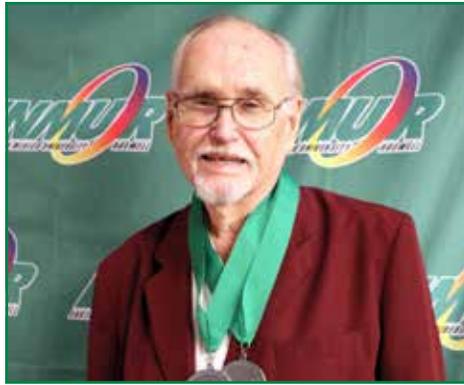


## Campus Pays Tribute to Waldrip, Fleming, and Nelson



Jim Waldrip



Elvis Fleming



Morgan Nelson

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell pays tribute to three men who devoted their time and talents to the campus over many years. Jim Waldrip, Elvis Fleming, and Morgan Nelson have passed away, but their legacies remain and ENMU-Roswell staff, faculty and students will be forever grateful.

Jim Waldrip died just eight days before his 90th birthday on November 20, 2018. He served on the Foundation Board of Directors from 2012 to 2018. In addition to his service on the board, Waldrip taught Astronomy in the Physics department on campus for 15 years from 1999 to 2014. His classes were always popular with students, who came to share his passion for the universe. Waldrip and his wife, JoAnne, moved to Roswell in 1955 so that he could play for the Roswell Rockets professional baseball team. They both also began teaching for the Roswell Independent School District.

At 74, Waldrip joined the RISD School Board. He later served as President of the school board. Waldrip served Roswell in many capacities over 63 years. He was a coach, a high school and college instructor, a high school principal, and planetarium director. He received the 2018 President's Distinguished Award from the Foundation in recognition

of his advocacy for students.

Elvis Fleming passed away February 12, 2019 at 82 years of age. Fleming began teaching history and social sciences at ENMU-Roswell in 1969. He also served as chair of the Liberal Arts Division from 1992 through 1997, when he retired after 28 years on the faculty. He received the title of "Professor of History, Emeritus." After retirement, he devoted his time to researching and writing history, public speaking, and singing cowboy folk songs.

Fleming wrote a book on the history of ENMU-Roswell in 1991 and a second edition in 2003. He served on the board of directors and as volunteer archivist for the Historical Center for Southeast New Mexico. He received many literary awards for his work. Fleming also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Leadership Roswell Alumni Association and the Heritage Award from the Historical Society and Foundation for Southeast New Mexico.

Morgan Nelson passed away at 99 on March 1, 2019. He was a founding member of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation and served on the board from 1969 through 2017. He received the President's Distinguished Award from the Foundation in 2003. A long-time East

Grand Plains cotton and corn farmer, Nelson earned a degree in mechanical engineering and served in the Air Force. He was also a prolific writer and historian and was active in the revival of the Historical Society of Southeastern New Mexico.

Nelson is credited with establishing Roswell Community College, now ENMU-Roswell, through his work in the New Mexico House of Representatives. He served in the legislature for 12 years. He was instrumental in the passage of the 1957 Branch Community College Act. He also lobbied for the passage of the Junior College Act in 1963. When government officials announced that Walker Air Force Base would be closing on June 30, 1967, Nelson was part of the Executive Committee which oversaw the planning and development of the proposal to move Roswell Community College to the base facilities. In 2014, Morgan Nelson created a scholarship to honor his late wife of 58 years, Joyce. The Morgan and Joyce Nelson Endowed Scholarship assists financially struggling students enrolled at ENMU-Roswell.

Thank you, Jim Waldrip, Elvis Fleming and Morgan Nelson, for advancing and supporting the success of ENMU-Roswell.

## Students Selected to All-State Academic Team

Two ENMU-Roswell students have been named to the 2019 New Mexico All-State Academic Team in recognition of their top academic achievements. Natalia Vital and Shyla Ervin are among a group of outstanding New Mexico community college students who were honored February 13 at a formal awards ceremony during the All-State Academic Team Recognition Day at the State Capitol in Santa Fe. The program for the day included a recognition of team members in the House and Senate.

Vital, 20, is a Presidential Scholar and has served as the President of the PTK chapter on campus, Alpha Mu Pi, for the past two years. She is enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program and will graduate with an Associate of Science degree in May. She is also Vice President of the OTA club for the graduating class. Vital is active at St. John's Catholic Church, serving as a lector and organizing youth group retreats. She also volunteers for Roswell High School student council and National Guard public service events. She has been on the Dean's List since enrolling at ENMU-Roswell in the fall of 2016. "My vision is to change public policy through research to help people with disabilities live a more independent life with small changes that can be implemented to make our state and/or nation a more sensory friendly environment," she said. "My current goals are to first graduate with my associate's in OT. Then to enroll for my bachelor's at ENMU Portales in American Sign Language. Next, I will gain experience in the field of OT to enroll at St. Augustine University in Austin for my doctorate."



Photo left to right: John Bitner, PTK Advisor, Shyla Ervin, Natalia Vital, and Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President attended the awards ceremony at the State Capitol.

