

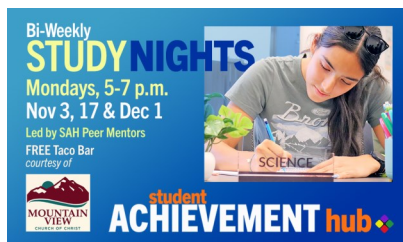
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College

Nov. 3, 2025

Free Taco Bar Monday Evening Nov. 3

All students, staff and faculty are invited to the FREE Taco Bar Monday evening Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m. in the Learning Commons. The Mountainview Church of Christ in Alto will be providing a free Taco Bar on Monday evenings in conjunction with the bi-weekly Study Nights led by the Student Achievement Hub Peer Mentors.



ENMU-Ruidoso Receives \$75,000 AACC Metallica Scholars Grant for Wildland Fire Training

ENMU-Ruidoso was recently selected as one of 15 nationwide recipients to join Year 7 of the prestigious **Metallica Scholars Initiative**. Supported by a generous \$75,000 grant aimed at enhancing the non-credit wildland and structural fire academies and credit-bearing Fire Science degree pathway. This initiative will directly serve: volunteer firefighters seeking foundational certification and advancement, recent high school graduates pursuing public safety careers through degree and non-degree pathways, dual credit high school students seeking early entry into fire service pathways and industry-aligned credentials, rural residents and tribal community members who face geographic and economic barriers to training access, veterans and career changers entering fire service with transferable skills, and current first responders and emergency personnel seeking upskilling, advanced certifications, or academic credit for prior learning to improve their professional mobility and leadership readiness. "The funds will directly support approximately 30 students through scholarships, enrollment in new short-term fire academies, and expanded student support services," said Vice President of Student Learning and Success Coda Omness. [Read more.](#)



ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Hosts Cornhole Tournament to Support Athletics

The ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation hosted a Cornhole Tournament Saturday, Oct. 25 at Wingfield Park to benefit the athletic teams at ENMU-Ruidoso, Cross Country, Golf and Rodeo. Fifteen teams competed in the tournament from Alamogordo, Artesia, Belen, Carrizozo, Hagerman, Las Cruces, Mescalero, Roswell, Ruidoso, Seminole, Silver City, Socorro and El Paso, Texas. First place went to the New Mexico Baggers Johnny Hernandez of Seminole and Jessie Rodriguez of Hagerman winning \$500. Second place went to the team OG Clark and Little Ace of Alamogordo, Jo and Adrian Clark, winning \$300. Third-place team was the Silver Backs from Silver City, Dominik "Magoo" Varela and Zeke "Mercs" Holland winning \$200. Adrian Clark won the Knockout Round winning \$121. A 50/50 raffle was held for \$20 per ticket and the winner was Stephen Jojola from Socorro winning \$135.



First place winners of the Cornhole Tournament were the New Mexico Baggers Jessie Rodriguez of Hagerman and Johnny Hernandez of Seminole winning \$500 with ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Director Rochelle Lentschke.

Upcoming Events

November

3 Monday

- ◇ In-person Registration begins for Spring Semester classes
- ◇ Deadline to turn in Flu Clinic consent form to Brian Ketner
- ◇ Dia del los Muertos, Learning Commons, 12-2p
- ◇ Study Night, Free Taco Bar, Student Achievement Hub, 5-7p



4 Tuesday

- ◇ Election Day, Ruidoso Convention Center, 7a-7p

5 Wednesday

- ◇ Flu Clinic, Rm221, 8-11:30a

6 Thursday

- ◇ Sierra Blanca Regional Taskforce Meeting, Rm201, 7-8:30a
- ◇ Community College Board Meeting, Rm106, 5p
- ◇ Classic Cinema Film Series presents Shane (1952), Rm116, 6p

7 Friday

- ◇ Joint Meeting of Lincoln & Otero County Commissioners Meeting, Rm 106, 9-11a

8 Saturday

- ◇ CNA & Phlebotomy Pinning Ceremony, Rm201, 11a

11 Tuesday

- ◇ Faculty AI Training, Rm106, 9a-2p

12 Wednesday

- ◇ ENMU Portales Student Recruiter on Campus, Learning Commons, 8:30-11:30a
- ◇ Feed Your Brain Presents: William Mack: The Art of Stained Glass, Learning Commons, 12p
- ◇ Inn of the Mountain Gods Training, Rm106, 1-4p

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- ◇ Study Night, FREE Taco Bar, Student Achievement Hub, 5-7p