

# COUNSELOR CONNECTION



NM School  
Counselors'  
Community of  
Best Practices

## New Mexico School Counselors' Monthly Newsletter

### Dual Credit Participation at Moriarty High School (MHS)

When discussing dual credit best practices with Central New Mexico Community College, they mentioned Moriarty High School as a school that stood out to them for dual credit participation. Monique Baca, school counselor at MHS shared information about their program.

“Hello NM school counselors! My name is Monique Baca and I am one of the school counselors at Moriarty High School. I have been a counselor for almost 10 years and have been at Moriarty since January 2019. One of my additional job duties is being the Dual Credit Coordinator. Being in a rural community makes things a little more difficult as everything has to be done online or remotely when dealing with colleges for dual credit. We offer a wide variety of dual credit courses at MHS. On campus we offer Welding, Carpentry, Information Systems, Computer-Aided Design, and Financial Literacy. We have a dual credit computer lab for students to take elective classes online through Central New Mexico Community College (CNM). We also partner with Mesalands Community College and Eastern New Mexico University for additional dual credit opportunities for our students. This school year we have about 235 students enrolled in a CNM dual credit course. The CNM dual credit process is a lengthy multi-step process, which at times can be very stressful for our students. I work collaboratively with my on-site teachers, facilitators, co-counselor, and CNM to help students get through the process. I have created tutorial presentations with screenshots to help my students with the dual credit process. Presentations include how to apply as a dual credit student, how to register for classes, how to navigate the myCNM account, how to access classes, and how to upload assignments. If a student needs extra support they meet with me or my co-counselor. I communicate with CNM dual credit representatives and the admissions office regularly in case we run into any hiccups like getting holds removed for students. I believe that dual credit is a wonderful opportunity for our students and have had many students complete multiple dual credit courses that they are just about ready to have an associates degree. I would not be as successful as I am with our dual credit program if it wasn't for my amazing team.”

Monique welcomes any questions you may have.

Dual Credit Toolkit [Here](#)

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## ROOTED IN OUR STRENGTHS



Students in New Mexico are engaged in a culturally and linguistically responsive educational system that meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of ALL students.

## EQUITY, EXCELLENCE, AND RELEVANCE

The New Mexico Public Education Department partners with educators, communities, and families to ensure that ALL students are healthy, secure, in their identity, and holistically prepared for college, career and life.



# November is 🍁🍁🍁

## NM COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH



## College Application Month

### Elementary

1. [College Awareness Activities](#)
2. [College Week Plans](#)
3. [College Conversations](#)

### Middle

1. [Gear Up Toolkit](#)
2. [College Spotlight](#)
3. [Mock Application](#)

### High

1. [College Knowledge](#)
2. [Common App Help](#)
3. [Mock Application](#)
4. [College Checklist](#)

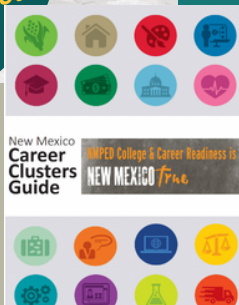
Check out this to applications in NM!



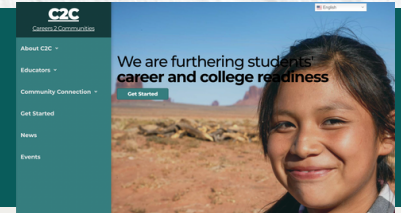
## National Career Development Month

### Have students

- ✓ Take the interest profiler
- ✓ View their career pathways
- ✓ View certifications
- ✓ Learn about majors at NM colleges & universities



CCG Guide  
[here in](#)  
Shared Drive



Click the pic to enroll your Middle & High school students in Careers2Communities to assign career exploration resources

### Career Exploration



Guide students in making informed career decisions with in-class activities. Students have automatic access to all the lesson materials.

[View career lessons](#)

### Interests Matcher



Discover your work interests and preferences.

