

Alumni Relations

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**Director of Alumni
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Advancement**

NMMI Alumni

E-Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the start of 2023. Every year brings about new changes and opportunities for us all, and this year has started no different for me. I am honored, excited, and humbled to be given the opportunity to be the Director of Alumni Relations at NMMI. Replacing Danny Armijo will be no small feat, and I look forward to this opportunity. The work he and his staff have done has laid the groundwork for future successes, and we look forward to building on that while supporting each one of you in any manner that we can. Throughout my 12 years at NMMI, I have had the privilege of meeting many of you on Post or during our trips around the country; I am excited to build upon those relationships and develop new friendships during my tenure. Over the course of my time at NMMI, I became institutionally attached and will forever be grateful for all it has provided me. This opportunity is a chance for me to give back what I have received, and I could not be more elated. NMMI is unique; the cadets are first class, and the passion of the alumni is unlike anywhere else. Please know that you all have an open line of access to me at any time. Whether you have a question or an opinion on something, I want to provide you with honest feedback, and so will the rest of the Alumni Staff.

The staff and I will approach every aspect with the utmost transparency and a proactive approach to keep you all abreast of how your alma mater is doing. We look forward to providing multiple events and a consistent communication flow through social media and our website to ensure that you all stay engaged throughout the academic year and beyond. We are here to support you, provide information, and establish events that engage all of you with the hope that you will support the cadets with your time, knowledge, and any other means. I want all of you to remember what was provided to you as a cadet, the memories, friendships, and so much more. I challenge all of you to consider ways and avenues that you can give back to these current and future generations of cadets.

In closing, I ask that you keep us in the loop about your life, keep us updated on contact information changes, help us tell your stories, and highlight all of the great things you have accomplished and will continue to accomplish. We look forward to seeing you all and hope one of the events provides an opportunity for this to happen or visit us at The Old Post. I am grateful for this opportunity and excited for all the good things to come in the near future. THANK YOU ALL for allowing me the opportunity to get to know you and helping me understand and embrace the traditions at NMMI.

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TAPS

*REPORTED deceased since
the last Newsletter 14th
December 2022*

A quote from the 1933 Bronco
about a cadet, George O. Speer
1933 JC, who was killed in a Polo
Game-

BUT IF THEY ARE GONE FROM OUR
RANKS,

WE KEEP THEM ON OUR ROSTER,
AS VALUES ONCE INTIMATELY
KNOWN

AND AVAILABLE IN OUR
RECOLLECTIONS

AND IN OUR HEARTS. THEY WILL
REMAIN

FOREVER YOUNG.



Alumni Name

Deceased Date

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Mr. Bobby M. Attaway | 2000JC | 30-Sep-21 |
| Mr. Joseph L. Bartheld | 1983JC | 15-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Edward C. Beard | 1963HS | 01-Dec-22 |
| Mr. James S. Boswell | 1970JC | 19-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Bruce J. Cameron | 1955HS | 17-Nov-22 |
| Mr. Michael F. Cusack | 1957JC | 09-Jan-23 |
| Mr. Joe T. Daniel | 1956JC | 10-Jan-23 |
| Mr. Phillip J. Frost | 2002HS | 16-Sep-21 |
| Mr. Gary L. Grimes | 1953HS | 01-Apr-22 |
| Mr. Archie L. Hale | 1953HS | 12-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Henry M. Hearne | 1958HS | 08-Jan-23 |
| Mr. John R. Kenworthy | 1962JC | 21-Oct-21 |
| SSgt Todd Richard Leach USAF | 2000JC | 10-Dec-22 |
| Mr. John H. Lollar III | 1956HS | 06-Jan-23 |
| Dr. Robert K. Norton | 1950HS | 29-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Regis Christian Pino | 2011JC | 24-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Harold E. Raizen | 1946HS | |
| Mr. Robert S. Ramey | 1959HS | 27-Nov-22 |
| Mr. George B. Smith | 1954HS | 24-Sep-16 |
| Mr. Robert C. Utzinger | 1952HS | 15-May-22 |
| Mr. Michael R. Wells | 1973JC | 20-Dec-22 |
| Mr. Stanley T. Wilcox | 1984JC | 23-Dec-23 |

Yearling Ceremony

On Saturday, January 14, 2023

*Families, the Corps of Cadets, Faculty and Staff were invited to join the Corp of Cadets in Person Auditorium to recognize the **2022 Fall Recruits** as they complete the final stage of their training and receive their Yearling Bar.*



For more Yearling ceremony pictures and other 'At Ease' cadet life pictures join us on flickr.

