# NM School Counselors' Community of Best Practice

September 21, 2022

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- Introductions
- Website
- Newsletters
- Monthly Meetings (virtual)
- Conference

# Meeting Focus: 3 C's

- College Information
- Career Information
- Collaboration
- ☐ + New Information

## It takes a village!

- NMSCA
- NMACTE
- □ NACAC
- □ RMACAC
- O NMEAF
- Education Opportunity Center
- ENLACE NM
- Project ECHO
  - Social Emotional Learning
  - ☐ School-Based Health Centers
  - Southwest College & Career Counseling

- Matriculate
- Junior Achievement
- New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
- ☐ 21st Century Solution A+ Soft Skills
- Careers2Communities
- NM Career Clusters Guides



- Visit the <u>website</u>
- Join & Get Involved
  - Board & Committee Opportunities

#### ■ Member Conference Fee - \$50.00 - 83 left

Cost for NMSCA members. Login to get this great rate!

#### "NMSCA Board Member - 3 left

<sup>■</sup> (Registration code required)

\_Special rate for NMSCA Board Members only

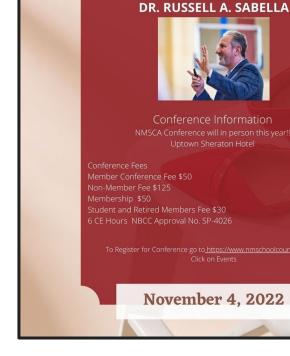
#### Non-Member Conference Fee - \$125.00 - 15 left

■ Conference registration fee for non-members. Consider becoming a member to save money.

Only for

Student/Retired Member Conference Fee - \$30.00 - 10 left certain membership levels. Details

For student or retired members only



**NMSCA** 

**New Mexico School Counselor Association Annual Conference** SOLUTION FOCUSED BRIEF COUNSELING **PRESENTED BY** 

### New Mexico Association of Career & Technical Education

- NMACTE Socials held by Zoom Typically, the first Wednesday of the month
- NMACTE website <u>New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education ACTE</u> (acteonline.org)





### National Association of College Admission Counseling

- □ Visit the <u>website</u>
- Special Interest Groups
  - Public School SIG
  - Charter School SIG
  - ☐ Rural & Small Town SIG
  - ☐ SIGs by Ethnicity
  - ☐ LGBTQ+ SIG
  - ...And more!



National Association for College Admission Counseling

### Rocky Mountain Association of College Admission Counseling

- Visit the website
- Join & Get Involved
  - Board & Committees
- Scholarships for school counselors and students
- Professional Development
- College Fairs
- College Bus Tour



Rocky Mountain
Association for College Admission Counseling







RMACAC Albuquerque College Fair (9/18/22)



# NMEAF RESOURCES



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#### **Virtual Presentations**

Financial Aid (Federal & State)

• FSA ID (How to)



Basics of Financial Aid and the FAFSA® Process

The process of Creating your FSA ID

# Student Incentives (Scholarships & Prizes)





### **Annual FAFSA Trainings**





**FAFSA Training** 

# FAFSA MONEY MONDAYS NEED HELP WITH YOUR FAFSA? HAVE QUESTIONS?

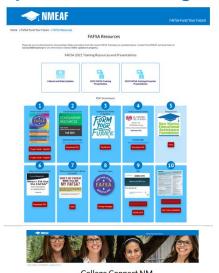


https://www.nmeaf.org/money-mondays

# NMEAF RESOURCES

#### Website(s) Content & Digital Materials

https://www.nmeaf.org/FAFSA-Training-tools



College Connect NM



Congratulations to the 2021 College and Career Signing Days participants. We look forward to the new high school graduates of 2022! Check back in April of 2022 for new postings and information

2021 New Mexico College and Career Signing Day



#### Social Media &



#### **FA & FAFSA Materials**





**Flvers** 



**Brochures** 

# **NEWSLETTERS (Counselors, Students, Parents)**

#### SPECIAL REMINDER EDITION



#### Work-Life Balance

We all know how passionate and hard working our education community is we see it everyday. Long working hours to guarantee our students success. This is a work-balanace reminder from people that care about you. Please take time for yourself to enjoy those little things that help you unwind, you deserve it. A healthy you starts with you!

#### COUNSELOR DEMO REMINDER

The canvas catalog counselors demo is tomorrow. If you have not registered please register ASAP.

Zoom session starts at 12pm!



#### Have you heard the news?



New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (NMEAF) now has federal approval to work with student specific data for New Mexico's FAFSA outreach. A special thank you to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for assisting us with acquiring the data permissions needed to make this happen, just in time for the new school year.

