



From The President

**When We Work Together
We Can Accomplish Much**



Dr. D. Ryan Carstens

The resounding success of the college's first-ever general obligation bond in November was an honorable moment not only for ENMU-Ruidoso, but for the entire community.

It cast a spotlight on the unity and deep partnerships that exist in the Village of Ruidoso and City of Ruidoso Downs.

The referendum won handily in every voting precinct. It was supported by business leaders, civic organizations, retirees and first-time voters, Republicans and Democrats alike.

It underscored that this community has more that unites it than divides it; that people from all walks of life and from divergent agendas can still come together for a worthwhile cause dedicated to the improvement of life and opportunities for all of us.

ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College is a grateful beneficiary of our community unity. We realized it as we asked community and business leaders to provide input into our workforce training and other college plans.

We are grateful to leaders from the Village of Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Ruidoso Downs who provided input into the college's academic and facilities plans, and then stepped up to help us tell our

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**College Board Approves
New Workforce Programs**

ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College board members wasted no time following the school's successful bond referendum on Nov. 5 to approve curriculum for three workforce programs promised in the bond campaign.

Board members unanimously approved new programs in Fermentation Science, Construction Trades and Wind Energy at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Each had been requested by community business and civic leaders, and was considered a "high priority" in the college's Academic Plan.

Curricula plans for each now move to the ENMU Board of Regents and state education agencies for final approval.

Classrooms and labs for these programs will be addressed in the college's \$3 million renovation of 709 Mechem Drive, approved by voters on Nov. 5.

"We are moving forward quickly because it may require many months to obtain approvals, hire faculty and purchase specialized equipment," said President Dr. Ryan Carstens. "We want to make these important programs available to students as soon as possible."

The Fermentation Science Associate of Applied Science degree program is a 61-hour credit program

that includes a 31-hour Certificate of Completion in either Enology & Viticulture or Brewing & Distilling..

Students wanting to enter the field can earn a Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate of Occupational Training with three credit hours. Once hired, students may continue to advance with an Apprenticeship Certificate of Occupational Training, a 13-hour certificate. At that point students will specialize in either Enology and Viticulture or Brewing and Distilling, completing a 15 credit specialization certificate in either area. Finally, if a student is looking to pursue pre-management opportunities they can complete 30 additional credits to fulfill Associate of Applied Science requirements.

All of the potential courses and certificates have been developed with industry input. Based on meetings with the Viva Vino New Mexico Wine association and local businesses, the college is articulating the training needs of industry.

ENMU-Ruidoso and Mescalero Schools will partner to provide an introductory Construction certificate at Mescalero Schools this spring. This certificate of occupational training will be open to any interested adult as well as to high school students. At Mescalero students will be able to complete seven credits of industry

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specific training that will prepare students for employment. To complete the 16 credit certificate students will be able to come to the ENMU- Ruidoso campus this summer. Upon successful completion, students will be ready for entry level jobs in the construction industry “We have heard through conversations with industry and through interests of students a need for a highly trained entry level workforce in area of construction trades.

Additionally, students in this field are looking to go work in a short amount of time and this certificate gives them the opportunity to be trained and ready quickly,”said Vice President of Student Learning and Success Ryan Trosper.

Finally, Wind Energy will provide students both Certificate of Completion and an Associate degree options. Certificates include a 10-credit hour Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate of Occupational Training (pre-hire), a seven credit-hour Apprentice Certificate of Occupational Training, and an 18-credit hour specialization in wind energy. Completers may go on to earn the Associate degree with an additional 27 credit hours. These certificates and A.A.S degree will help ENMU-Ruidoso

meet an industry need that is coming to the region. The course list for this program differentiate it from other existing programs and meets students’ needs prior to hire and as they work in the field. Additionally, one goal of this program is to assist both dual credit and traditional students.



THANK YOU, VOTERS!

Your support of our recent bond referendum means **ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College** will be able to improve facilities, expand learning opportunities, and open doors to bright futures all students in our community.

Building Tomorrows, Together

“We are taking the lead in Fermentation Science and Wind Energy,” Dr. Carstens said. “Once implemented, these will be programs unique in the state, and will prepare individuals for significant, meaningful and lifelong careers.”



My Story | By Katie Miller ENMU-Ruidoso Student

Growing up in Ruidoso, I was always told about the importance of education. From a young age, I have enjoyed, reading and writing.

Being homeschooled taught me to take control of my education. However, it was difficult for me to decide what career path I wanted to pursue after I graduated high school. I decided to enroll at ENMU-Ruidoso due to the proximity to home and affordability of the school.

