ENMU-Roswell To Celebrate Diamond Jubilee

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell will celebrate its 60th anniversary in April. As documented in “Success Starts Here: A History of Eastern New Mexico University Roswell 1958-2002” by Elvis Fleming, Roswell Community College (RCC) was established on April 1, 1958 by the ENMU Board of Regents.

Under the organization agreement between the Board of Education of the Roswell Municipal School District and the ENMU Board of Regents, RCC was to provide freshman and sophomore courses from the ENMU catalog effective with the start of the fall semester in 1958. The Roswell and ENMU boards submitted their joint proposal to the State Board of Education and it was approved on May 14, 1958.

From 1958 through 1962, the college first conducted evening classes at Roswell High School. In January of 1963, with an enrollment of 75 students, eight daytime classes were added to the college offerings and held at the old post office downtown. When Walker Air Force Base closed in 1967, the college acquired military buildings and 235 acres to establish its own campus. Roswell Community College was renamed Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.

ENMU-Roswell invites the community to join in the Diamond Jubilee celebration on campus scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Activities will be held for students and staff throughout the day. Details will be provided as the date draws near. The new facility for entrepreneurship and innovation, the iCenter, will also hold its grand opening that day. Faculty and staff will also be contributing items to a time capsule that will be locked until the 100th anniversary in the year 2058.

“We invite graduates, former employees, and the community as a whole to come out to the campus on April 18 and celebrate 60 years of student success with us,” said Dr. John Madden, President, ENMU-Roswell. “This is truly an important milestone for our college and we wouldn’t be where we are today without the support of the community. ENMU-Roswell has made a positive economic impact, changed lives, and provided educational opportunities to thousands of students over the past 60 years. In the years to come, we will continue to prosper and remain committed to our mission of preparing a diverse community with the skills and education for success.”

On January 23, 1963, spring semester daytime classes started in what was called the “Downtown Center” which was the old Federal Building and Roswell Post Office built in 1912. According to Fleming’s book, students often complained about the condition of the old building. With its inoperable elevator, students had to climb stairs to get to the second and third floors.
Adult Education Student Honored In Santa Fe

An ENMU-Roswell student was recently recognized by the New Mexico State Legislature for her academic achievements. The New Mexico Adult Education Association (NMAEA) named JoAnn Betancur as Outstanding Student of the Year. She was honored at Adult Education and Literacy Day at the Capitol in Santa Fe on January 26.

Betancur began her educational journey at ENMU-Roswell this past fall semester when she enrolled as an ACCE (Accelerated College and Career Education) student under the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program. The program helps students receive a high school equivalency certificate and provides them with on the job training.

Nancy Alvarado, Adult Education instructor at ENMU-Roswell, nominated Betancur for the award. “Betancur dropped out of high school after the deaths of her father and two brothers,” wrote Alvarado. “Her only remaining immediate family was her mother and JoAnn felt that she could not emotionally survive in high school. At the age of 20, JoAnn started her beautiful little family, and now is the mother of three wonderful girls. After the breakup of her relationship with her girls’ father, JoAnn realized that she had to do something different to better her girls’ lives. JoAnn became a participant in Career Links, began classes for the HiSET®, and started working in the ENMU-R Adult Education Department.”

Alvarado said Betancur has been an outstanding student and employee. “Despite the challenges that being a single mother carries, JoAnn has excelled, passing the HiSET® high school equivalency exam with flying colors. This January, JoAnn enrolled in college at ENMU-R to study for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, and became a permanent work-study for the Adult Education Department. JoAnn is a true success story.”

Betancur said she was surprised by the recognition. “I feel extremely blessed and privileged to be able to receive the award,” she said. “I have set lots of goals but this wasn’t one of them. It makes me want to push even more. It’s a privilege to be a role model for other students and for my girls. There are definitely challenges but I am able to overcome them.”

Leadership Roswell Visits Campus

The Leadership Roswell 2017-18 Class visited the ENMU-Roswell campus on February 9. The class met in the newly renovated presentation room of the iCenter. Through a Daniels Fund grant in collaboration with NMSU’s Arrowhead Center, ENMU-Roswell is now one of six Studio G student business accelerator sites in the state. iCenter members will be able to access a broad network of state-of-the-art technology, as well as traditional tools and machinery useful for multiple applications and innovative ideas. A public grand opening for the iCenter will be held on April 18.

Roswell Woman’s Club Awards Spring Scholarships

The Roswell Woman’s Club has awarded scholarships to several students at ENMU-Roswell this spring semester. Each student received a $500 scholarship. Club members held a luncheon for the students on February 12.
Foundation To Hold Fifteenth Annual Golf Tournament

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation will hold its Fifteenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 14 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: $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.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the Foundation’s General Excellence Fund. Event ($1500), Corporate ($600), and Hole ($150) sponsorships are also available.

An Event Sponsor will receive two 4-member golf teams, as well as special banner signage at the event. A Corporate Sponsor will receive one 4-member golf team and signage at the event. As a Hole Sponsor, the business or individual name will be placed on a sign at a tee box.

To sign up a team or become a sponsor, call Craig Collins at (575) 624-7304 or email at craig.collins@roswell.enmu.edu. Forms are also located on the ENMU-Roswell web site www.roswell.enmu.edu. Click on About > Foundation > Golf Tournament 2018. Payments can be sent to: ENMU-Roswell Foundation, P.O. Box 6000, Roswell, NM 88202-6000.

Desk and Derrick Club Announces New ENMU-Roswell Scholarship

The Desk and Derrick Club of Roswell has established a new scholarship to benefit students at ENMU-Roswell. The scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books and/or program expenses for students enrolled in the Welding, CDL, Safety, and Auto Technology programs. ENMU-Roswell Foundation President, Steve Henderson recently accepted a $21,778.11 check from the club. The Foundation will administer the scholarship funds which will begin distribution this coming fall semester. The scholarship is possible thanks to the New Mexico Energy Dinner sponsored by the Roswell Geological Society, Desk and Derrick Club of Roswell, and the New Mexico Landman’s Association.

Scholarship applicants must be U.S. citizens and residents of New Mexico, with preference given to Chaves County residents. Applicants can be either new or continuing students and they can reapply for the scholarship as long as they remain in good standing with ENMU-Roswell. The number of scholarship recipients and scholarship amounts per year will be determined by the Program Director. The GPA and financial need of eligible students is at the discretion of the Program Director and the Financial Aid office.

Students interested in the scholarship can pick up an application in the ENMU-Roswell Financial Aid office. For more information, contact Craig Collins, Foundation Coordinator, 575-624-7304.
Early College High School
Accepting New Students

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-19 school year for Early College High School (ECHS) at ENMU-Roswell. Students have the opportunity to graduate from ECHS with a New Mexico high school diploma of excellence and up to two years of college courses or an associate’s degree from ENMU-Roswell. Classes are located in the Instructional Center on campus. School bus transportation and meals are provided. ECHS is open to all RISD students who exhibit a sincere interest in academics and are willing to work hard to meet the demanding expectations of the program. Students must also be prepared to integrate into a university setting/adult environment and must be entering their freshman year.

The application deadline for the 2018-19 school year is March 30, 2018. Fill out the application at RISD District website: www.risd.k12.nm.us Click on: Schools tab > High Schools > Early College.