#### How does this help?

NMEAF can now provide direct communications to your students and families utilizing all their communications technologies, and call center personnel to contact students that have not started the FAFSA, or have errors on the form; free FAFSA assistance to help them complete.

#### Is this automatic?

Although many school districts have signed up, a signed service agreement is still required from your district. This is provided by NMEAF and does require a district superintendent signature.

#### Welcome Back to the New School Year



#### **Ready to Launch**

As we wind down the 2021-22 FAFSA season, our gratitude goes out to so many that helped our students and families of New Mexico, especially those who assisted with the Fund Your Future FAFSA Money Mondays.

We are moving at warp speed and continue to hold strong with your assistance in creating opportunities for all New Mexican's to attain a higher education and a brighter future.

We are **ready to launch the 2022-23 FAF SA training and state updates session**. In futuristic-style, it is virtual again. We look forward to seeing you all again on the big screen. *A full agenda will follow*:

Fund Your Future Training Sign Up

Register Here



#### Good job New Mexico!



As of July 29, 2022 New Mexico is ranked 39th in the nation on FAFSA completion. And 3rd in the country in year-over-year % change in FAFSA completions 6.9%.

All your hard work has paid off! More FAFSA's means more New Mexico youth will be on track to a post secondary education in 2022. We couldn't be more proud of our education community. Way to go New Mexico!

## Outreach@nmeaf.org

# STUDENT LEVEL DATA

### <u>Data Use Agreement</u> - must be signed by superintendent



- Emails (Introduction to Money Mondays)
- Mail brochures with cover letter
- Calls to students and parents
- Social Media outreach (Instagram, snapchat, Facebook)
- Texting campaigns (FSA ID, FAFSA, Scholarships, College Apps & Tik Tok Challenge)

**FAFSA STATUS REPORTS!!** 



# Q & A



Ruben Reyes Outreach@nmeaf.org

# **THANK YOU**



Joni Beader





# **Educational Opportunity Center**

- Who we are:
  - ☐ TRIO Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education
  - ☐ Not UNM recruiters
- What we do:
  - Assist high school seniors in:
    - Filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
    - Applying to the college or university of their choice
    - Assistance in completing other scholarships



Link to our intake application

# **Educational Opportunity Center**

- Who Can Qualify:
  - Seniors must be from Bernalillo, Socorro, Torrance, or Valencia counties
  - U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents
  - Target population: low income and/or first-generation college students
- How do we offer these services:
  - One-on-one by appointment or in a workshop setting
    - We are now setting up workshops and presentations for this fall semester please contact Maria for specific dates at <a href="mailto:maria76617@unm.edu">maria76617@unm.edu</a> or at (505) 277-4382

# Educational Opportunity Center Northern New Mexico College



#### **ABOUT & WHO WE SERVE**

- Free student support program that helps participants pursue their college and career goals
- New grant serving Northern New Mexico
  - 9-12 and primarily 18 y/o+ who are FG/LI
  - Tribal affiliated
  - Disconnected youth, adults on probation or parole
  - Teen parents
  - Veteran, active military
  - Adult learners looking to go back to school or complete HSE/GED and enroll in college

#### CONTACT

Holly Caulder: <a href="mailto:holly.caulder@nnmc.edu">holly.caulder@nnmc.edu</a>, <a href="mailto:eoc@nnmc.edu">eoc@nnmc.edu</a>, or Director Donna Jaramillo

#### **HOW WE SERVE**

- Individual, 1-1 appointments
- Work with college departments and high school counselors
  - Schedule virtual or in-person meetings with our EOC advisors and your student(s)
- Conduct workshops on request

#### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- FAFSA and scholarship applications
- College admissions
- Resume building/coaching
- Coordinate college exploration sessions and campus tours
- Referrals to resources they may need
- Opportunity to request almost anything

### **ENLACE New Mexico**



### Vision

**ENLACE New Mexico** represents the voices of children and families to develop educational and policy initiatives that directly impact them and their communities. We are a network of transformational leaders as diverse as the state we serve. Our collaborative includes students, families, universities, community colleges, school districts, businesses, government agencies, and community organizations. This network is based on a process that empowers communities to express their voices in the pursuit of educational access and success as well as social justice.

### **ENLACE New Mexico**



### **CE** Areas of Focus

- STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES ENLACE's culturally relevant coaching and mentoring
  programs promote academic and personal success among elementary, middle and high
  school students as well as students in higher education. Programs focus particularly on
  students from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds.
- FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT The ability for students to succeed in their education depends greatly on their families' level of involvement as well as support from their communities. ENLACE New Mexico remains dedicated to our mission of providing avenues for engagement, involvement, and growth for families and communities across New Mexico.
- LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT We provide opportunities for
  participants to engage in a variety of leadership and professional development initiatives
  each year. These include conferences, colloquia, symposia, workshops, and training
  sessions in collaboration with numerous state, national, and international partners.

