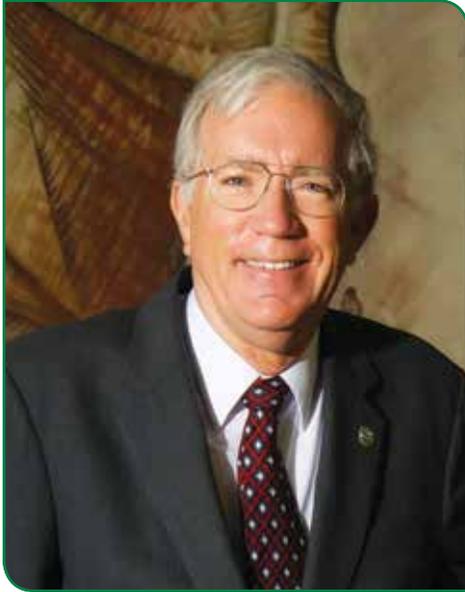


Campus to Host Retirement Reception for Dr. Gamble



He has served as ninth President of the Eastern New Mexico University system for the past 16 years. Dr. Steven G. Gamble will retire this summer, leaving the Portales campus with record enrollment growth and numerous completed building construction and renovation

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projects. Both the Roswell and Ruidoso campuses have also grown and thrived under Gamble’s leadership. ENMU-

Roswell invites the campus and community to a farewell reception in Gamble’s honor on Monday, June 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Administration Center lobby on campus at 52 University Blvd.

“Dr. Gamble has been committed to making the Eastern New Mexico University system the best in the state,” said Dr. John Madden, ENMU-Roswell President. “We appreciate his dedication and his focus on student success. Even in difficult budgeting times, he always made protecting ENMU’s mission and its employees his top priority. We thank Dr. Gamble for his guidance and leadership and wish him health and happiness in this next chapter of his life.”

Graduates Celebrate Spring Commencement

More than 200 ENMU-Roswell and Adult Education graduates celebrated with friends and family during commencement ceremonies held May 11 and 12. About 70 students participated in the Twenty-Seventh Annual GED®/HiSET® Adult Education Graduation Ceremony, which was held in the Performing Arts Center on campus. Chaves County Treasurer, Charlotte Andrade was the featured speaker. The student speaker, Jennifer Larez, said the Adult Education program set her on a path to becoming a nurse. “Be exactly who you want to be,” she said. “Never give up. Get out of your comfort zones because you are all worth it.”

The 67th Commencement Convocation was split into two ceremonies at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center to accommodate the large crowds. A total of 474 certificates and associate degrees have been approved for this spring. A group of 93 New

Mexico Youth ChalleNge graduation candidates also received Certificates of Employability.

Honors graduate and Presidential Scholar, Sonia Sanchez, gave the commencement address. She focused her remarks on the “yes’s” that made it possible

for her fellow graduates to enroll in college and complete their degrees or certificates. “It’s okay to not know what’s coming next sometimes, as long as you’re doing something productive with yourself and continuing to say yes.”



Charlotte Andrade told graduates that getting an education was the single most important thing she did for herself. “Education opens endless opportunities and doors for you,” she said.



Commencement speaker, Sonia Sanchez, had some advice for her classmates. “Say ‘yes’ to new opportunities, say ‘yes’ to new adventures, and even possibly, say ‘yes’ to furthering your education.”

Local High School Grads Urged To Apply For GEAR UP Scholarship



Public high school students in Chaves County who graduate in 2017 or 2018 are encouraged to take advantage of the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) scholarship to help pay for their college education. GEAR UP Scholarships are available to

2017 and 2018 graduates of Dexter High School, Goddard High School, Hagerman High School, Lake Arthur High School, Roswell High School and Early College High School in Roswell.