### Cluster matcher

Find clusters that match your knowledge, skills, and abilities



Knowledge match



Skills match



Abilities match

### Values Matcher



Discover your work values and needs

### Career library

Explore careers to find jobs that match your interests and skill set

Search all careers

Search

## Careers2Communities



Scan the QR code to view a video for HOW TO use the C2C (21:38 mark)

**Did you know?**  
Registered nurses need to understand ratios and proportions. The median wage is \$73,380!

**Pathway2Careers™ Curriculum Education with Destination**

- Online coursework and assignments for life, grade, math, algebra, and geometry
- Introduces foundational math concepts in the context of high-value careers
- Students learn and practice math skills embedded in a variety of careers
- Grants begin with a one or more Common Core State Standards
- Use PSC math in a blended learning model to supplement and complement core curriculum

**About Careers2Communities**

Careers2Communities exists to improve outcomes for all students. The program, funded by The Expanding Access to Health-Related Careers Demonstration Grants Program, will enhance college and career readiness through a series of online Career and Technical Education and well-rounded, value-added programs. PSC is one of the nation's leading curriculum available through the C2C program and supported by C2C.

LEARN MORE AT  
[CAREERS2COMMUNITIES.COM](http://CAREERS2COMMUNITIES.COM)

The Careers2Communities Program is a collaboration of the following:



## National Apprenticeship Week

Apprenticeship  
&  
Career Pathway  
Programs



Nov. 14-22, 2022



ACE LEADERSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL

ACE Leadership High School held an outstanding event with **The Associated General Contractors of New Mexico** called the 2022 Heavy Equipment Rodeo that took place on September 30, 2022. Highlights of the event included:



**AGC New Mexico**

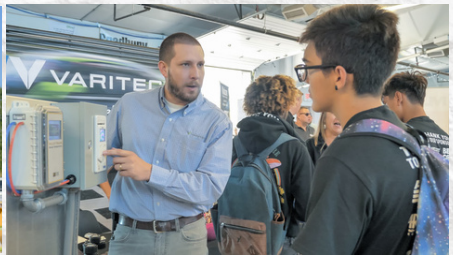
A NATIONAL AWARD WINNING CHAPTER

Building New Mexico Projects & Careers

- Over 400 students in attendance
- Students from 9 different schools in New Mexico
- Schools from 3 different counties
- 22 pieces of Heavy Equipment
- 11 different types of equipment
- 12 companies donating their time, operators, PPE, and equipment
- 22 employer booths
- 8 generous event sponsors

LOOK!

Event Photos [HERE!](#)





# National Scholarship Month



**NMEAF is hosting  
FAFSA Money Monday  
Virtual Workshops every  
Monday from 3-6pm**



## 23-24 FAFSA APPLICATION

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND HCC:	APPLICATION WILL BE OPEN:
<b>FALL 2023</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1ST</b>
<b>SPRING 2024</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>SUMMER 2024</b>	TO
 <b>REPORT YOUR 2021 TAX INFORMATION</b>	<b>JUNE 30TH 2024</b>
	<small>Students are encouraged to file early.</small>



**Big Future Scholarships-** There are no essay, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements. It's easy to enter scholarship drawings each month. Simply complete one of the steps before the deadline, and you'll be automatically entered to win \$500 and \$40,000! Students whose families earn less than \$60,000 a year have extra chances at scholarships because they're eligible for two entries each drawing.



**NM Opportunity Scholarship-** If you are an established New Mexico resident & plan to enroll in at least 6 credit hours at a public college or university in NM toward a training certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree, you may qualify.

**The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship-** The New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship will pay up to 100% of tuition (up to an undergraduate degree) for students who meet the eligibility criteria.



**The Dream, National Scholarship-** We think of our National Scholarship as the "Pell Grant" for highly motivated undocumented students with significant, unmet financial need. While we consider your GPA, we place great emphasis on your demonstrated commitment to service and your ability to overcome the barriers that undocumented students face each and every day.



