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TO: ALL NMMI CONSTITUENTS

FROM: MG JERRY W. GRIZZLE

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2022

RE: END OF SEMESTER RECAP

By now, I hope all Cadets are home.

#### COVID

As I have done with previous updates, let me close the semester with a COVID update. We conducted a total of 1,222 tests this semester. We had a total of 72 Cadets, Staff or Faculty test positive. The good news is we did not have a Cadet test positive after 29 August. When we return, we will not conduct mandatory testing of all Cadets, Staff, and Faculty to start the semester. We will continue to test anyone that is symptomatic. According to CDC guidelines, anyone testing positive will be placed in five days of isolation, followed by five days of wearing a mask.

### **ACADEMICS**

Another tremendous performance by the Cadets. Hats off to the Faculty for a great job in educating our Corps. The composite GPA for the Corps of Cadets was 2.92, the highest in the 30 years of history that we have been keeping records. Three of the Corps of Cadets classes have composite GPAs greater than 3.0. The Faculty, in their evaluations from the Cadets, averaged 4.52 out of a possible 5.0. This is a testament to the value the Cadets believe in the quality of education they receive at NMMI.

FALL Semester Grade Comparisons																																		
CLASS	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1987
1ST (number)	3.22 112	3.08 128	3.09 102	3.05 116	2.89 118	3.03 114	2.97 108	2.98 113	2.95 98	2.97 119	2.9 112	2.99 152	2.92 90	2.927 91	3.04 100	2.84 118	3.03 116	2.92 96	2.90 84	2.94 93	2.96 87	2.85 111	2.84	2.83	2.82	2.86	2.68	2.77	2.68	2.85	2.75	2.80	2.73	2.67
2ND	2.69 223	2.75 227	2.73 267	2.68 247	2.66 259	2.59 293	2.66 296	2.63 301	2.71 339	2.68 333	2.42 353	2.5 303	2.62 367	2.566 312	2.65 334	2.55 310	2.5 332	2.45 350	2.53 328	2.49 294	2.53 315	2.45 320	2.42	2.46	2.49	2.51	2.46	2.45	2.51	2.50	2.55	2.64	2.67	2.57
3RD	3.03 77	2.79 123	3.09 83	3.09 91	3.08 87	3.06 77	2.88 85	2.68 87	2.76 98	2.84 117	2.75 95	2.8 99	2.82 73	2.73 90	2.65 92	2.95 90	2.72 88	2.69 102	2.91 145	2.76 115	2.9 126	2.87 111	2.79	2.66	2.78	2.91	2.75	2.86	2.68	2.83	2.81	2.67	2.75	3.12
4TH	2.95 117	2.86 117	2.87 140	2.8 113	2.82 104	2.72 111	2.86 106	2.72 119	2.64	2.92 108	2.72 114	2.68 100	2.56 125	2.575 73	2.46 91	2.56 76	2.33 112	2.43 107	2.31 105	2.53 136	2.6 139	2.58 139	2.45	2.65	2.56	2.59	2.44	2.55	2.62	2.54	2.62	2.59	2.39	2.52
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6ТН	2.6 70	2.91 70	2.51 79	2.4 81	2.6 106	2.49 78	2.19 70	2.27 83	2.41 75	2.56 85	2.52 71	2.72 84	2.37 95	2.361 80	2.37 86	2.46 60	2.24 66	2.31 64	2.49 100	2.42 128	2.43 107	2.31	2.51	2.41	2.55	2.54	2.51	2.39	2.45	2.50	2.19	2.13	2.20	2.07
CORPS	2.92	2.89	2.85	2.83	2.81	2.75	2.68	2.65	2.68	2.74	2.59	2.68	2.64	2.601	2.64	2.62	2.566	2.529	2.60	2.61	2.62	2.56	2.51	2.60	2.62	2.66	2.53	2.58	2.54	2.61	2.59	2.56	2.56	2.63
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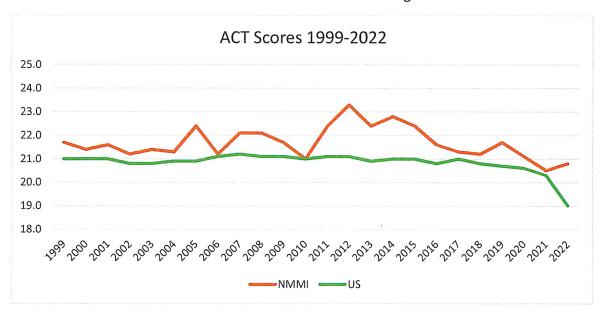
#### **ACT**

We have had some recent discussions and inquiries about the ACT. The ACT test has significantly changed in the past few years in its composition, prominence, and position in higher education. Many institutions made the test "recommended" and no longer required for admission. This caused a significant drop in the number of students taking the exam. Some institutions or organizations, including military service academies, ROTC, and financial aid, require the test. I asked our Dean to compare scores to the national average and those of our home state, New Mexico. You will see two things in the graph, the drop in the overall number taking the test and the impact of COVID on the scores.

