WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College

Nov. 2, 2026

Register Now for Spring Semester Classes

Make an appointment with your advisor today to register for Spring Semester Classes that begin Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2027. Scholarships are available through the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation. Currently admitted and enrolled full- and part-time students at ENMU-Ruidoso are eligible to apply for ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Scholarships. To apply for scholarships, contact Foundation Director Rochelle Lentschke, call 575-315-1216 or email Rochelle.Lentschke@enmu.edu to get information about scholarships available and a scholarship application. The application must be completed and received at the Foundation Office by Sunday, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. Final award decisions are made by the Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee or by the sponsoring donor or organization.

Culinary Arts Students take Field Trip to the Inn of the Mountain Gods

The Food Prep 1 class taught by Sharon "Weech" Young is a part of the Certificate of Occupational Training (COT) Culinary Fundamentals. The class recently visited the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero and toured all the kitchens, the bakery, and the wine cellar. Students were given a knife skills lesson by Head Chef Brendan Gochenour, who was named Chef of the Year for 2026, and they made lava cakes with the Head Baker Chef Mirissa Huffman. They also learned about banquet service, regions of France and Italy, and wine pairing with foods with Sommelier Melissa Waldrop. The class currently has seven students, Gavin Castillo and Myrtle Scott both of Mescalero were able to attend the field trip.

Head Baker Chef Mirissa Huffman teaching ENMU-Ruidoso Students Myrtle Scott and Gavin Castillo learning how to make lava cakes.

"This field trip gives perspective on several aspects of Hospitality and Restaurant management," said Young. "Experiences like this help bring everything together for students. Being able to step into a real kitchen and then come back and apply those skills in class gives them a better understanding of what the work actually looks like day-to-day."

Upcoming Events

November

2 Monday
- ◊ Registration begins for Spring 2027 Semester Classes that begin in January
- ◊ Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda, Learning Commons, through Nov. 6
- ◊ National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training, Rm 106, 115, 201, 220, 221, 8a-5p through Nov. 10
- ◊ Food Prep 1 Cookie War, Demo Kitchen, Rm120, 12:30p

3 Tuesday
- ◊ Election Day
- ◊ Tuesday Brew with Julia, "People Pleasing is Exhausting," Student Achievement Hub, Rm111, 10:30 -11:30a

4 Wednesday
- ◊ Flu Clinic, Rm224, 10a-12p
- ◊ New Mexico Flavors Cooking Class, Bischochitos, Rm111, 5p

5 Thursday
- ◊ Educators Rising Meeting, Learning Commons, 5p
- ◊ In-person Study Night, Free Taco Bar, 5-7p

6 Friday
- ◊ 2nd 8 wk & 16 wk Withdrawal Deadline

9 Monday
- ◊ ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board Meeting, Rm106, 5p

10 Tuesday
- ◊ Tuesday Brew with Julia, "Overthinking: My Brain Has 47 Tabs Open," Student Achievement Hub, Rm111, 10:30-11:30a
- ◊ Native American Heritage Celebration, 1-7p
- ◊ Native American Student Art Exhibition & Sale, Learning Commons, 5-7p