Within my first semester here at ENMU-Ruidoso, I decided to seek a degree in English. My English class that semester from Daniel Waldo heavily influenced that final decision.

Since ENMU-Ruidoso is a small campus, the faculty has the ability to be more personal with students, which I think greatly enhanced my learning experience. I also have been given the opportunity to be a work-study student, through which I have met wonderful people.

Sadly, my time here will come to an end in May when I graduate. I will then transfer in order to finish my Bachelor’s degree. After that, I plan to further my education with a Master’s degree in English so that I can become a professor and give back to the community that gave so much to me.



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Creative Aging Supports area's Santa's Helpers Project



Creative Aging, a non-profit organization with connections to ENMU-Ruidoso, contributed to the area Santa's Helpers project in December.

According to Clara Farah, executive director, volunteers stuffed and packed boxes of food and provisions and distributed the boxes to five senior centers.

This is the third year Creative Aging has been involved with holiday boxes for Lincoln County Senior Centers' Meals on Wheels recipients.

"Learning that Santa's Helpers not only gives to families with children, but also can help older adults with some holiday gifts and food, Creative Aging, stepped in and partnered with them to help home-bound elders in



our county," Farah said.

"We also joined up with the Lincoln County Community Health Council and with the Presbyterian

Center for Community Health in obtaining funds for this project."

This year, Creative Aging received \$3,000 for this project, or \$15 per box.

The food contained in boxes included nonperishable items in easy to open and small cans.

Also included this year, with additional funds from Santa's Helpers, was a holiday stocking was loaded with small extras to put on top of the food items.

"What a treat it is to participate in such an event that benefits so many senior citizens in Lincoln County," Farah said.

Boxes were distributed on Dec. 16, in time to make a difference for needy seniors during the holidays.



Did you see us at the Christmas Parade?

ENMU-Ruidoso students helped make the college's presence in the annual Festival of Lights Parade a hit! Pictured here are Ashley Neagle, Shanay Scott-Arbuckle, Summerain Gothard and Chrystal Middleton. The parade was held Saturday, Dec. 7, along Sudderth Drive.



College to Conduct Construction Trades Classes at Mescalero Apache High School

In a unique partnership, ENMU-Ruidoso and Mescalero Apache Schools (MAS) are partnering to teach construction trades classes at Mescalero Apache High School this spring.

Construction trades courses, such as plumbing, electrical, framing and HVAC, have been identified as programs important to the area's growth and job market by the Mescalero Housing Authority and Lincoln County Homebuilders.

MAS provides learning space in

its Construction Trades labs at the high school, while ENMU-Ruidoso provides instruction, equipment and materials for each course.

The agreement was approved by the MAS Board of Education at its Dec. 4 regular meeting.

Courses are held from 5:30-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday nights during the spring semester, and are open to the community.

The Construction Trades Certificate program teaches skills

that workers need to qualify for apprenticeships or entry-level positions.

According to Ryan Trospen, the college's vice president of Student Learning and Success, students successfully completing the program will be able to interpret blueprints and specifications, apply construction terminology, use currently available basic personal protective equipment and be able to select appropriate equipment for a given environment,

Community Choir Entertains Audience with Seasonal Songs at Fall Concert

ENMU-Ruidoso's Community Choir performed a variety of songs, including seasonal favorites, at its annual fall concert, held Dec. 7 at First Community Church in Ruidoso.

Following the concert theme, "Night and Day," the choir performed

a sampling of songs from Shakespeare to Andrew Lloyd Webber, including the title song, "Night and Day" by Cole Porter, which debuted in 1932.

Melba Valdez directs the choir, which is organized through the college's Community Education

office. The choir performs concerts in the fall and spring at First Community Church.

To learn more about participating in the Community Choir, please visit the Community Education page on the college website. 



College Recognizes Three Students for Outstanding Contributions



ENMU-Ruidoso recognized three outstanding students for contributions “above and beyond” academic excellence during the college’s Fall Awards and Student Appreciation Reception. The event was held in the college’s foyer, hosted by the Success Emporium staff.

Recipients were selected after being nominated by faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Ryan Trosper, vice president of student learning and success, emceed the event and presented awards along with Dr. Lynn Willard, president of the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation and former member of

the College Board.

Emmanuel Hernandez was honored as Student Volunteer of the semester for assisting with events, providing culinary expertise and resources.

Receiving the Fall 2019 Peer Mentor award was Alexandra Valdez. Valdez was recognized for

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Sophomore Day Draws More Than 250 From Across Lincoln County



ENMU-Ruidoso’s second annual Sophomore Day brought more than 250 high school sophomores to the college to learn about a variety of careers and experience college culture first hand.

