

Bond Issue Funds to Enhance Campus Safety and Security

In the November 3 General Election, voters will be asked to invest in the state's 33 public colleges, universities and specialty schools in 23 cities and 21 counties across New Mexico. General Obligation Bond C (also referred to as Higher Education Bond C) will provide \$156,000,000 to renovate educational facilities. If approved by voters statewide, Bond C will provide money to accomplish this goal by not increasing property taxes (as verified by the New Mexico State Department of Finance and Administration).

In Chaves County, approval of Bond C will mean an allocation of \$1.85 million for ENMU-Roswell, which will fund needed upgrades to video surveillance equipment and exterior lighting. NMMI would receive \$3 million for the renovation of roofs for Wilson Hall, Godfrey Athletic Center, and Toles Learning Center. ENMU in Portales would receive \$8 million for phase one renovations of Roosevelt Science Hall



Light poles that are rusted and deteriorated and pose a danger of falling during a high wind event would be replaced using Bond C funds.



Improving the exterior lighting will also help provide better images for the planned exterior surveillance cameras, as well as save energy and reduce operational and maintenance costs.

and safety upgrades. ENMU in Ruidoso would receive \$1.5 million for campus infrastructure improvements.

Also, passage of Bond C is estimated to create approximately 1,500 new jobs in construction, architecture and related fields statewide, adding to the state's economic development and gross receipts tax revenue. Bond C will help maintain the educational institutions New Mexicans have already invested in, and give colleges and universities the resources needed to continue providing a safe, quality educational environment.

On the Roswell campus, the majority of the existing 75 video surveillance cameras are old analog cameras that do not provide image quality to today's standards. Most of the buildings on campus have minimal or no camera coverage at all. Funds would be used to replace the majority of existing

cameras and install 350 new cameras, with additional servers, monitors, storage hardware, and infrastructure.

The existing exterior lighting fixtures are old and not as energy efficient as they could be. In many areas across campus, the lighting level is not adequate. Plans call for the replacement of all exterior lighting fixtures with LED which provide significantly higher lumen outputs without increasing wattage. Additional building mounted LED fixtures and pole mounted LED fixtures would be added as needed to provide the desired coverage and foot-candle level for the protection of property and the safety of students, visitors, and staff.

Absentee voting begins October 6 and early voting starts October 17. Absentee ballots can be requested from October 6-20 and ballots must be returned by November 3 at 7pm. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, with polls open for in-person voting from 7am -7pm. For more information, go to BondC4NM.com

Vote on
Library
Bond B
NO TAX INCREASE

Library Bond Issue B will provide \$9.5 million for public, academic, tribal, and public school libraries across the state. There will be no tax increase if Bond B is approved, generating more than \$228 thousand for libraries in Chaves County, including \$23,973 for ENMU-Roswell and \$7,776 for NMMI.

Nursing Program Ranked Number One in the State

The Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Associate of Science Nursing Program is ranked number one in the state according to a new 2020 list compiled by NursingProcess.org www.nursingprocess.org/nursing-schools/new-mexico/

Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President, expressed his gratitude to the Nursing program staff and faculty. “Thank you for your efforts to ensure nursing students have access to a high quality education and are able to reach their academic and professional goals,” he said. “I reviewed the methodology used in these rankings by Nursing Process and it is great to have the state’s top ranked nursing program on our campus. Your dedication to the field of nursing is greatly appreciated.”

According to information on the NursingProcess.org website, all nursing programs approved by the New Mexico Board of Nursing were thoroughly analyzed. “We then ranked these schools based on indicators we believe are important in defining a nursing student’s preparedness for success in personal and professional life. We have considered only state board-approved nursing schools for



Nursing instructor, Candi Miller (far right) stands with a group of nursing graduates.

our rankings as these schools adhere to strict guidelines and meet high education standards. Our ranking factors look-into every dimension of a nursing school. Mainly, we have captured four broad areas, such as academic quality, NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) exam performance, affordability, and the overall reputation of a school. Among the four areas, academic quality and NCLEX-RN first time pass rates have been given the maximum weightage as both these are clear indicators

of college’s academic performance.” ENMU-Roswell’s score is 98.65.

