tool for logical thinking, critical reasoning, and persistence that serves you well in any field or career.

What advice would you give to students who are just starting their college journey?

Build consistent study habits right from week one and never hesitate to ask for help. Take advantage of office hours, tutoring centers, and campus resources early on before you feel overwhelmed.

What is your favorite part about working with ENMU-Roswell students?

My favorite part is seeing the lightbulb moments when a concept finally clicks for a student who previously struggled with it. ENMU-Roswell students bring diverse backgrounds, strong determination, and unique perspectives to the classroom, which makes teaching here incredibly rewarding.

What is one piece of advice you wish you had received when you were a college student?

I wish someone had reminded me that failing or struggling with a single assignment is just feedback, not a reflection of my potential. Learning is an iterative process, and staying curious and adaptable matters far more than being perfect on the first try.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would love to explore the Swiss Alps to experience the mountain landscapes, historic alpine villages, and world-renowned scenic train routes.

What is your favorite hobby outside of work?

Outside of academia, I enjoy spending time outdoors, going for nature walks, reading, and staying active with family and friends.



MEET THE FACULTY

Andrea Stapp

What university or universities did you attend, and what degrees did you obtain?

For my Bachelor's I attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM where I received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Animal Science. I then attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma and received a Master of Science in Animal Science – Reproductive Physiology. Go Pokes!

What do you teach at ENMU-Roswell, and how long have you been teaching here?

I began as the Agriculture Instructor/Program Coordinator at Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell the Spring of 2023. Courses in the Agricultural Science & Technology program I have been instructing include : Animal Science Careers, Introduction to Animal Science, :Animal Production, Agricultural Communications, Introduction to Dairy Science, and Introduction to Plant Science.



What inspired you to pursue a career in your field?

My mom grew up on a farm in Nebraska and instilled the love of agriculture in me at an early age. Also, in being a member of Goddard FFA and Chaves County 4-H my passion for agriculture and agriculture advocacy was inspired by Ag teachers, agents, and family friends working in agriculture.

What is one thing you hope every student takes away from your class?

A quote posted in the classroom is "You reap what you sow". One thing I hope every student gains from taking one of my classes is they will only get out of class, life, a job, etc. what they are willing to put into class, life, a job, etc. I want them to be successful in whatever they decide to do and am here to be the support, encouragement, or push they need but they have to be willing to put in the time and effort first.

What advice would you give to students who are just starting their college journey?

There are three pieces of advice I like to give students starting their college journey. The first, and probably most obvious, is to go to class. Instructors/professors know which students attend on a regular basis and those who tend to skip. Also, your paying to be there, don't waste your money. Secondly, communicate with your instructors. If you need to miss class because of a trip or school event, have a conversation with your instructor. Let them know why you will be missing their class prior to being gone and ask what you need to submit in your absence. Lastly, join at least one club or organization. The people you spend your college years with are going to be your connections later in life. Most of the time, it's who you know, not what you know. So, get to know your classmates and even the club advisors, who are often your professors.

What is your favorite part about working with ENMU-Roswell students?

My favorite part of working with ENMU-Roswell students is helping them determine their passion and directing their path. Some advice I was given as an incoming freshman at NMSU was "college is for figuring out what you want to do". As students take courses, they are able to figure out what their interests are and what they absolutely don't like. Then we can help make connections to set them on their future path.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would probably go to Europe to see where my grandmother grew up in England and test out my high school German in Germany.

What three things would you bring to a deserted island?

Three things I would bring on a deserted island would be a knife/machete, water proof matches, and my bible.



MEET THE FACULTY

Jennifer Cain

What university or universities did you attend, and what degrees did you obtain?

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell- Associates of Science in Respiratory Therapy Eastern New Mexico University-Portales Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science

What do you teach at ENMU-Roswell, and how long have you been teaching here?

I have been the Program Director for the Respiratory Therapy Program for the past 4 years. I was adjunct for 16 years and have been full time for 8 years, so if my math is correct that's a total of 24 years.

What inspired you to pursue a career in your field?

Honestly, I was a little bit of a lost college student. I had already changed my major twice and still hadn't found something that really felt like the right fit for me. Then one day, I received a flyer in the mail about the Respiratory Therapy program at ENMU-R.

I decided to learn more and spoke with the program director about what Respiratory Therapists actually do. That conversation completely changed my direction. The more I learned about the profession, the more I realized it combined everything I was looking for—a healthcare career where I could work directly with patients, use critical thinking and hands-on skills, and make a real difference when someone needed help the most.

What is one thing you hope every student takes away from your class?

One thing I hope every student takes away from my class is the belief that they are capable of more than they may think they are. College can be challenging, and there will be times when you must make short-term sacrifices—giving up some free time, missing out on things with friends, or pushing through when you are tired or discouraged. I always want students to remember that those sacrifices are temporary, while the career and future they are working toward can last a lifetime.

What advice would you give to students who are just starting their college journey?

My advice to students just starting college is to keep your end goal in sight. There will be difficult days, but don't let one bad grade, one hard class, or one setback convince you that you can't succeed. Stay committed, ask for help when you need it, and remember why you started. The late nights, studying, and sacrifices are worth it when you get to the end and realize you accomplished something you once only dreamed about.

What is your favorite part about working with ENMU-Roswell students?

My favorite part about working with ENMU-Roswell students is watching them go from “I have no idea what I’m doing” to “I’ve got this!” There is something incredibly rewarding about being part of that transformation. I love getting to know my students, seeing their personalities come out, celebrating their successes, and occasionally reminding them that sleep is probably a good idea before an exam! But honestly, what makes it special is watching them grow—not just into competent Respiratory Therapists, but into confident professionals who are ready to take care of people when they need it most. The students keep me on my toes, make me laugh, and remind me why I love what I do. Getting to watch someone discover that they are capable of more than they ever thought they were, probably my favorite part of teaching.



