

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College

Nov. 10, 2025

ENMU-Ruidoso Recognized 13 Students at CNA & Phlebotomy Pinning Ceremony

ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College recognized nine Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students and four Phlebotomy students Nov. 8 at a Pinning Ceremony. President Ryan Trosper welcomed the audience. CTE Director Gray Mowery gave opening remarks. CNA/Phlebotomy Instructor Jean Jewell gave a blessing and recognized the students, and the students were pinned by CNA/Phlebotomy Instructor Dorothy Roberts. Pinning a graduating CNA/Phlebotomy student symbolizes their initiation into their new profession and marks the completion of the Certificate of Occupational Training.



L-R: CNA Students Ana Alvidrez, Ruidoso; Mili Cornelius, Alto; Leia Girven, Ruidoso; Marlen Gonzalez, Ruidoso Downs; Seily Portillo, Ruidoso Downs; Mariayah Renteria, Ruidoso Downs; Kanae Sago, Mescalero; Brillianty Sanchez, Ruidoso; Natalie Rey Talamantes, Ruidoso Downs; Phlebotomy Students Sharon Yuzos, Ruidoso Downs; Velia Trujillo, Capitan. Not Pictured: Phlebotomy Students Monica Davalos, Tularosa; and Shawna Gunter, Ruidoso.

ENMU-Ruidoso Students & Faculty Compete in First Atlatl Competition

Three Science Department students Rori Hixon, Crystella Porterfield and Kristine Neuman, all of Ruidoso and Department Chair and Faculty Member Shelly Elfelt competed in their first Atlatl Throwing Competition Nov. 1. The 23rd annual Atlatl Competition was held at the Blackwater Draw National Historical Landmark in Portales. Neuman tied for first place in the adult category against over 30 competitors. In the final shootout she placed second. An atlatl throwing competition involves athletes using an ancient spear-thrower called an atlatl to compete in accuracy and distance. Participants throw a dart or spear from the atlatl, and results are judged based on how close their throws are to a bullseye or how far they can propel the projectile.



L-R: Rory Hixon, Science Dept. Chair Shelly Elfelt, Crystella Porterfield and Kristine Neuman.

Upcoming Events

November

10 Monday

- ◇ Breakfast with President Trosper, Student Achievement Hub, 9a
- ◇ Inn of the Mountain Gods Training, Rm106, 1-4p

11 Tuesday

- ◇ Faculty AI Training, Rm106, 9a-2p

12 Wednesday

- ◇ ENMU Portales Student Recruiter on Campus, Learning Commons, 8:30-11:30a
- ◇ Inn of the Mountain Gods Training, Rm106, 1-4p
- ◇ Center for Health Innovation Public Health Institute Focus Group, Rm202, 3-5p

13 Thursday

- ◇ Ruidoso/Lincoln County Realtors Assoc. Meeting, Rm106, 8a-4p
- ◇ ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Board Meeting, Rm103, 4p

14 Friday

- ◇ Ruidoso/Lincoln County Realtors Assoc. Meeting, Rm106, 8a-4p
- ◇ First Lego League, Rm202, 3-5p

15 Saturday

- ◇ ENMU-Ruidoso Rodeo Team Fundraiser, Patina Lounge at Jack's Backstage, 3p



ENMU-Ruidoso **RODEO TEAM**

HORSE RACE GAME FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Nov. 15
3 p.m. start
The Patina Lounge
at Jack's Backstage
1056 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso

150 entry per person with 6 jockeys per race
Race winners receive 150 and advance to Championship Race
Jockeys may enter the consolation bracket for 100
One spot will be auctioned prior to the Championship Race

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
Event: 1,000
Tables: 250 ea
Call 575-315-1216 for more information about sponsoring this event

Championship Race Prizes:
Winner: 1500
2nd place: 1200 - 3rd place: 1100

For more info, please call 575-837-0870 or email Sharon.Young@enmu.edu

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2026 SPRING REGISTRATION

Register Early for a chance to WIN!

Here's how it works:
Registration Dates: Nov. 3 - Dec. 15, 2025
Grand Prize: \$100 Gift Card
Plus 3 Additional Raffle Drawings
(Prizes courtesy of ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation)

Eligibility:

- Must be currently enrolled and actively taking Fall 2025 courses
- Must register for Spring 2026 courses with an advisor
- Be sure to mention the raffle during your registration appointment to enter

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