

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College

April 20, 2026

Student Spotlight, Cole Hanshew: Education Experiences Lead to Meaningful Personal Growth

Cole Hanshew is a 23-year-old ENMU-Ruidoso student athlete originally from Lubbock, Texas. Growing up, he loved coming to Ruidoso, and that connection stuck with him. That's really what inspired him to come here. "It just felt like the right place to be," said Hanshew. He is a Natural Sciences major who plans to graduate May 2027. He has gotten involved on campus by running on the new College Cross-Country Team, playing on the Golf Team, and is part of the President's Ambassadors Club, a student organization.



Coming to ENMU-Ruidoso wasn't something he had planned years ahead of time. He made the decision about four weeks before the semester started in August 2025, but once he did, everything seemed to fall into place with ease. He was able to get all the classes he wanted, enroll without any problems, and start fresh without a lot of stress.

"Being involved has made a big difference for me. It's helped me stay motivated and feel connected to the school and the people around me. Before coming here, I worked as a manager at a western retail store in Lubbock. That experience taught me a lot about responsibility and working with people, but I knew I wanted to take a different path and build something bigger for my future," said Hanshew.

"Some of my favorite classes have been my biology classes. I've always been interested in how things work, and those classes have kept me engaged. As a student Ambassador, one of my favorite experiences was taking a trip to Santa Fe to visit the Capitol building for the ENMU Day. That experience gave me a better understanding of how government works and made me realize the impact it can have on people's lives. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

April

21 Tuesday

- ◇ Seed to Supper Series, Soil Preparation, Rm116 5-7p
- ◇ ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Art Unveiling, Tiered Area, 5:30p

22 Wednesday

- ◇ Student & Athletics Awards Banquet, Rm201, 5:30p

23 Thursday-24 Friday

- ◇ College Rodeo, Grand Canyon Regional #2, Prescott, Az

24 Friday-25 Saturday

- ◇ College Rodeo Grand Canyon Regional #3, Prescott, Az.

28 Tuesday

- ◇ Seed to Supper Series, Planting Seeds & Plants, Rm116, 5-7p
- ◇ EMS Conference, Regions 1&3, Rm201, 8a-5p
- ◇ ENMU Portales Recruiter on Campus (onsite registration), Learning Commons, 8:30a-3p

30 Thursday

- ◇ Study Night, Free Taco Bar, 5-7p
- ◇ Student Creative Arts Showcase, Rm201, 5:30-7p



May

1 Friday

- ◇ Community Education Artists' Reception & Opening Night of the Art Show & Sale, Learning Commons, 4:30-7p

3 Sunday

- ◇ Community Education Community Choir Spring Concert, Rm201, 3p

4 Monday-8 Friday

- ◇ Final Exams
- ◇ Community Education Art Show & Sale, Learning Commons, 8a-7p

5 Tuesday

- ◇ Seed to Supper Series, Caring for your Garden, Rm116, 5-7p

artist *Lindsey Renea*
SHAKESPEARE
will reveal her

Mescalero Fashion
ART PROJECT

COMMISSIONED BY
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April 21, 2026
5:30 to 7 p.m.
ENMU-Ruidoso Learning Commons
Refreshments provided by
RHS Teepee Lounge and
ENMU-Ruidoso Culinary programs
Music by Jeronico Chee

Alan Lefebvre,
owner of Best
Film & Video
is producing
educational
videos of
the project.

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Come support our students and community artists!

STUDENT CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

Thur., April 30
5:30-7 p.m., Rm 201

Featuring student
creative writing readings,
acting, short films,
and artwork

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