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Fall 2022 Academic Update

Major General Jerry Grizzle, President/Superintendent

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 Mid-Term 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* | 3.07 | 3.02 | 2.86 | 2.81 | 2.8 | 2.96 | 2.75 | 2.89 | 2.77 | 2.88 | 2.74 | 2.83 | 2.63 | 2.78 | 2.96 | 2.76 | 2.92 | 2.77 | 2.85 | 2.82 | 2.9 | 2.82 | 2.84 | 2.79 | 2.77 | 2.8 | 2.71 | 2.68 | 2.69 | 2.71 | 2.72 | 2.80 | 2.73 | 2.67 |
| (number) | 111 | 124 | 97 | 115 | 114 | 113 | 108 | 114 | 99 | 120 | 115 | 152 | 91 | 91 | 101 | 118 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2ND | 2.47 | 2.54 | 2.47 | 2.54 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.51 | 2.58 | 2.49 | 2.57 | 2.2 | 2.33 | 2.45 | 2.49 | 2.56 | 2.37 | 2.44 | 2.38 | 2.43 | 2.43 | 2.37 | 2.45 | 2.42 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.42 | 2.42 | 2.45 | 2.38 | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.64 | 2.67 | 2.57 |
| | 230 | 245 | 279 | 259 | 277 | 303 | 308 | 308 | 348 | 346 | 362 | 306 | 380 | 314 | 338 | 323 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3RD | 3.04 | 2.79 | 3.1 | 3.16 | 2.98 | 2.95 | 2.82 | 2.62 | 2.72 | 2.77 | 2.65 | 2.82 | 2.68 | 2.69 | 2.57 | 2.96 | 2.66 | 2.48 | 2.91 | 2.76 | 2.81 | 2.83 | 2.79 | 2.67 | 2.81 | 2.88 | 2.77 | 2.87 | 2.78 | 2.75 | 2.80 | 2.67 | 2.75 | 3.12 |
| | 78 | 125 | 84 | 91 | 88 | 79 | 86 | 87 | 100 | 119 | 95 | 101 | 77 | 83 | 87 | 92 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4TH | 2.86 | 2.7 | 2.92 | 2.83 | 2.79 | 2.7 | 2.78 | 2.65 | 2.68 | 2.83 | 2.61 | 2.66 | 2.62 | 2.37 | 2.43 | 2.47 | 2.15 | 2.12 | 2.29 | 2.45 | 2.51 | 2.39 | 2.45 | 2.57 | 2.47 | 2.53 | 2.44 | 2.57 | 2.46 | 2.50 | 2.63 | 2.59 | 2.39 | 2.52 |
| | 126 | 129 | 143 | 120 | 114 | 114 | 116 | 123 | 105 | 111 | 125 | 101 | 129 | 83 | 102 | 82 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5TH | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.76 | 2.94 | 2.68 | 2.57 | 2.55 | 2.67 | 2.54 | 2.55 | 2.6 | 2.63 | 2.68 | 2.47 | 2.61 | 2.43 | 2.52 | 2.35 | 2.56 | 2.53 | 2.92 | 2.45 | 2.41 | 2.75 | 2.74 | 2.72 | 2.62 | 2.6 | 2.34 | 2.35 | 2.46 | 2.37 | 2.40 | 2.41 |
| | 110 | 94 | 79 | 151 | 120 | 105 | 129 | 126 | 130 | 113 | 124 | 114 | 99 | 108 | 86 | 111 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6TH | 2.45 | 2.69 | 2.6 | 2.49 | 2.64 | 2.45 | 2.22 | 2.28 | 2.55 | 2.54 | 2.62 | 2.54 | 2.47 | 2.37 | 2.42 | 2.45 | 2.26 | 2.07 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.35 | 2.35 | 2.51 | 2.45 | 2.68 | 2.55 | 2.53 | 2.41 | 2.36 | 2.50 | 2.23 | 2.13 | 2.20 | 2.07 |
| | 80 | 79 | 85 | 91 | 110 | 89 | 75 | 90 | 78 | 89 | 75 | 91 | 104 | 91 | 94 | 71 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CORPS | 2.78 | 2.76 | 2.79 | 2.8 | 2.73 | 2.67 | 2.59 | 2.62 | 2.58 | 2.67 | 2.47 | 2.58 | 2.54 | 2.51 | 2.58 | 2.521 | 2.486 | 2.38 | 2.554 | 2.549 | 2.51 | 2.519 | 2.51 | 2.59 | 2.61 | 2.6 | 2.53 | 2.56 | 2.46 | 2.52 | 2.56 | 2.56 | 2.56 | 2.63 |
| N= | 735 | 796 | 767 | 827 | 823 | 803 | 822 | 848 | 860 | 898 | 896 | 865 | 880 | 770 | 808 | 797 | 817 | 872 | 890 | 917 | 905 | 935 | 931 | 974 | 968 | 877 | 894 | 866 | 840 | 843 | 867 | 911 | 744 | |

*College class computed by PowerCampus

2002 notes

moved POISE to SCT

1991, 1990 and 1987 are end-of-term GPA/numbers



CROSSED SABERS SOCIETY

The Crossed Sabers Society was created to support the New Mexico Military Institute by recognizing the Institute's most dedicated and loyal supporters.