### National Hispanic Institute -2023 Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez, NM Lorenzo de Zavala (LDZ) Youth Legislative Session at UNM and the NM State Capitol

Program Brochure: NM Brochure (2023 Final Draft 9.20.22) (nationalhispanicinstitute.org)

This year's event will host 150 top students in a weeklong leadership experience on the UNM campus June 11-18, 2023, and highlight the legacy of late Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez. The program is made possible with the help of special funding from the New Mexico Legislature introduced by State Sen. Michael Padilla.

Chavez, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1931-1935 and in the U.S. Senate from 1935-1962, was the first Hispanic person elected to a full term in the Senate and the first senator to be born in New Mexico.



#### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- 10th or 11th grade students
- Must have a minimum of a 3.2/4.0 grade point average (GPA) or better
- Students from the state of New Mexico
- Enrollment in a college-bound high school graduation plan

#### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Must upload a copy of a recent report card or transcript when you register
- For admitted students, Parent/Guardian signatures on the Parent Release and Medical Form
- Must meet NHI's requirements for proof of vaccination for COVID-19
- Must complete pre-program online orientations before attending the program

# Project ECHO: SW College & Career Counseling of Native American Students



# Project ECHO: School Based Health Centers

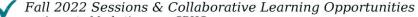






A professional learning opportunity to support School Based Health Center providers in supporting the health, well-being, and academic success of students, providing no cost CNEs, CEUs, and CMEs

Monthly workshops highlighting best practices in providing equitable primary and behavioral health care for all students



- · August:: Marketing your SBHC
- · September: Suicide Prevention
- · October: Grief & Loss
- · November: Child Sexual Abuse







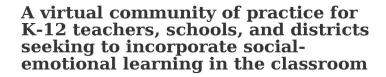


PROJECT ECHO FOR EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

# Project ECHO: Educator Resiliency through SEL







- **✓ Develop frameworks & strategies** for effective SEL through expert-led presentations
- Receive targeted professional development and engage in collaborative problem solving
- $\checkmark$  There is **no cost** to participate in the program



1st & 3rd Tuesday **Time:** 3:30 - 4:30 PM (MT)







### Project ECHO: Higher Education Access & Success

- All-teach, all-learn virtual knowledge network for counselors, educational navigators, advisors, case managers, non-profit staff, workforce development, & volunteers to gain knowledge, skills, connections, and resources to better support youth & adults on their higher education journeys.
- Best Practices shared through presentations
- ☐ Community collaboration and support through case studies
- □ 4th Wednesday of the month, 2:30 -4pm via Zoom
- □ Next session: Community Resources & Self-Advocacy Sept. 28th 2:30-4pm
- □ <a href="https://padlet.com/marthauwcnm/HEASECHO">https://padlet.com/marthauwcnm/HEASECHO</a>



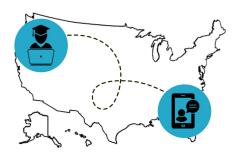


### Matriculate

Matriculate (www.matriculate.org) is a national nonprofit that provides free virtual college advising to low-income high-achieving students across the country through a near-peer mentorship model.



We are working with 3500 **students** in the Class of 2023. If accepted, students are matched via email with a *free* near-peer mentor and will work one-on-one through the end of their senior year. Students meet virtually with their Advising Fellow via video chat, phone call, text, and email - all of their meetings are one-on-one to offer students individualized support.



We call our **mentors** Advising Fellows (AFs) - they are current college students from different schools across the country. AFs must apply, interview, and complete 15+ hours of training before they are matched with a mentee. Throughout their term, AFs complete 40+ hours of training and are closely supervised by a full-time team member. AFs only work with 2-3 students

**Counselor Toolkit:** <u>bit.ly/ShareMAT</u>

Application: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/MAT23Apply">bit.ly/MAT23Apply</a>

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Students are eligible to apply if they meet all of the following:

- Graduation Year is 2023
- Attends High School in the US (Undocumented + DACA students are eligible)
- Family income < \$80,000</li>
- At least a 3.5/4.0 GPA
- Takes a Rigorous Course Load

Counselor Toolkit: bit.ly/ShareMAT



Students meet with their Advising Fellow a few times a month via video call, phone, text and email to work one-on-one on college tasks, including:

- College Essays
- College Applications
- Financial Aid (including FAFSA & CSS Profile)
- Scholarships
- College Interviews
- Preparing for College Life
- .. and more!