Every public high school in Lincoln County was represented.

Sophomores were treated to 12 fifteen-minute “sessions” about a variety of careers—such as biology, business, emergency medical services,

marketing, history, psychology, and others. Sessions were taught by ENMU-Ruidoso faculty and staff.

The college foundation also participated, reminding students that scholarship funds were available if students sought them.

After a full morning of presentations, students gathered in the Sierra Mall for lunch and a rousing presentation by Montie Carol Montgomery, owner of

2 Ruidoso Redheads.

Montgomery presented the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation a check for \$5,000 to fund student scholarships, then related her own story, telling students how she emerged from humble beginnings to successful entrepreneur.

“Get your education,” she told the audience. “You have many resources available to help you; you only have to ask.”



Phase 1 Renovation Completion Expected in Early Summer

The transformation of a former retail furniture store at 721 Mechem Dr. into a modern college addition is well underway, with completion now anticipated in late May or early June.

Jaynes Construction crews have completed infrastructure requirements and are now working to finish out classrooms and labs, including a 140-seat lecture hall and multipurpose room, which can be used for instruction, fine arts performances, conference and special events.

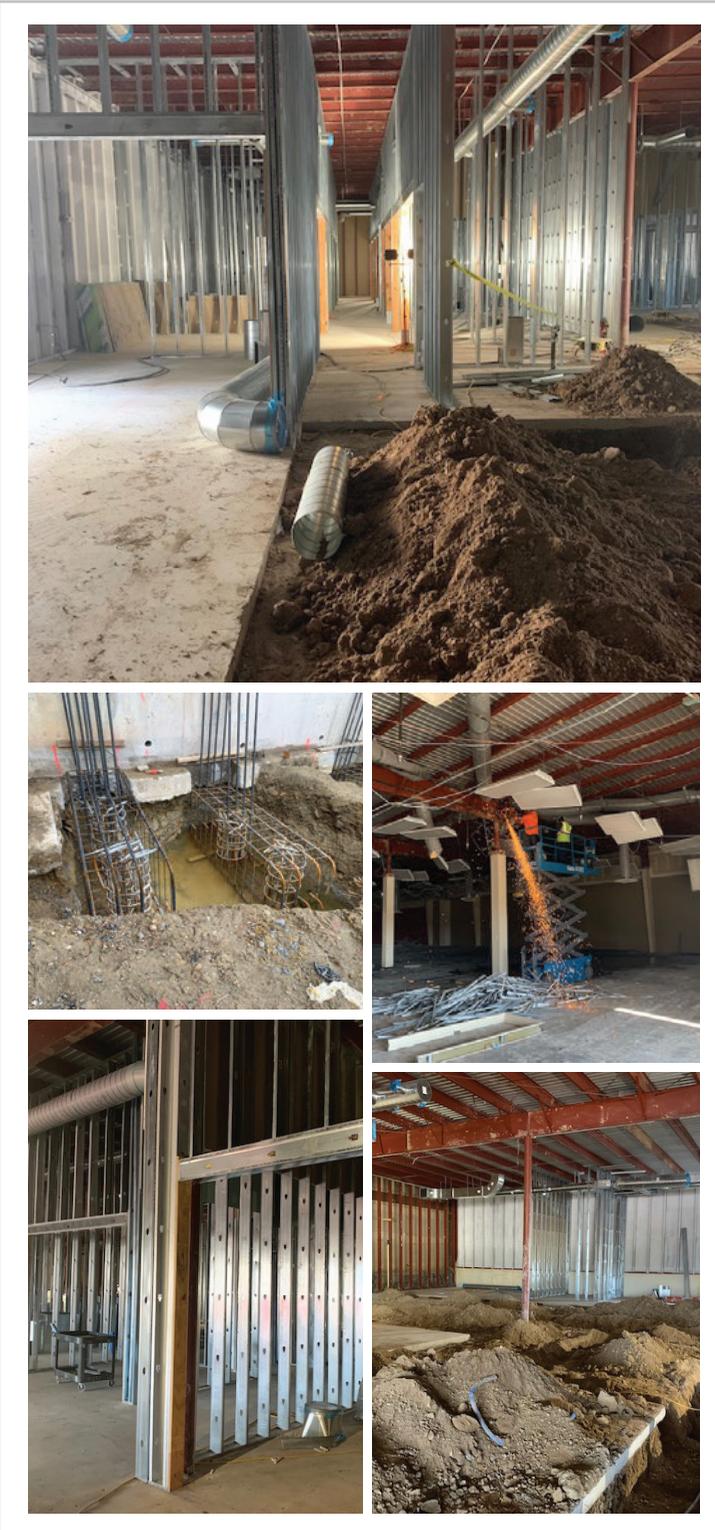
When completed, the 16,000 sq. ft. facility will feature three classrooms seating 30 students or more, nine “seminar-style” classrooms, and space for co-curricular activities by students.