Ervin, 20, is also enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program and will graduate in May with an Associate of Science degree. She is a Presidential Scholar and serves as Vice President of ENMU-Roswell's PTK chapter and as President of the OTA club. "I have a passion for working in a pediatric setting but I am also passionate about teaching dance to children and teens of the ages 3 to 18. I have taught, choreographed, and assisted with productions. I have also been a student hire at the Health Science Center for the EMS department and have had a wonderful experience gaining knowledge and skills in the professional office setting." Ervin plans to take and pass the National Board Certification of Occupational Therapy exam to acquire her license. "I will then hopefully begin my career as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant while working towards a Bachelor of Arts and Science and Spanish. Once I finish my bachelor's, my ultimate goal is to be accepted and

complete a master's program or PhD to become a Registered Occupational Therapist. I also have the dream of applying and incorporating my dance background into occupational therapy," she said.

Phi Theta Kappa 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.

To qualify for New Mexico's All-State Team, students have to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5, with demonstrated leadership skills and active involvement in community service. These students are recognized for outstanding achievement with certificates and medallions.

## Instructors Honored As Teachers of Character

Nine instructors at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell were recently recognized as Teachers of Character by CHARACTER COUNTS! in Chaves County. The instructors were among other Chaves County educators honored during an awards ceremony March 5 at Church on the Move. Those nominated as a Teacher of Character for 2019 are Jerolyn Wagner, Nursing and Nursing Assistant Program Director, Rachel Conover, Nursing instructor, Ashlie Cobos, New Mexico Youth



Photo left to right: Jerolyn Wagner, Ashlie Cobos, Farah Stevenson, Tom Jordan, Rachel Conover, Harun Williams, Nancy Alvarado

ChalleNGe Academy GED instructor, and Adult Education instructors: Nancy Alvarado, Tom Jordan, Harun Williams,

Emma Rivas, Pam Wolfert, and Farah Stevenson.

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## Foundation to Hold Sixteenth Annual Golf Tournament

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation will hold its Sixteenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 6 at NMMI Golf Course. Tee time is at 8 a.m. The cost for the four-person team scramble tournament is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, green fees, carts, and range balls. Teams should have a minimum total handicap of 40. Teams will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis. The top three teams will receive cash prizes. Other prizes will be presented to players who make the longest drive and get closest to the pin. Additional



Campus volunteers sign in golfers at last year's tournament.

prize drawings will also be held with items from local businesses.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the Foundation's General Excellence Fund. Event (\$1500), Corporate

(\$600), and Hole (\$150) sponsorships are also available. To sign up a team or become a sponsor, call Craig Collins at (575) 624-7304 or email at [craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu](mailto:craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu)

## Foundation Elects Officers and Welcomes New Board Members

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors recently approved the appointment of three new members: Cassie Holloway, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President at Read & Stevens, Inc., Richard Taylor, CPA, President and Owner of May, Taylor & Co., P.C., and Alejandra Martinez, New Loan Boarding Clerk at Pioneer Bank. The board also approved the slate of officers for 2019-2020. Steve Henderson will continue to serve

as President. Jon Hitchcock will continue to serve as Vice President and Treasurer and Kay Rogers will continue to serve as Secretary.

Holloway graduated from Goddard High School and attended New Mexico State University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Accounting. She later obtained her Master of Business Administration degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

Taylor has a Bachelor of

Science degree in Accounting from California State University at Los Angeles. Taylor is a member of the New Mexico and Texas Societies of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A graduate of Dexter High School, Martinez previously worked as a teller at Wells Fargo Bank. She is currently pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration at ENMU-Roswell.



Cassie Holloway



Richard Taylor



Alejandra Martinez

## Foundation Announces Spring Scholarship Recipients

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to students this spring semester. The scholarships are possible due to the generous contributions of donors to the Foundation. Funds were distributed to student accounts

from these scholarships: ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship, Desk and Derrick Scholarship, William H. McCutchen Memorial Scholarship, Thomas M. Coates Aviation Scholarship, Claribel Marshall Trust Scholarship, Sally Pacheco Memorial Scholarship,

Saul Sanchez Nursing Scholarship, Sharon Farris-Stern Nursing Scholarship, and the Maria de Los Angeles Gonzalez Nursing Award. For information on all available scholarships, contact the Financial Aid office on campus at (575) 624-7400.



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## ENMU-Roswell to Host First Scrubs Camp

The Health Education Unit at ENMU-Roswell will hold its first Scrubs Camp Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11 in the Health Science Center on campus. The camp is designed to be an interactive healthcare careers exploration experience open to students entering 10th grade through 12th grade graduates.

The two-day camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Students will experience a variety of state-of-the-art interactive activities in:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing
- Nursing Assisting
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Respiratory Therapy

The cost of the camp is \$10 per participant, which includes breakfast and lunch each day, plus a camp T-shirt. To register or for more information, call 575-624-7007.

## ENMU-Roswell Hosts “Explore Eastern”

Local high school seniors are invited to visit the campus of ENMU-Roswell on Thursday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon for “Explore Eastern.” Students will tour the campus, meet with staff and faculty, learn about degree and certificate programs, and win prizes, including two \$1128 scholarships provided by the ENMU-Roswell Foundation and a new

laptop computer provided by Riverside Technologies, Inc.

Lunch and bus transportation will be provided. Seniors can sign up for “Explore Eastern” through their high school counselor. For more information, contact New Student Relations at 575-624-7136.



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