Our goal is that every student enrolls at their best-fit college (academic, financial and social fit). Highlight from our Class of 2021:

- 98% said their AF was helpful
- 99% enrolled to a 4-year college
- 86% enrolled to a high-graduation rate college
- 95% completed the FAFSA

bit.ly/MAT23Apply

### Junior Achievement of New Mexico



### We believe in the boundless potential of young people...

- Scan here to learn more
- Educator Recommended
- Common Core Aligned
- Free To Schools
- Trained Volunteer Taught Lessons
- Hands-on Activities

"I really enjoyed interacting with the kids. It's so neat how they remember what we've learned even after a week has passed before I see them again. It really shows how much they're absorbing from our short time together and I hope that sets them up for success throughout their life."

> Olivia Gutierrez Fidelity Investments Employee & JA of NM Volunteer





### New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions strives to be a leader in improving employment and poverty rates through workforce development, enhanced services for employers, and ensuring fair labor practices and workforce protections for New Mexicans.

The Departments Youth Engagement team provides tools and resources for young people to identify careers of interest and skills to create realistic pathways to success. Career readiness is important for young people, whether pursuing a law degree or a certificate program for medical assistant.

#### Career readiness requires:

- •an understanding of oneself
- knowledge of the world of work: careers and work environments
- •the ability to choose a career that aligns with one's interests and values
- •the ability to express realistic academic and career goals and make a plan to achieve them

### New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions





#### **Earn While You Learn**

Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship programs combine paid on-the-job training with related classroom instruction. The goal is to prepare individuals for skilled occupations while equipping them with the practical experience that employers seek in applicants. As a result, employers often ensure that program completers retain employment at an increased wage.







# 21st Century Solution - A+ Soft Skills





#### A Plus Soft Skills Break Down By Skill Group



#### Communication skills

Dealing with Criticism
Note Taking
Public speaking
The Art of Persuasion
The Importance of Listening
What to do When You Don't Know

#### Personal Skills

Career Foresight
Creating Realistic Career Goals
Focusing on Long-Term Goals
On the Job Reliability
Organization Skills
Confidence
Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Motivation
Positive Mindset
Self-discipline

#### Interpersonal skills

Cultural Awareness
Cultural Sensitivity
Emotional Intelligence
How to Compromise Effectively
Leadership Skills
relationship building
Dependability
Turning Advice into Action
Social Awareness
Dealing with Criticism

#### Technology skills

Email, Text, and Cell Phone Rules Internet and Legal Considerations Professional Internet Skills Online Job Search Strategles How to Write an Email

#### Career Search Skills

Career Networking
Cover Letter Writing
How to Complete the Job Application
How to Successful Interview
Interview Foundations
Interview Strategies
Polishing the job Application
Resumé Writing
Using Online Career Search Tools

#### Professionalism in the Workplace

Aligning with Corporate Goals
Dress for the Job You Want
Multitask your way to Success
The Employer/Employee relationship
Time Management
Workplace Attendance
Workplace Ethics
Workplace Teamwork
Humility in the Workplace
Meeting Room Conduct
The Corporate and Vocational Environment
Workplace Communication

## 21st Century Solution - A+ Soft Skills

#### A Plus Soft Skills Content

- 3 courses
- 18 Lessons each course
- 35 Minutes 1 hour
   Average completion time
- Self Gradining
- Asynchronous







Complete career-focused curriculum turns core math into applied math

Professional learning for educators improves pedagogy

Careers2Communities

Integrated
assessments
provide
valuable data
to students and
educators

Embedded tools allow students to explore careers and labor market information

Community Voices videos introduce students to role models in various careers



### Resources

- Careers 2 Communities
  - ☐ Community Voices
  - ☐ Online CTE
  - Pathway 2 Careers
    - Career Tools
    - Quantile Assessments
    - Career Exploration Lessons
    - Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II courses

### New Mexico Career Cluster Guides















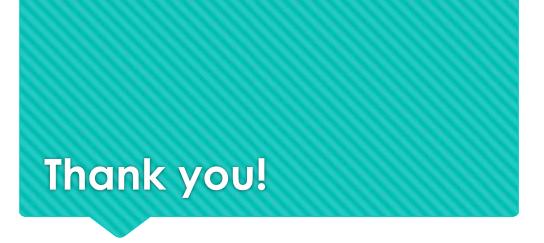
## College Tips

- ASCA National Educational and Health Awareness Dates (Calendar)
- Letters of recommendation
  - Request Form
  - Headers within a LOR
    - Distinctive Qualities
    - Academic Growth & Trends
    - Areas of Impact
    - ☐ Final Recommendation
- School Profile
  - College Board Resource
  - NACAC Resource

## **Needs Assessment**

https://forms.gle/hZFGk2UDQ23LaWZu8





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