Also included in the renovation are offices for faculty, a new roof, and a strengthened retaining wall. Total cost is estimated at \$3,582,000, paid for with local and state funds.

The renovation is Phase 1, part one, of a three-phase renovation of the college. Phase 2, which was approved by voters in a Nov. 5 referendum, will renovate the existing college at 709 Mechem Dr. with classrooms and labs designed specifically for the needs of workforce training programs. Phase 2 also includes expanded space for the New Mexico Workforce Connection.

Phase 3 which follows will add a new façade to make the two adjoining and renovated buildings look as one contemporary community college.

“We expect to open our Phase 1 addition this summer,” said President Dr. Ryan Carstens. “As we develop Phase 2, many academic programs will transition to space in the new addition. When all construction is completed in 2021 or 2022, ENMU-Ruidoso will be a comprehensive community college the entire community will be proud of, one that will play a significant role in the lives of students and the local economy for many years to come.”



Mescalero Students Celebrate Native American Heritage Day

More than 60 students from Mescalero Apache Schools and Ruidoso High School joined ENMU-Ruidoso students recently to celebrate Native American Heritage Day at the college.

The event was planned by ENMU-Ruidoso students and held Nov. 20.

Students performed Native American dances and music, recited a tribal blessing, and celebrated Mescalero Apache culture and history.

Gabe Aguilar, Tribal president, and Charlie Savedra, Jr., superintendent of Mescalero Apache Schools, attended the event with students.

“We appreciate our Mescalero students and honor their culture and heritage,” said ENMU-Ruidoso President Dr. Ryan Carstens. “These students are outstanding scholars. We are proud of their accomplishment both in and outside the classroom.”



Proud heritage: Students displaying art from the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Molly Evans, Miss Mescalero Apache

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story throughout the community.

Likewise, as Village of Ruidoso leaders worked through their ambitious and futuristic master planning process, we realized the college and Village were “singing from the same hymnal.” We understood that our region needs a skilled workforce if the community were to grow and thrive.

Finally, we appreciate so much the support we felt from our Ruidoso Municipal Schools (RMS) leaders. Superintendent Dr. George Bickert stood with me at the podium for numerous public events, large and small, recounting the benefits of a strong “cradle to career” educational

system that supports learning for everyone from kindergarten to career and beyond, to an engaging and creative retirement.

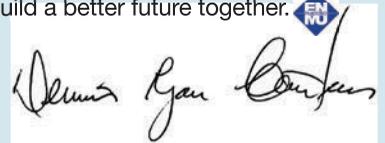
Residents who voted for the public school general obligation bond also supported the ENMU-Ruidoso college bond, a factor critical to our success.

There were three college bond referendums on the ballot in New Mexico this past November. All were approved by voters. Two of the referendums were for continuing bonds that did not raise taxes. ENMU-Ruidoso’s \$3 million bond was the only such referendum that required a new

tax on residents, and yet—with 71.25 percent of votes cast—the referendum here won with the greatest measure of support in the state. This is a profound statement by citizens of our community regarding your commitment and support for education. We are so honored to serve our friends and family in this community.

Thank you to Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs!

We now begin our next steps to build a better future together.



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identify the most common sources of occupational injury and death, apply principles of job site safety, and practice professional behavior on the construction site.

In addition, the college helps trainees make better-informed decisions about whether a career in construction is right for them. ENMU-Ruidoso’s advisors counsel

trainees about the demands of apprenticeship and construction employment, and helps them assess whether construction is the right type of work for them.

“We look forward to working closely with Mescalero Apache Schools to equip our residents with the skills they need for meaningful, in-demand jobs in the community,” Trospier said.

The tribe and college have partnered for several years to teach dual credit construction trades courses to Mescalero High School students. The new endeavor expands on this successful endeavor, Trospier explained.

For a schedule of available courses and class times, visit ruidoso.enmu.edu.

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displaying values of encouragement and support to other students inside and outside the classroom, and promoting campus involvement among peers. She gave time and expertise as a tutor and mentor, and was an intricate part of the Success

Emporium.

Crystal Middleton received the college’s Student Leadership award, given to a student who exceeds expectations in leadership development, service and education with the campus and community.

Middleton is a member of PTK and National Student Leadership Symposium, and is actively involved with coordinating and leading campus events, including fundraisers.