The ranking methodology also included information from accrediting body websites - ACEN and CCNE. Acceptance rates, graduation rates, student to faculty ratios, and retention rates were gathered from the National Center for Education Statistics. NCLEX-RN first time pass rates for each school were collected from the respective State Board of Nursing websites. College rankings, ratings, and student reviews were sourced from U.S. News, Niche, Grad Reports, and Rate My Professors.

The Nursing Program at ENMU-Roswell is a two-year course of study, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Upon completion of the program, students will earn an Associate of Science (AS) degree, and are prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) exam. For more information about the ENMU-Roswell Nursing program, call 575-624-7460. ■

Roswell Hispano Chamber Awards Scholarship to Student

Jasmin Torrez is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Marcos Nava, Executive Director of the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce and Mathew Martinez, Hispano Chamber Board President, met with Torrez on campus to congratulate her on the scholarship award.

Torrez, 32, with four children, is taking the prerequisite classes she needs to enroll in the Nursing Program next fall. Born in Dexter, Torrez works as a patient care technician at Lovelace Regional Hospital, but has been on furlough from that position since April. Torrez said she has always wanted to be a nurse, but became more determined after her mom became ill and she was impressed with the nursing care her mom received. “I want to do that,” she said and is trying to catch up with her education. “I’m doing well now

and I’m motivated to keep going.”

Torrez is taking 14 credit hours of online classes this fall term and so far is

enjoying it. She said it feels like she is sitting in the front row in her interactions with instructors and students. ■



left to right: Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President; Mathew Martinez, President, Roswell Hispano Chamber Board of Directors; Jasmine Torrez, scholarship recipient; Marcos Nava, Executive Director, Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce

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Foundation Looks Forward to Annual Golf Tournament

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation looks forward to hosting its rescheduled Seventeenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 17 at NMMI Golf Course. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per 4-member team. Tee times will be assigned for the morning tournament. Teams should have a minimum total handicap of 40. The top three teams will receive cash prizes: \$100 per player for first place; \$75 per player for second place; and \$50 per player for third place. Other prizes will be presented to players who make the longest drive and get closest to the pin. Additional prize drawings will also be held with items from local businesses.



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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 (575) 624-7304 or email craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu

Payments can be sent to: ENMU-Roswell Foundation, P.O. Box 6000, Roswell, NM 88202-6000.

Flury and Booth to Receive Kosa Awards

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation is recognizing Ron Flury and Amanda Booth as the recipients of the 2020 Kosa Awards. Flury was nominated for the award when he served as Career Education Area Director and instructor of Computer Information Technology. Flury is now Interim Assistant Vice President of Technical Education. Booth is a Phlebotomy/Medical Assisting instructor in the Health Education unit.

Flury was nominated for his flexibility to support student success and adaptation in teaching styles to meet new changes from the NM Higher Education Department. Booth was recognized for her involvement in campus activities and for her rapport with students and willingness to take class overloads.

Long before the current campus complex existed, William and Ethel Kosa contributed

a gift of \$31,000 to Roswell Community College. Their generosity eventually led to the establishment of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, a source of scholarships and funds for students and faculty. The Kosa Merit Award, instituted in 1970, recognizes two instructors each year for excellence in teaching and service to the institution. Chosen by their peers, the honorees receive an engraved plaque and a stipend of \$500.



Ron Flury stands next to the Campus Vision/Mission/Values poster in the Lawrence C. Harris Occupational Technology Center.



Amanda Booth has been a Faculty Senate member and she has served on the Faculty Handbook and Scrubs Camp committees.



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Students to Benefit from CARES Act Funding



ENMU-Roswell has received funding through the federal ECARES Act to offer emergency financial assistance to students in need this fall semester. The CARES Act allocates emergency relief funding for eligible college students across the country to address critical student needs due to the pandemic and disruption of campus operations.

Although this assistance fund is provided by the federal government, individual colleges are managing the application and approval process, and the distribution of funds. The funding is limited and will be awarded based on the level of student need.

ENMU-Roswell students must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for the funds:

- Degree seeking
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Must have H.S. diploma or equivalent
- Must be currently enrolled for the fall 2020 term

Students requesting emergency assistance funding can complete the application at roswell.enmu.edu/cosmo-cares

For more information, contact Student Services at 575-624-7012. ■



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