The scholarship can be used to attend ENMU-Roswell or any accredited degree granting institution in the U.S. To obtain the scholarship award, graduates must complete and submit the GEAR UP Scholarship application and provide official high school transcripts or GED (HiSET) certificate; verification of U.S. citizenship eligibility requirements; and verification of enrollment in an accredited degree-granting institution of higher education (billing statement). Priority sta-

tus will be given to students who submit their information by July 1.

ENMU-Roswell officials say this is a unique opportunity for local high school graduates. Students should contact their GEAR UP high school Academic Advisor for the GEAR UP Scholarship application. Information and the application is also under the Financial Aid section of the ENMU-Roswell web site at www.roswell.enmu.edu. Call the Financial Aid office at 575-624-7153 for more information about the GEAR UP scholarship. GEAR UP is federally funded by the United States Department of Education and sponsored by ENMU-Roswell.

First Early College High School Graduate Enjoying NM Tech

Ever since he began taking college algebra classes at 11 years old, Tanner Thornton has been on a fast track to a bachelor's degree. At 15, Thornton was the first graduate of Roswell's Early College High School (ECHS). While at ECHS, he completed 18-20 college credits each semester and graduated from the four-year early college program in just two years. "It was challenging and a lot of work keeping track of both high school and college classes," he said. Thornton said his favorite college class was Calculus II.

In May of 2016, Thornton received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Mathematics from ENMU-Roswell while on the Presidential Scholarship. He then enrolled at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (also known as NM Tech) in Socorro and is cur-

rently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Thornton took 17 hours on campus this spring semester. Now 16 years old, he is making new friends and is enjoying his classes, which he describes as "more challenging than in high school." His favorite class now is Ordinary Differential Equations.

Through ECHS and ENMU-Roswell, Thornton feels he was prepared well for this next stage in his college education. "But you can't be prepared for everything, like being on your own for the first time," he said. With most of his general education courses completed, Thornton said he is focusing now on central science classes to complete his bachelor's degree. He then plans to pursue a master's degree in Mechatronics Technology that combines mechanical engineering and electrical engineering.

Tanner may return to Roswell for the summer or enroll in a few summer courses at NM Tech. He is also applying for other educational opportunities and plans to do some independent projects to prepare for courses in the fall.



Tanner Thornton participated in the 65th commencement ceremony last May.

Testing Services Awarded National Certification

The Testing Services Department at ENMU-Roswell has been awarded and recognized as a National College Testing Association (NCTA) Certified Test Center for adhering to best practices in the testing industry. According to Testing Services director, Marisela Alvidrez, the certification is the result of a multi-phase process which includes an in-depth evaluation of all testing procedures to ensure the center is in compliance with strict NCTA standards. These standards validate credibility and enhance the student and

community assessment experience.

"Congratulations to Marisela Alvidrez and the entire staff at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Testing Services," said NCTA Duane Goupell, NCTA President, 2016-2018. "NCTA commends and salutes you for upholding the highest standards in test administration."

The National College Testing Association (NCTA) is a non-profit organization of testing professionals working in post-secondary institutions, in companies

with test-related products and services, and in other professional testing venues.



Testing Services staff (left to right): Matthew Rincon, Testing Program Specialist; Marisela Alvidrez, Testing Services Director; Geneva Espinoza, Assistant Director

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Foundation Announces Spring Scholarship Recipients

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation has awarded more than \$17,000 in scholarships to students this spring semester. Norma Molina received the Saul Sanchez Nursing Scholarship for \$1000. The Claribel Marshall Trust Scholarship for \$1000 each was awarded to Anakaren Banda and Sabrina Daniel. The Sharon Farris-Stern Nursing Scholarship for \$1000 was awarded to

Gabriela Rios. Lydia Velasco received \$750 from the Sally Pacheco Memorial Scholarship fund. Christopher Green received the Thomas M. Coates Memorial Aviation Scholarship for \$1,000. The William McCutchen Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Anakaren Banda and Mathew Velasco. Each received \$750. Mendi Acosta, Kallea Dickson, Gabriela Rios, and Collin Turner

each received a \$1,128 ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship. Daisy Cabral and Vanessa Ramos-Huizar each received a \$600 scholarship from the María de los Angeles González Nursing Award fund. Courtney King, Shawna Mullins and Stacey Ramirez were awarded more than \$1000 each from the Steve Lovato Memorial Scholarship fund to pay for education expenses.

