

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College

May 11, 2026

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 President's Award Recipients

Each spring semester the college accepts nominations for the President's Annual Awards to recognize excellence in teaching and service to ENMU-Ruidoso. The recipients were honored at a reception and recognized at the Commencement Ceremony May 7.

The four President's Award Recipients who were recognized for the following are:

- ◆ Excellence in Teaching, Shelly Elfelt, Faculty Member and Science and Math Department Chair;
- ◆ Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, Hank Hargis, Director of Admissions and Part-time Instructor;
- ◆ Distinguished Service award, Gray Mowery, Director of Career and Technical Education; and
- ◆ Friend of the College award recipient, Harlan Vincent, New Mexico Representative of the 56th District, Lincoln and Otero counties, and an ENMU-Ruidoso alumni.

ENMU-Ruidoso Recognizes CNA & Phlebotomy Students at Pinning Ceremony

ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College recognized 13 Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students and seven Phlebotomy students Saturday, May 9. Vice President Coda Omness welcomed the audience. Career & Technical Education Director Gray Mowery gave opening remarks and introduced the instructors. CNA Instructors Jean Jewell and Dorothy Roberts gave a blessing and presented students for pinning.

Pinning a graduating CNA or Phlebotomy student symbolizes their initiation into the nursing or phlebotomy profession and marks the completion of the Nursing Assistant Certificate and the Phlebotomy of Occupational Training Certificate.

Voting begins at ENMU-Ruidoso May 16

Voting is available at ENMU-Ruidoso, beginning on Saturday, May 16 through Saturday, May 30. Hours are Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed on Sundays and Mondays. [Visit Lincoln Co. Voting Centers for](#)



Back row left to right: CNA Instructor Jean Jewell, CNA Students Joleen Geronimo, Ciarra Blake, Julianna Kennedy, Chelsi Cheaney, Janie Maxwell. Seated: Molly Pena, LiErin Maypole, Madison Lutterman, Makenzie Wilson, and CNA Instructor Dorothy Roberts. Not pictured James Adam and Ennydia Nevarez.



Left to right: Domonique Parker, Falon Sparks, Millette Saenz, April Desiderio, and Phlebotomy Instructor Bobbie Owen-Simonson. Not pictured Anita Trujillo and Caitlin Byrd.

Upcoming Events

May

12 Tuesday

- ◆ Hazmat Certification Class begins
- ◆ NMSU Meeting, Rm115, 8a-5p
- ◆ Inn of the Mountain Gods Training, Rm201, 11a-4p
- ◆ Seed to Supper Series, Protecting your Garden, Smokey's Community Garden, 901 Mechem Dr., 5-7p



13 Wednesday

- ◆ NMSU Meeting, Rm115, 8-10a

14 Thursday

- ◆ Classic Cinema Film Series, "M" (1931), Rm116, 1p

15 Friday

- ◆ EcoServants Meeting, Rm202, 10-3p

16 Saturday

- ◆ Voting Begins, Rm106, 10a-6p

19 Tuesday

- ◆ Voting resumes through Saturday, May 30, Voting is closed Sundays and Mondays
- ◆ Inn of the Mountain Gods Training, Rm201, 11a-4p
- ◆ Seed to Supper Series, Harvesting & Storage of your Crops, Smokey's Community Garden, 901 Mechem Dr., 5-7p

20 Wednesday

- ◆ New Mexico Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation Program Mgrs. Meeting, Rm201, 8:30a-5p

21 Thursday

- ◆ New Mexico Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation Program Mgrs. Meeting, Rm201, 8:30a-12:30p

22 Friday

- ◆ ENMU Board of Regents Meeting, Portales, 8:30p

