

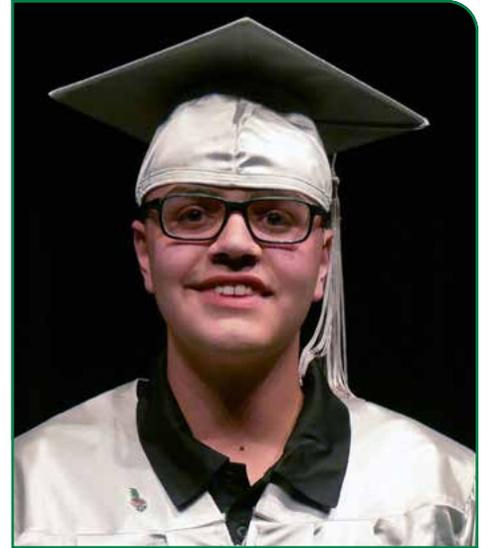
ENMU-Roswell Celebrates 75th Commencement Ceremony



Rayanna Ponce, Commencement Speaker



Brianna Salvarrey, Commencement Speaker



Nicholas Sanchez, Early College High School Graduate

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell recognized spring graduates with a virtual ceremony on May 7. More than 160 certificates and associate degrees were awarded this semester. The ceremony featured speeches by Rayanna Ponce, who received an Associate of Arts in Human Services and Brianna Salvarrey, who received an Associate of Science in Nursing. Musician, Kristine Mirelle, sang the National Anthem. The ceremony concluded with a slideshow featuring photos submitted by the graduates.

Ponce, 19, graduated from Roswell High School. She accepted the Presidential Scholarship at ENMU-Roswell because she thought it would be a great growing opportunity to becoming independent while being close to family. She is the first person in three generations of her family to graduate with a college degree. "I was never sure of the things I wanted to do or the places I would go, but it is clear now that this University has set me up for success, not just for my professional life,

but in my personal life as well," she said. "Seize the moments that life has to offer and take every opportunity that comes your way big or small because they can change your life in an instant and it can be what makes your story and your journey worth the ride." Ponce plans to continue her education at ENMU and pursue a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Salvarrey, 21, is a graduate of Goddard High School. She said ENMU-Roswell offered her the Presidential Scholarship, which was a great way to help her start her career path close to home. "As this chapter of my life comes to an end, I could not be more appreciative of ENMU-Roswell for providing me with a great education and opportunities to become successful, she said. "I have had a wonderful experience here, the hands-on learning and the one-on-one time with the instructors has allowed me to become confident in my ability to work and pursue my goals." Salvarrey previously worked at Kymera Cancer Center. She plans to continue her

nursing career in Roswell for another one to two years to gain more experience. "I want to encourage each of you to never give up and continue to be the best version of yourselves. Tough times are bound to come, and when they do my hope is that you remember that the struggles, challenges, and obstacles that it takes to succeed in life are what makes success more valuable."

Early College High School student, Nicholas Sanchez, was among the students graduating this spring. At 17 years of age, Sanchez now has a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from ENMU-Roswell. He said he chose the criminal justice field because of his interest in law enforcement and being "one of the good ones." He plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at ENMU and hopes to become a criminal investigator. He said he enjoyed the accelerated pace of Early College High School and getting a jump start on his college education. ■

ENMU-Roswell Instructors Honored As Teachers Of Character

Twelve instructors at ENMU-Roswell were recently recognized as

Teachers of Character by CHARACTER COUNTS! in Chaves County. The

instructors were among other Chaves County educators honored during a special drive-through awards program held May 4 at Church on the Move. Those nominated as a Teacher of Character for 2021 are:

Amanda Booth, Medical Assisting instructor; Kathryn Brooks, Health Education Adjunct instructor; Rachel Conover, Nursing director/instructor; Katrina Dowdy, Nursing Adjunct instructor; Eileen Gallaher, Nursing instructor; LaFonda Humpherys, Nursing instructor; Mellissa Luna, Nursing instructor; Candi Miller-Morris, Nursing Clinical instructor; Romo Villegas, Criminal Justice instructor; and Adult Education instructors: Nancy Alvarado, Emilie Juarez Ledesma, and Farah Stevenson. ■



Back row: Candi Miller-Morris; Rachel Conover, Annemarie Oldfield, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; Emilie Juarez Ledesma; Romo Villegas

Front row: Amanda Booth; Nancy Alvarado; Farah Stevenson; Hilda Pacheco-Peebles, Adult Education director; Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President

EMS Instructor Receives State Award

Stacie Nason, Director of Clinical Education, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program at ENMU-Roswell, received the 2020 Russ Richards Instructor of the Year Award by the New Mexico EMS Bureau. The Russ Richards Instructor/Coordinator Award honors an EMS instructor/coordinator who excels as an educator and/or has made significant contributions to the EMS educational system in New Mexico. Any instructor/coordinator currently affiliated with an approved NM EMS educational institution is eligible. The Statewide EMS Advisory Committee members make their selection based upon nominations submitted from all over the state.



“It is a huge honor and I was so surprised to receive it,” said Nason. “After the last year, when all educators had to put in so much effort and extra work, I was especially honored and humbled to receive this award.”