NMMI has been consistent throughout the years. Our highest difference was in 2012, when we averaged 19% above New Mexico and 16% above national levels.

Across academia and the USA, ACT scores have dropped, especially after COVID. NMMI slightly bumped after COVID while the national average dropped significantly. NMMI scores are 9.5% higher than the national average. There has been a drop in all students taking the ACT at the national, state, and NMMI levels. This is because many colleges are now waiving the ACT requirement. Over 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States are testing optional. During COVID, 75% of colleges did not require the ACT.

The state of New Mexico is last in English, math, reading, and science in national proficiency levels tests. The fact that we repeatedly surpass state and national levels while drawing from New Mexico students is a testament to the excellent teaching at NMMI.





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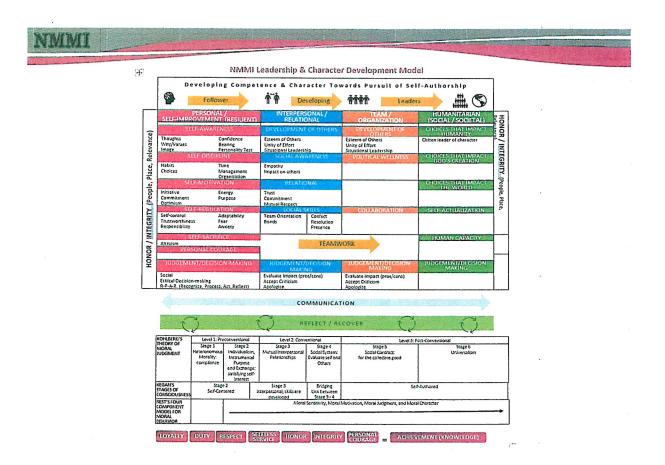
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#### **LEADERSHIP**

When I selected COL Tate to be the Commandant, I charged him with establishing a culture of teaching, coaching, and mentoring and less punitive action. He developed the NMMI leadership and Character Development Model. The program has four primary phases: Personal (Self-Improvement and Resilience), Interpersonal (Relational), Team (Organizational), and Humanitarian (Social). The four phases contain twenty-one modules, taught on Tuesday evenings during Commandant's time. The program was submitted to the New Mexico Department of Higher Education and received a \$50,000 grant.

The program was selected to be presented to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators members at their Regional Conference in Chicago, Illinois, earlier this semester.





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#### **ATHLETICS**

We did not have quite the successful year in athletics that we had in 2021, but we had a tremendous performance by our athletic teams. Bronco football played for the conference championship and played in the inaugural Wool Bowl, one of only three NJCAA-sanctioned bowl games. In the final national poll, they finished ninth in the nation. Bronco volleyball won the Region V tournament and played in the national tournament, also finishing ninth in the nation. Colt football and Volleyball finished with a winning or a .500 season. Colt soccer made it to the first round of the state playoffs.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Our international exchange program is in full swing. We started this year with 24 students from Brazil in a one-semester exchange program. The program was supposed to be a one-semester exchange; 19 of those students have elected to stay for the full year. We are working diligently with our Corps of Cadets to identify up to 15 Cadets who would like to spend a semester in Brazil next school year.

#### **SROTC**

Our SROTC Cadets completed a rigorous semester with flying colors. With eight key leaders returning late from prestigious leadership and school opportunities, the remaining Garry Owen Squadron leadership stepped up and ensured a top-notch training environment for Freshmen. Additionally, the NMMI Ranger Challenge Team went to Fort Knox for Ranger Challenge and brought home two additional streamers for their guideon. The team added streamers in Grenade Assault Course and Weapons Assembly/Disassembly. Lastly, we commissioned one Cadet in December, 2LT Zephan Leyva.



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#### **KEY DATES FOR 2023**

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2 - Spring Cadre reports

5 – Spring Matriculation

6/10 - RAT Training

7/8 – Old Cadets return

11 – First day of Class

14 0 Turning Ceremony and conclusion of the Fall RAT cycle

16 - Martin Luther King Day (School closed)

### February:

11 – RAT Cresting Ceremony (Completion of Phase 1 of the Spring RAT Cycle)

#### March:

6/10 - Midterm Exams

11 - RAT Intermediate Ceremony

20/24 - Spring Break

April:

7/10 - Easter Break

May:

4 - Last day of class

6/10 - Final Exams

13 - Graduation