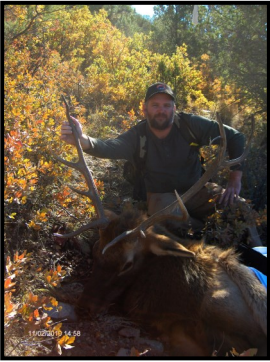
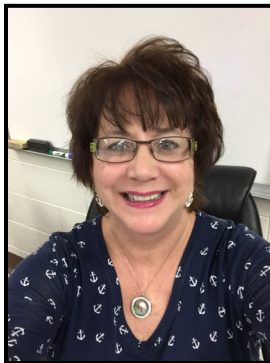


ENMU-Roswell Student Success Center



C.W. Hamilton



Barbara Eiffert

The college-going culture that was created starting with students in middle school has come to full fruition. GEAR UP students are continuing to receive a “helping hand” in the 7th year of the grant as first time college freshmen. Some of the 13th graders have been with Academic Advisors/Coaches, Barb Eiffert and CW Hamilton, since they were in middle school. The main objective for these advisors has been to help facilitate students’ transition to college via supportive advising/mentoring, academic support, referrals for tutoring for mid-terms, and final exams; as well as assistance with the GEAR UP scholarship, help with applying for other scholarships, FAFSA renewal, and referrals for other campus resources. Resources on ENMU-Roswell campus such as the Student Success Center, tutoring staff, and several success workshops—which included Procrastination, Test Anxiety, Finals Preparation, and Smarthinking—have been helpful to college freshmen. In addition to assisting ENMU-Roswell students, C.W. and Barb have been working to support GEAR UP students at all college campuses.

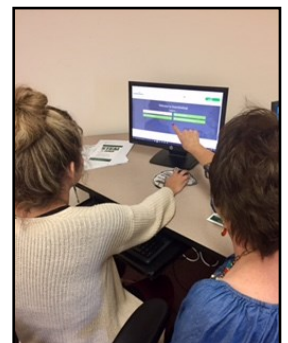
Quotes from GU college students, pictured at right:

“Mrs. Eiffert has helped me to stay on track with my educational goals and she always mentors me to focus on the positive. Although I had struggled in high school, Mrs. Eiffert has helped me become a successful college student.”

Jennifer Rodriguez (Freshman/
ENMUR)

“GEAR UP has helped me excel as a student by providing me with resources such as guidance counseling, ACT preparation, college campus tours, scholarship applications and other educational resources. Aside from this help, the GEAR UP staff, especially Mrs. Eiffert and Mrs. Trammell, are always checking on students and willing to help in any way possible. Being a part of the GEAR UP program has been such an important factor in my academic success and experience, thus far.

Alexis Peywa (New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology)



ACT Prep



Adam Wells was born in Michigan, but attended school through high school in Roswell, graduating as a National Merit Scholar and Goddard High's valedictorian in 1993. He left to attend the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, graduating in 1997 with a B.A. in American Civilization and minors in English and Folklore. After time in West Virginia and Las Cruces, he returned to Roswell and started his own now-successful tutoring business in 2001. His parents, Robert and Florence Wells, both retired, also live in Roswell. He has one older brother, Marcus, who teaches math in Las Cruces. In his not-so-copious free time, Adam plays nerdy board games and travels. He's been to 45 of the 50 states, including this last summer's trip to check North Dakota off the list and visit Yellowstone National Park; he plans to visit New England soon and then finish off the states by going to Hawaii. "I consider helping people get educated to be a tremendous privilege, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with GEARUP," Adam says. "It feels great to make a difference in my hometown."

Due to Adam's strong commitment to the students in tutoring, the students' ACT scores have improved. His genuine passion to see students succeed, is evident in his generous donation of time and effort. The GEAR UP staff greatly appreciates his work towards student success. We are looking forward to upcoming ACCUPLACER test prep seminars conducted by Adam.



College Campus Tours

Students from Dexter, Hagerman, and Lake Arthur visit Dona Ana Community College on October 18, 2017.



Students from Dexter, Hagerman, and Lake Arthur visit NM Highlands University on September 27, 2017.

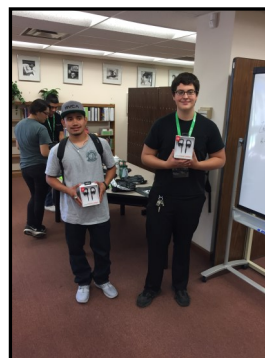


GHS & RHS students visit New Mexico Tech on January 24, 2018.



Cougar Academy

During Cougar Academy, put on by Dr. Russell Baker and the GEAR UP team at the Student Success Center, students prepared for their first year in college with several days of workshops. Workshops included financial literacy, study skills, test taking strategies, college preparatory for math and English, Smarthinking at the college level, as well as Blackboard and Cosmo link introductory training. Students were educated on campus resources available for student success in their first year of college. Academy attendees agreed that Cougar Academy was a great success. On the last day, many prizes were given away including Beats headphones. There was also a motivational visit from Dr. Madden (as pictured) encouraging students in their first year of college. 87% of Cougar Academy attendees finished their Fall semester successfully and returned to college for the Spring semester.



Adrian De la Cruz and
Kenneth Lipe, winners of
the BEATS Headphones .



Class of 2017

The high school seniors of 2017 graduated successfully, and the vast majority of them went on to attend college. While many of them stayed in New Mexico at the state colleges and universities here, several of them decided to attend college out of state. Some of the universities attended by the GEAR UP students are Purdue, Harvard, Arizona State University, Colorado State University, Texas Tech, Northern Arizona University, Grand Canyon University, and Brigham Young University-just to name a few. GEAR UP is honored to be apart of their journey in many ways, one of which is by offering **\$648,000** in scholarships so far this year. We say congratulations to the class of 2017 for following their dreams by enrolling in undergraduate programs and completing a successful first semester in college!



New to GEAR UP



Megan Burnett joined GEAR UP as Outreach Coordinator in June of 2017. She brings with her a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University, five years of experience in secondary education, as well as experience tutoring at ENMU-Roswell. Megan was born and raised in Roswell and has lived here most of her life. She looks forward to assisting the rest of the GEAR UP team in achieving its goal of helping students reach their full potential in and through education.



GEAR UP Scholarship Application Link

<https://www.roswell.enmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2018/01/2018-GEAR-UP-Application.pdf>

Please visit our web pages for
student, parent, and teacher resources!

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