Foundation Enjoys Successful Golf Tournament

Close to 100 golfers enjoyed a beautiful spring morning for the Fourteenth Annual ENMU-Roswell Foundation Golf Tournament held April 15 at the NMMI Golf Course. Each year, the event raises money for the General Excellence Fund. The tournament also raises awareness about the work of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, which provides student scholarships and other support to campus programs. Tournament proceeds from 24 teams and sponsorships totaled approximately \$10,500. The top three teams received cash prizes and players also received prizes donated from local businesses.

Event Sponsors were Bobcat Production and Xcel Energy. Corporate sponsors were McClellan Oil, Armstrong Energy



The First Place team of Willingham, Perry, Beeman, and Stone shot a 56.

Corp, First American Bank, Bank of the Southwest, Klein Security & Safety, JP Stone Community Bank, Patton Construction Co., Pecos Valley Broadcasting, Pioneer Bank, Roswell Livestock and Farm Supply, and Century 21.

"On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who supported

our 14th annual tournament," said Steve Henderson, Foundation President. "We appreciate the professionalism of the NMMI golf course staff, and we are grateful for the golfers and those individuals and local businesses who work with us every year to put on a successful event."

Witt Selected As New Board Member

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation is pleased to welcome Dr. LaNelle Witt to the Board of Directors. Witt has a long history with ENMU-Roswell, serving the campus as an English instructor and chair of the Liberal Arts Division. As a campus leader, she served on numerous committees and assisted with various projects. She worked to establish a chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity of American

Junior Colleges on campus. The charter for the Alpha Mu Pi chapter was approved in 1987 and Witt was the chapter's first sponsor. She has been named as an Outstanding Educator by ENMU and was a board member for the ENMU Alumni Association for eight years. She served as its President in 1987-88. Witt retired from ENMU-Roswell in 1992 after 24 years of service.



Dr. LaNelle Witt



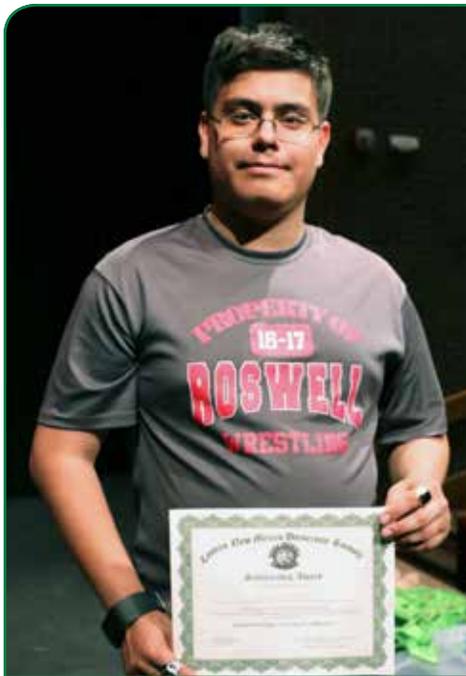
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Local Students Explore Eastern

About 70 high school seniors visited the campus for Explore Eastern on April 20. Students toured the campus, took home prizes and scholarships, and learned about ENMU-Roswell's technical, health, and arts/sciences programs.



Foundation Scholarship recipient, Alan Padilla,
Roswell High School senior



Foundation Scholarship recipient, Jasmine Regalado,
Dexter High School senior



Goddard High School senior, Bailey Lopez, received
a new laptop computer provided by Riverside
Technologies, Inc.



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