**NMEAF's Scholarship, FAFSA Fund Your Future-** New Mexico High School Seniors (residents of NM) can register to win a \$500 scholarship and/or prizes. High school seniors that register will be entered into a monthly, random drawing. To be eligible to win, student(s) must have completed the FAFSA, and show proof of completion. A student can only win once a year. The \$500 scholarships are for the fall of 2023 enrollment at any title IV eligible college, university, or trade school.



**NM Scholars Scholarship-** The New Mexico Scholars Scholarship encourages NM high school graduates to enroll in college full-time at a public or private non-profit postsecondary in NM before their 21st birthday in an undergraduate program.



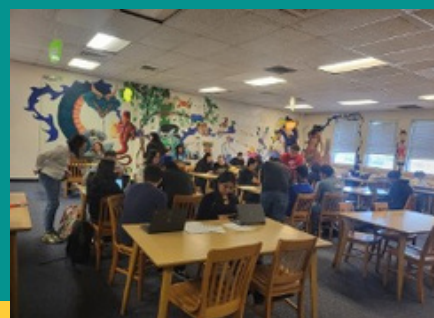




# HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

*Home of the Hornets*

The Counseling Department hosted 55 students/parents/guardians. Students completed both college applications and FAFSA forms. They even raffled seven \$20 visa gift cards!



FAFSA

NIGHT



Take a look at the [NM School Counselors' Community of Best Practice Shared Resource Library](#) for resources you can use at your school. You can also [submit resources](#) so other school counselors and advisors can utilize your tools. We are in this together so OUR New Mexico students can be college and career ready!

**DON'T FORGET**

## The More You Know... Helpful Resources & Information

**November 4-** NMSCA Annual Conference featuring Dr. Russel A. Sabella [Learn More](#)

**November 16-** NM School Counselor's Monthly Meeting  
- Learn how you can implement UNM's Mentoring Institute A+ Soft Skills curriculum at your school and learn about important updates from College Board tools and services that include SAT School Day, PSAT, AP, and Big Future Scholarships.

**November 18-** School counselors, advisors, and community based organizations can join [CNM Counselor Conversations](#) to hear about admissions updates, financial aid and scholarships, learn about student resources/programs and take a campus tour.

**November 25-** Random Acts of Kindness Day

- Pass out sticky notes for kids to write kind notes to peers and/or teachers (stick on teacher's door or desk)
- Set up a candy gram
- Post up kind quotes around campus
- Greet students at the entrance with bubble machines and music.

**November** is [Native American Heritage Month](#)

**November** is [Homeless Awareness Month](#)

**Mark Your Calendar**

*November*

**4th**

**16th**

**18th**

**25th**

**NM School  
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[Register HERE](#)



## Counselor Communications

### SHOWCASE YOUR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAM IN THE NM SCHOOL COUNSELORS' COMMUNITY OF BEST PRACTICE

School counselors/advisors/CTE teachers are working hard to implement college and career initiatives in their school building. Click the ticket below to showcase it in the NM School Counselors' Community of Best Practice Newsletter so we can learn more about it and implement it at our school sites!

ADMIT ONE



Email me  
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collaboration

### Counselor "Real World" Interviews

New Mexico Counselor Educators are seeking school counselors to be interviewed by their graduate students. Oftentimes, this is an assignment for graduate students to gain insight and invaluable information about the "real world" of school counseling. If you are interested in getting interviewed by graduate students in school counseling programs, click the mic to share your voice.



### Job Opportunity:

#### **Mental Health Services Coordinator within Safe & Healthy Schools 10112774**

This position will serve as the Mental Health Services Coordinator, as funded through a U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) grant, for the New Mexico Public Education Department's (PED) Safe & Healthy Schools Bureau (SHSB). Tap the computer to learn more!



### NMPED College and Career Readiness Bureau

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