



ENMU-Ruidoso  
**2022**  
Commencement  
Ceremony



May 12, 2022 • 6:00 p.m.  
Inn of the Mountain Gods



## Processional

Pomp and Circumstance (Audience Standing)

## Mace Carriers

Dinah Hamilton, *Professor, Department Chair, History,  
Humanities and Social Services*

*and*

Jack McCaw, *Professor, Department Chair, Math and Sciences*

## Welcome and Introductions

Ryan Trospser, *President, ENMU-Ruidoso*

## Invocation

Brad Treptow

## Tribal Welcome

Eddie Martinez, *President, Mescalero Apache Tribe*

## Comments from the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College Board

Brad Treptow, *Chair*

## Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Ryan Trospser

## Mace Explained

Ryan Trospser

## Acknowledgment of Faculty

Ryan Trospser

## Presentation of Teaching Excellence Award

Ryan Trospser

## Presentation of Outstanding Service Award

Ryan Trospen

## Commencement Speakers

Ryne Andre Almarinez

Eric Saenz

Jimmie Foy

## Recognition of Posthumous Degree

Ryan Trospen

## Recognition of ENMU-Ruidoso Graduates

Ryan Trospen

## Conferring of Certificates and Degrees

Dr. Patrice Caldwell, *Chancellor, ENMU System*

## Presentation of Diplomas, Certificates and Degrees

Ryan Trospen

## Presentation of ENMU Portales Graduates

Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

Dr. Patrice Caldwell

## Conferring of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

Dr. Patrice Caldwell

## Closing and Recessional

Ryan Trospen

Pomp and Circumstance (Audience Standing)

*Please remain standing until the academic procession has left the room.*

## Posthumous Degree Recipient

### Heather Lotz Garrett

AA Business

AAS Business

## Student Speakers

### Ryne Andre Almarinez

Ryne Andre Almarinez, the son of Rodel and Romina Almarinez, was born in the Philippines on January 21, 2005. Coming into the United States in 2007, he first lived in Prince George's County in Maryland and then moved to Crownpoint, New Mexico when he was 4. Ryne Andre Almarinez currently resides in Ruidoso, New Mexico and is a graduating student at Ruidoso High School and is enrolled in their early college program. During his time in high school, Ryne was inducted into the National Honor Society where he served as the treasurer and it has taught him to maintain a certain standard whether it be in academics or a presentation of altruistic values. Additionally, Ryne has been a 4 year member of MESA where he placed in both the state and regional science olympiad. Ryne has always had an interest in cars and robotics and he enjoys playing chess, biking, video games and spending time with his family and friends. After Ryne has graduated from high school he will go to New Mexico Tech where he will study mechanical engineering and pursue a career in patent law.

### Jimmie Foy

Jimmie Foy was born and raised in Galveston TX. He is the son of a Chinese immigrant and Mexican national. He is the father of six children, three boys and three girls. Jimmie worked for AT&T for 30 years and retired in 2008. At the age of 68, Jimmie has completed his associate in University Studies. For the last 12 years he has called New Mexico home.

### Eric Saenz

Eric Saenz was born on October 20, 28 years ago in Ruidoso, NM. Eric grew up in El Paso, TX and attended El Dorado High School until his sophomore year, when he then moved to Ruidoso to live with his father. On November 2, 2014, Eric became the proud father of Giovanni Saenz who is now seven years old. Eric has always had a passion for import sports cars and in his spare time, he works on his Subaru. Currently, Eric is the assistant manager and catering manager at K-Bob's Steakhouse. After graduating with his associate in Criminal Justice, Eric plans to attend ENMU Portales and major in Psychology. Eric aspires to pursue a career where he could help at-risk youth and support his number one motivation, his son.



# Graduates

◇ *With Honors*

## New Mexico High School Equivalency

Josue Fernandez Chavez

Adtikus Payne

Bianca B. Sanchez

## Certificate of Completion

### Bookkeeping/Accounting

Sherrie Huddleston ◇

Terri Anne Knight

Troy A. Niederstadt

Faithe M. Samora

### Child Development

Erica K. Bigmouth ◇

Joylynn R. Blake

Mary Grace Estrada

Avery M. Keaton

Geralyn R. Morgan

Vanessa Rodriguez

### Computer and Network Security

Micole Billingsley ◇

Joseph Craton Blankenship ◇

Kenneth Neel Mitchell

Seth Morales

Vivian Nez ◇

Andrew Sullens

Felisha Olyvia Yawakia ◇

### Core Curriculum

Connor D. Chase ◇

Braxton W. Fox ◇

Bay I. Rabourn ◇

Elena E. Sainz

### Pre-Nursing

Myrtii Kanseah  
Lorissa Janae Martinez  
Vanessa Rhea ✧  
Lakeisha Denise Rocha

### Welding Technology

Ethan C. Allen  
Devin M. Randolph

## Certificate of Occupational Training

### Culinary Arts

Catherine Marie Magoosh ✧  
Christopher C. Patterson ✧

### Nursing Assistant

Mefaunwey K. Antonio  
Deandra M. Balatche  
Alexander Delgado ✧  
Samantha Guerrero ✧  
Kristopher Charles Haden  
Christina B. Ponce  
Elizabeth Portillo ✧  
Lakeisha Denise Rocha ✧

## Associate of Arts

### Business Administration

Carlos R. Figueroa  
Heather Garrett  
Krystal A. Genest ✧  
Terri Anne Knight ✧  
Mackey E. Muller  
Troy A. Niederstadt ✧  
Justine N. Ortiz  
Faithe M. Samora