MEET THE FACULTY

Jennifer Cain

What is one piece of advice you wish you had received when you were a college student?

Give yourself some grace, ask for help when you need it, and remember that nobody has it all figured out—even the people who look like they do. And, of course, take your classes seriously...just don't forget to laugh along the way. You'll survive the occasional bad grade, the late nights, and probably more caffeine than you ever thought was humanly possible!

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Honestly, I'd be happy anywhere with good food, beautiful views, no email, no deadlines, and no alarm clock. My ideal vacation is somewhere I can relax, explore, eat way too much, and come home needing a vacation from my vacation!

What is your favorite hobby outside of work?

Hiking and exploring National and State Parks

What three things would you bring to a deserted island?

A bottomless tumbler full of cold sweet tea that will never run out, a solar-powered tablet with 100's of books on it to read, and the ability to write the story of my adventures for explorers to find later! And of course, a volleyball named Wilson!



WHO DO YOU WANT MEET?

Is there someone you want to meet?
Let us know at ROSWMarketing@enmu.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Back

Welcome Back! Kick off the new semester at Desert Dreams: College Goals Welcome Back Night! Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, music, and community.

Thursday, August 27, 2026

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Courtyard by the Bookstore & PE Center

52 University Blvd., Roswell, NM 88203

Enjoy: Petting Zoo, Resource Booths, Local Vendors, Food Trucks, Mechanical Bull, Live DJ

ENMU-R students can score a FREE event T-shirt and enter for prize drawings!

Open to the community, bring your friends and family, and help us celebrate the start of a great semester!

Questions? veronica.munoz@enmu.edu or 575-624-7065.



Spirit Day



Show off your team pride on September 9th by wearing your favorite team jersey all day! Whether you cheer for college, professional, or hometown teams, rep your favorite colors and join us in celebrating Spirit Day! We can't wait to see which teams show up!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Constitution Day

Our Constitution Day celebration will be held on September 17, 2026, in the ITC Commons. Stay tuned for more details about this special event!



Clase Básica de Computación 101

¡Aprende computación desde cero con ENMU-Roswell!

Inscríbete en nuestra clase Básica de Computación 101 y desarrolla habilidades esenciales para usar la tecnología con mayor confianza.

26 de septiembre de 2026

9:00 a. m. – 2:00 p. m.

LRC Flex Room 121

\$40 por persona

¡Solo 12 lugares disponibles!

Durante la clase aprenderás a:

Crear, guardar, organizar y administrar archivos y carpetas

Descargar, instalar y actualizar aplicaciones de software

Comprender terminología y conceptos básicos de computación

Utilizar la tecnología en la escuela, el trabajo y la vida cotidiana

575-624-7325

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¡Reserva tu lugar y fortalece tus habilidades digitales!

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- Adquirir aprendizaje en el uso de la tecnología en la escuela, el trabajo y la vida cotidiana.

Call Number:
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Contáctenos



ON YOUR RADAR

Join the Livestock Judging Team!

Ready to compete, travel, build valuable skills, and gain hands-on experience with livestock? The ENMU-Roswell Livestock Judging Team is looking for students to join!

Open to students in ANY program

No prior experience needed!

You'll have the opportunity to compete in livestock judging contests, meet students and industry professionals, represent ENMU-Roswell, and strengthen your communication and decision-making skills.

Sign up by August 31!

Interested? Contact Coach Regan Morlan at regan.morlan@enmu.edu or 575-624-7148.

Come be part of the team and see what Livestock Judging is all about!



ENMU ROSWELL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

JOIN OUR TEAM

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN ANY PROGRAM! **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

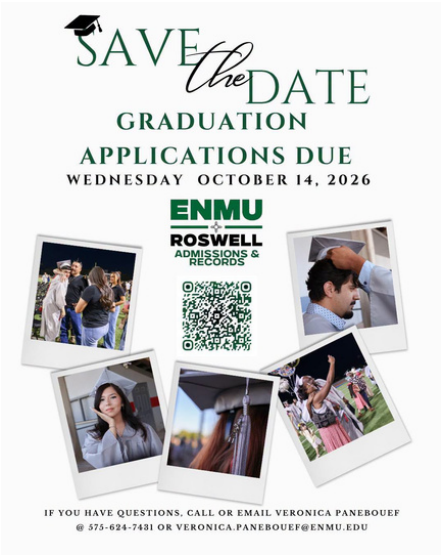
Do YOU want to be a champion?

- Compete at Livestock Judging contests
- Build skills that employers value
- Meet students and industry professionals
- Gain hands-on experience with livestock
- Travel and represent the college
- Develop communication and decision-making skills

MUST SIGN UP BY AUGUST 31ST!

CONTACT COACH MORLAN
regan.morlan@enmu.edu
575-624-7148

Graduation Applications Due



SAVE the DATE
GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026

ENMU ROSWELL ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL OR EMAIL VERONICA PANEBOUEF
@ 575-624-7431 OR VERONICA.PANEBOUEF@ENMU.EDU

Calling all future ENMU-Roswell grads!

It's time to make it official. The deadline to submit your graduation application is coming up fast:

Date: Monday, October 14, 2026.

Don't miss your chance to walk across that stage and celebrate all your hard work!

Questions? Reach out to Veronica Panebouef for help getting everything squared away: 575-624-7431 or veronica.panebouef@enmu.edu



THE WRAP-UP



If there's a story you think we missed or a topic you'd love to see featured, we want to hear from you. Drop us a line at martha.staab@enmu.edu. Stay tuned for more exciting updates in our next issue—see you then!

