

## Welcome New Staff

**Destiny Hixon** of Ruidoso recently joined ENMU-Ruidoso as the new Student Success Center Advisor. She has an Associate of Arts degree from NMSU-Alamogordo, a Bachelor of Science degree in Communicative Disorders from ENMU. As a student at NMSU-Alamogordo, she was recruited as an America Reads and Counts Tutor, focusing on helping students who needed extra support in reading comprehension and composition. That position led her to work as a Writing Tutor and Testing Proctor while she earned her degree from ENMU. She and her family then moved to Idaho where she worked with T-Mobile corporate Customer Experience as a Team of Experts Account Expert. There she learned about training and development and coaching. When they moved back to Ruidoso, she worked with Noisy Water Winery in Midtown and then with Ruidoso Municipal Schools as a substitute teacher while she worked on graduate studies. “I take my work seriously, but I don’t take myself seriously. I believe that it is important to be able to laugh and have fun whenever possible!” she said.



She has been in and out of Ruidoso for almost 20 years. Her family moved here just after she graduated from Carlsbad High School and her husband, Jason’s, family lives here with their two daughters, Rori and Zoey. “I am so excited to join the team at ENMU-Ruidoso because higher education is such an empowering step that anyone can take,” she said. She volunteers as a Girl Scout co-leader with Troop #16045. She has three cats; Todd, Smudge, and Indie, and two dogs; Cocoa and Mila.

**Gorge Nieto** of Ruidoso recently joined us as the new Information Specialist. He has an Associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is a retired Fire Lt. from El Paso Fire Dept., retired Texas Tech Police Dept. of El Paso, and was previously a Fire Technology Instructor El Paso Community College. He moved here two years ago after wanting to come to Ruidoso for over 40 year and he absolutely loves it! He considers himself a Jack-of-all-Trades, enjoys hunting and fishing. He has a Border Collie named Jax. He says, “If you want to change the world, start by making your bed.” His favorite quote by Admiral W.H. McRaven.



## DeMott Appointed to AACC Commission

Chief External Affairs Officer Robin DeMott was appointed to the American Association of Community College (AACC) Commission on Public Relations Advocacy and Advancement. The three-year appointment is from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027. This appointment requires attendance to at least one of the two commission meetings held during the year.



The Commission on Public Relations Advocacy and Advancement will focus on visioning and messaging for “friend” raising, coalescing internal and external partners around marketing and public relations campaigns that garner support for two-year colleges and elevated fundraising (21st-Century Commission Recommendations 5, 6); collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and the private sector to drive investment in the nation’s community colleges; emerging trends in communications; and, sustain the 21st-Century Center to benefit all community colleges.

## Upcoming Events

### September

#### 10 Tuesday

- ◇ Dept of Defense Guard Monthly Meeting, Rm221, 11a-1p
- ◇ Free Food Distribution, Rm120, 4-6p
- ◇ Free Cooking & Nutrition Class, Rm120, 5-6p
- ◇ NM Dept. Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt. Workshop, Rm201, 5:30-7:30p
- ◇ FEMA Partners Meeting, Rm106, 6p

#### 11 Wednesday

- ◇ Positive Psychology: Creating a Joyful Life toward Longevity class begins, online, 4-5:30p
- ◇ Sierra Blanca Recovery Task Force Meeting, Rm106, 7-8:30a
- ◇ Lincoln Co. Emergency Planning Council (LCEP), Rm220, 11a-12:30p
- ◇ Feed Your Brain presents: David Greenwald, Archeologist, Jornada Research Institute, presents *The Composition of Creekside Village*, lunch provided, Learning Commons, 12p
- ◇ NM Dept. Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt. Workshop, Rm201, 5:30-7:30p

#### 12 Thursday

- ◇ NM Workforce Connection Employer Hiring Event, Rm209, 8:30a-1:30p

#### 13 Friday

- ◇ 1st 8wk Session Classes Withdraw Deadline
- ◇ 1st 4wk Session Classes Ends
- ◇ All-Staff Meeting, Rm201, 10a-1p
- ◇ Lincoln Co. Health Council Community Support Group, Rm202, 3-5p

#### 16 Monday

- ◇ 2nd 4wk Session Classes Begins
- ◇ CDL Class begins