

ENMU-Roswell Receives Continued Accreditation



The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is recommending continuing accreditation for Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. A five-member team representing the HLC conducted a Comprehensive Evaluation visit to the campus October 18-19, 2021 to review the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation. Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell has been accredited by the HLC since 1971. Its accreditation is at the Associate's degree level.

In preparation for this accreditation review, ENMU-Roswell developed an assurance argument addressing the Commission's requirements and five criteria for accreditation: 1. Mission; 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct; 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support; 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement; 5. Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning

"We are pleased the Institutional Actions Council of the HLC formally accepted the team report for ENMU-Roswell. We achieved the highest review standard, with all accreditation criteria met," said Dr. Shawn Powell, President. "This process was a rewarding experience for our campus and for

the community members who also participated. We had an excellent team and the visit was a learning process for our employees as well. We identified areas where we can improve and we received feedback from the team on how to build on our strengths. I appreciate the work of Todd DeKay, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, who guided the team that developed our assurance argument. I also want to thank the students and community and business

leaders who met with the accreditation team," said Powell.

The next Reaffirmation of Accreditation for ENMU-Roswell is scheduled for 2027-28. The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting postsecondary educational institutions in the U.S.

New this Spring... Community Workshops at ENMU-Roswell!

Exploring MIG Welding

• APRIL 8: 5 - 9pm • April 9: 8am - Noon & 1 - 5pm

This entry-level workshop for beginners explores the art of welding using the Metal Inert Gas (MIG) process. Students will learn safety hazards related to welding and be able to create a small welding project.

COST: \$115 per person

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Make Watering Your Garden Easy

• APRIL 30: 9am - Noon & 1 - 2pm

This workshop will explore different types of plants that can grow in the Pecos Valley. Students will learn how to set up a timed irrigation system on a budget so you can spend more time enjoying your garden.

COST: \$49 per person

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TO REGISTER: Call the Center for Workforce and Community Development at 575-624-7164.
All workshops will be held in the Occupational Technology Center, 20 W. Mathis

Registration for On-campus and Online
Summer & Fall Classes begins April 3!

Instructors Chosen for National Honor

Two instructors at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell have been selected to receive 2022 Teaching Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Each year, instructors are nominated by peers within their division. From these nominations, the Faculty Evaluation Committee selects two faculty members for national recognition. This year, Samuel Chaves, Director, Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Field Work, and Missael Barrientos, Welding instructor, have been selected. NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning and leadership at community and technical colleges.

Chaves began working at ENMU-Roswell in 2012 as an OTA instructor. He said the receiving this recognition is unbelievable and very humbling. "What I enjoy about teaching is that many of our students are first generation students, and it is very rewarding to see them succeed and accomplish what for them seemed impossible. I enjoy seeing the growth of



Samuel Chaves

the students as they progress through the OTA program."

Barrientos, who is also a graduate of ENMU-Roswell, joined the faculty in 2020. He said he was surprised to receive the award, but also thankful. "First of all, I did not expect this award. I truly never thought that I would be the one chosen, considering the fact I've only been working for ENMU-R for almost two years. I enjoy teaching, but



Missael Barrientos

I enjoy helping others gain a trade skill only a few are willing to do nowadays. I enjoy just about everything ENMU-R has offered me not only as an employee but as a former student as well."

Chaves, Barrientos and other Excellence Award recipients will be celebrated during NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence to be held May 28-31 in Austin, TX.

Paramedic Graduate Heading to Medical School



Stephen Bechtel began taking dual credit classes at ENMU-Roswell in 2009 while he was a student at Gateway Christian School. In 2013, he was hired by the City of Roswell Fire Department,

where he was required to obtain his Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification. After receiving the EMT-B, he continued his EMS education every time his supervisors offered him the opportunity to advance. He graduated from ENMU-Roswell with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Paramedic in 2017.

"During that time, I fell in love with medicine and decided to continue", said Bechtel. "The EMS department really fostered my desire to learn more. In 2017, I decided I was going to try and attend medical school. I enrolled in a couple of basic science classes." Bechtel completed General Biology, Microbiology, and Chemistry classes at ENMU-Roswell. Bechtel's Biology instructor was Dr. Lynne Cary. After several conversations, he told her his plans and she became his mentor. "We have been in contact since that class and she has helped me set my expectations

and timeline for med school, as well as listen to my frustrations and helped me formulate a plan when a major setback happened. Overall, my experience at ENMU-R has been positive. ENMU-R has instructors that truly care about their students and their career paths. All they require in exchange is a little hard work."

Cary said she is proud of Bechtel's accomplishments. "I've had the privilege of mentoring him through his ENMU-R courses, the MCAT and medical school application process. We've kept in close communication the past 3 years," she said.

Currently, Bechtel is a Lieutenant with the Roswell Fire Department. He has received multiple offers from osteopathic medical schools and is waiting to hear back from a few others. His plan is to start medical school in the fall with the goal of becoming a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

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ENMU-Roswell Foundation to Hold Nineteenth Annual Golf Tournament

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation will host its Nineteenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 9 at the NMML Golf Course. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the Foundation's General Excellence Fund.

The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per 4-member team. Teams should have a minimum total handicap of 40. Event (\$1500 includes two teams), Corporate (\$600 includes one team), and Hole (\$150) sponsorships are also available. Teams not associated with sponsorships will be accepted on a wait-list basis.



WaFd Bank team players pose for their photo during the 2021 tournament.

Prizes will be presented to the top three teams and to players who make the longest drive and get closest to the pin. Additional prizes drawings will also be held. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To sign up a team or become a sponsor, call Craig Collins at (575) 624-7304 or email at craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu. Payments can be sent to: ENMU-Roswell Foundation, P.O. Box 6000, Roswell, NM 88202-6000.

Foundation Presents Annual Awards

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation thanked the community for its support during the Nineteenth Annual Foundation for the Future Banquet on December 14, 2021 at the Instructional Technology Center on campus. The annual event is an opportunity to raise awareness about the work of the foundation and thank those individuals and businesses who have helped to foster the growth of the university.

Jose Chavez, who serves on the Foundation Board of Directors, received the President's Distinguished Service Award. The Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation was recognized with the Diamond Service Award.



President, Dr. Shawn Powell, (right) presented the Distinguished Service Award to Jose Chavez, who graduated from the ENMU-Roswell Oilfield Training Program in 1985. Chavez has served on the Foundation Board since 2012 and provides valuable insight on the Scholarship Selection Committee.



Foundation President, Steve Henderson (left), presented the Diamond Service Award to Christopher Palmer, Chairman of the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation and Michael Espiritu, RCC-EDC President. The RCC-EDC collaborates with ENMU-Roswell on numerous economic development and workforce training projects each year.

In Memoriam Kay Rogers



The ENMU-Roswell Foundation Board of Directors is saddened by the passing of board member, Kay Rogers. Kay began serving on the board in 2004 and served as Board Secretary until her resignation in early January due to health reasons. Kay and her husband, Dale, were recognized by the Foundation with the Diamond Service Award in 2017 for the support their business, Roswell Livestock and Farm Supply, gave to ENMU-Roswell for more than 18 years. During her tenure, Kay believed the number one priority of the Board was helping and promoting ENMU-Roswell and the students. She set an example of support by her generous donations to the annual Foundation Banquets and Golf Tournaments.





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ENMU-Roswell Hosts “Explore Eastern”

Local high school seniors are invited to visit the campus of ENMU-Roswell on Thursday, April 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to “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.



HVACR instructor, Caleb Cain (far right), talks with students during the 2019 Explore Eastern campus tour.



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