### Criminal Justice

Mayve Lizvett Medrano  
Eric R. Saenz  
Brianna Shay Skaggs

## Early Childhood Education

Ashley C Blaylock with Honors

Kelly M. King-Morgan ✧

Ashley D. Kinzhuma ✧

Leticia Pantoja-Lewis

Chrislynn S. Shanta ✧

## General Studies

Marley Aguilar

Ethan C. Allen ✧

Ryne Almarinez ✧

Jewelianna D. Cannon

Hailey Evans

Jimmie Foy

Aidan Q. Gomez

Jael Gonzalez

Regan G. Jameson

Avery M. Keaton

Adam M. Lenzo ✧

Sabrina M. Madrid

Jolee Magoosh ✧

Lynell M. Magoosh ✧

Seth Morales ✧

Allexius E. Ontiveros ✧

Sierra M. Otero with ✧

Elizabeth RamirezDana

Lakeisha Denise Rocha

Sadie K Roser ✧

Ximena Ruiz

Lathan Sanchez

Max Oneal Settles ✧

Ian Simpson ✧

Adrianna I. Tejada

Irelinn R. Vasile ✧

## Psychology

Kayla M. Hein

## Associate of Applied Science

Business Administration

Heather Garrett

Information Systems Cybersecurity

Robert Michael Ewing ✧

Kenneth Neel Mitchell ✧

Jasline Jenaveve Polendo

Luige Scheepers ✧

Wildland Fire Science

Josh DuBoise ✧

Brandyn McCormick Harvey ✧

## Associate of Science

Pre-Engineering

Gavin Isaac Garcia

Pre-Nursing

Jessica M. Myers

Diana Isabel Valdez ✧

## Bachelor of Business Administration

Management

Denna Dorene Evans *Cum Laude*

## Bachelor of University Studies

Social Science

Brenda Alheli Garcia

## Bachelor of Social Work

Health & Human Services

Jean Norma Mares

## Master of Education

Counseling

Rebecca Martin

## Master of Arts

Communication

Jessica Ortiz Rodriguez ✧





## Philanthropy Cords

ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation is offering graduates a special opportunity to wear philanthropy cords during the graduation ceremony.

Each cord represents the graduate by his or her classification.

The Blue cord honors the New Mexico High School Equivalency Graduates. The Orange cord honors the Associate's Degree Graduates and the Silver and Green cord honors the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Graduates.

The cords are available to all graduates for a contribution which helps to fund future projects at the College.

## The Mace

Academic maces – staffs of wood, metal or gems – descended from war clubs carried in medieval times by the bodyguards of civil officers. Maces have their roots even earlier than the Roman Empire. Carried before a consul, maces were used to restore order and implement court-ordered rulings.

An academic mace symbolizes the authority invested in the president by a university's governing body. When the authority is present, the mace is present. That is why the mace is an integral part of commencement exercises, where students are invested with degrees by the lawful authority of the university.

Eastern New Mexico University's mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Greg Senn, art professor, in spring 2007. It is an honor for the mace to be loaned to ENMU-Ruidoso for this occasion.

## Graduation with Honors

ENMU-Ruidoso students may earn the following academic honors, which are noted after recipients' names in the program and indicated by honor cords worn with the graduation robe. With Honors: Honors are awarded to students who complete their program with a cumulative overall GPA of 3.50 or better are identified by a gold cord.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest and most respected honor society serving two year colleges. PTK regalia is gold with a navy blue cord.

Cumulative grade point averages are calculated after the last grading period prior to the student's final enrollment. Students whose final enrollment grades change their graduation status will have diplomas reordered to reflect the new honor status.

## Academic Regalia

Academic costumes worn during commencement trace their origin to the Middle Ages. Each European college or university had a set of garments that indicated the wearers' status. In the United States, an intercollegiate system of academic costumes has been in use since 1895.

The tradition of wearing academic costumes places scholarship above personal preference and current fashion. The academic procession symbolizes the continuity of the tradition of learning and the search for truth throughout the centuries.

High School Equivalency recipients wear light blue robe or gown. Associate's Degree recipients wear a royal blue robe or gown. The tassel on the mortarboards are royal blue and orange. Bachelor's degree recipients wear a black robe or gown. The tassel color on the mortarboard indicates the discipline. Master's Degree recipients wear hoods draped down the back of the robe. The colorful edging identifies the field of study.

Candidates for the undergraduate degree wear the tassel on the right side of the cap at commencement. After degrees are conferred, baccalaureate degree recipients turn the tassel to the left side of the cap indicating that they are now graduates.



## ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College Administration and Staff

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Amy Dewey, *Director, Institutional Effectiveness and Student Records*

## Department Chairs and Faculty

Jeff Frawley, *Associate Professor, Department Chair, Language and  
Fine Arts*

Dinah Hamilton, *Professor, Department Chair, History, Humanities  
and Social Sciences*

Joel Hutchins, *Associate Professor, Cybersecurity*

Jack McCaw III, *Professor, Department Chair, Mathematics and Sciences*

John McCullough, *Professor, Department Chair, Business and Information Systems*

Stephen Miller, *Director, Cybersecurity Center of Excellence*

Dr. Cynthia Orozco, *Professor, History and Humanities*

Dr. Shiva Rai, *Associate Professor, Math and Sciences*

#### Adult Education Instructors/Advocates

Trinese Bolden

Hank Hargis

Katherine Nelson

Jessica Ortiz

Ashley Prelo

Ashley Roberts

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Dr. Jamie Laurenz, *Vice President, Academic Affairs*

Recognized Guest

Eddie Martinez, *President, Mescalero Apache Tribe*



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