Nason began teaching BLS and EMT Basic as an adjunct instructor in 1993 and became a full-time faculty member in the fall of 1994. Over the years she has taught BLS, ACLS, PALS, First Responder, EMT Basic, EMT Intermediate, some EMT Paramedic classes, and served as the BLS/ ILS Coordinator.

For the last several years, she has worked as the Director of Clinical Education for the EMS Program for all on and off campus EMS classes. “All I can remember ever wanting to be was a paramedic, and while I still serve in that role as EMS Chief for Midway Fire and Paramedic for Dexter Fire, being an instructor allows me to connect with people on a different level and educate and hopefully instill a passion for a profession that I love.”

For more information about the EMS Program at ENMU-Roswell, contact Jesse Davis, EMS Program Director, at 575-624-7076. ■

New Ambulance Simulator



The Emergency Medical Services program has a new simulator to enhance classroom training scenarios. The ambulance simulator was part of capital outlay funding requests approved by the legislature.

Located in the Health Science Center, the simulator will be used to train students caring for patients in an ambulance setting. ■

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Community Supports Successful Golf Tournament

It was a beautiful spring day with 25 teams participating in the ENMU-Roswell Foundation's Eighteenth Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament was held April 10 at the NMMI Golf Course. Each year, the event raises money to support the work of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, which provides numerous student scholarships and other funding for campus programs and activities. The tournament set a new record for the number of event and corporate sponsorships. Approximately \$18,000 was raised, which will benefit the Foundation's General Excellence Fund.

Event sponsors were Xcel

Energy, JP Stone Bank, McDonald's, and Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home.

"On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who continues to support our annual golf tournaments," said Steve Henderson, Foundation President. "We appreciate the NMMI golf course staff and we are grateful for the golfers and those individuals and local businesses who work with us



The Foundation thanks all of the golfers who took part in this year's event.

every year to put on a successful event." Next year's tournament is set for Saturday, April 9, 2022.

Foundation Welcomes New Board Member



The ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors recently welcomed Oscar Armendariz as a new board member. Armendariz currently serves as the Branch Manager for WAFD Bank in Roswell. He has held that position for the past seven years and has worked for WAFD Bank for 18 years. Armendariz has lived in Roswell for close to 40 years. He is a graduate of Roswell High School and also attended ENMU-Roswell.

Armendariz is active in the community, serving as a member of Roswell Rotary and Roswell Association of Realtors. He also volunteers with local youth sport programs. "I love the Roswell Community and I continue to look for opportunities to serve and improve the community. I am honored and privileged to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors," he said.

Foundation Announces Spring Scholarship Recipients

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation awarded more than \$27,000 in scholarships to students for the spring semester. Nayeli Alvarado, Leesly Chacon, Dalytzie Concepcion, and Sara Garcia each received the ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship for \$1128. Williams Baez, Destiny Harper, Marializ Meraz, Nathan Monroy, Nathaniel Rodriguez, and Samantha Sanchez received the William H. McCutchen Memorial Scholarship for \$1128 each. Meaghan Whitzel received \$1000 from the Claribel Marshall

Trust Scholarship.

Karla Esparza, Antoinett Gibson, Katherine Kenny, Idaly Mendoza, Megan Prescott, and Ana Tarin each received \$1128 from the Sally Pacheco Memorial Scholarship. Eleana Del Rio received the \$1000 Saul Sanchez Nursing Scholarship. Megan Prescott received \$1000 from the Sharon Farris-Stern Scholarship. Jaqueline Frausto received \$1250 from the Elson Ray Phelps Scholarship. Paul Hanson received the Thomas M. Coates Memorial Aviation

Scholarship for \$1000. Yesenia Anchondo received \$950 from the Nestor and Thea Otterson Endowed Scholarship. Marissa Gomez received \$400 from the Lankford-Breeden Scholarship. Katherine Billberry received \$2000 from the Morgan and Joyce Nelson Endowed Scholarship. The Eloise Blake Scholarship for \$700 was awarded to Kenya Fontanez.

For information on all available scholarships, contact Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator, Kimberly Andazola at (575) 624-7114.



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Construction Projects Underway On Campus

Several campus construction projects continue to make progress. Crews are working on the renovation of the Automotive and Welding Technology Center and on the construction of a new maintenance (physical plant) facility.

The renovation of the Automotive and Welding Technology Center is being funded through capital reserves and general obligation bond funds approved by voters in 2018. The project will greatly enhance the training environment for the two programs. The new facility will provide space for increased enrollment, which will mean more skilled graduates who can enter the workforce and bolster the local economy. Automotive students are training in an off-campus facility through a partnership with Krumland Auto Group. Welding students are taking classes in two large campus Quonset huts which have been equipped for training. The renovation should be completed by summer of 2022.

The new physical plant building will replace the Quonset huts currently in

use and will house custodial, carpentry, grounds, electrical, plumbing, and general maintenance functions, in addition to facilities management. The 14,419-square-

foot metal building is being paid for largely by ENMU-R capital reserve funds and is expected to be completed in November. ■



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