The Crossed Sabers Society's objectives are to enrich the whole Institute educational process, thereby enhancing the long-term value of an Institute education and helping ensure that the graduate remains a recognized and respected leader in society.

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Fall 2022 Academic Update

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It's extremely difficult to top a fall season in which your junior college football and volleyball teams finished first and second in the country, but in 2022 the Broncos showed the nation they weren't one-hit wonders as both teams finished in the top 10.

Bronco Volleyball started the season off with four wins in the NMMI Classic, including wins over two ranked squads. After the home tournament, it was all highway for the Broncos until conference play. Towards the end of the road run, the Broncos lost 4 out of 5 against some of the toughest teams in the country.

The conference schedule started at home against New Mexico Junior College with a 3-0 loss, but a few days later, the Broncos regrouped and dispatched Odessa College 3-0 in Cahoon. A close loss to Midland at home a couple weeks later was the last time the Broncos would feel defeat on their home court in 2022.

The Broncos traveled to Hobbs for the rematch with NMJC on Oct. 8. NMMI had plenty of chances to close out the match, but the T-Birds prevailed, locking up the No. 1 seed for the conference tourney.

The Region V West tournament was held in Roswell, where NMMI and NMJC each had close semi-final matches before meeting for the third and final time of the season with a trip to nationals on the line.

The Broncos dismantled the T-Birds 3-0.

At nationals, the Broncos came in as the 10th seed and dropped the first game to Trinity Valley, but rebounded the win three games in three days to finish ninth in the nation. Sophomore libero Mio Yamamoto was named to the first-team All-America squad for a second-consecutive season.

The defending national champion Bronco Football team won their first five games, including the first three conference games before dropping one on a long road trip to Tyler, Texas. They followed up the loss with a huge win on the road in Cisco, Texas and then a big comeback to beat NEO for homecoming.

The regular-season conference title hopes were dashed on Oct. 29 when the Broncos lost on the road to Trinity Valley, who finished the season undefeated in conference play. But the stars would align for the Institute in the first round of the conference playoffs, as the second-seeded Broncos took down Navarro 24-21 and top-seeded Trinity fell to Kilgore, giving NMMI the right to host the SWJCFC Championship.

The Broncos were upended by Kilgore, but were invited to play in the re-established HF Sinclair Wool Bowl. While no teams from the conference made the national playoff, three SWJCFC teams appeared in the other three junior college bowl games.

The Institute didn't play their cleanest game, earning more penalty yardage than rushing yards, but the defense turned the Falcons over four times and stuffed multiple 2-point tries on the way to a 28-26 victory.

Second-year head coach Kurt Taufasau is now 21-4 with a national title and a Wool Bowl title under his belt.

Three NMMI defenders were named to the all-conference second team: linebacker Vili Taufatofua, a former rugby player from New Zealand led the SWJCFC in sacks with 13.5; linebacker Tyler Martinez co-led the Broncos with 75 tackles and had two forced fumbles; and defensive back Darius McClendon led the team with three picks and five pass breakups.

Four Bronco pass catchers were named to the all-conference second team. Wide receivers Malik Phillips, Treyvion Beamon and Terrence Moore all averaged close to 50 yards per game and combined for 15 touchdowns. Big tight end Quadarius Harrison averaged 10 yards per catch and found the end zone twice.

On the high school side, the Colt football and Lady Colt Volleyball teams were competitive, as both squads came close to making the state playoffs.

Colt Football was coming off one of their best seasons that featured a district title and a first-round playoff victory.

The 2022 Colts started strong with two lopsided wins, at home and in Española, before being humbled by the Wolverines in Texico 43-21. A close win at Hagerman and a 33-0 blowout over Hot Springs at home had the Colts sitting at 4-1 at the midway point of the season.

A four-game losing streak followed, which included three all-important district games. The Institute wrapped up the season with a road win at Tucumcari to finish the season 5-5.

Senior quarterback and defensive back Juan Badillo gave his all every game, putting up big numbers on the ground but making the most of his pass attempts. NMMI fans won't soon forget his toughness and resiliency in the rain and mud on Colt Field against Dexter as his team fought for a playoff spot.

After 12 years, Colt football head coach and assistant athletic director Randy Montoya left the Institute.

Lady Colt Volleyball featured a senior-heavy roster and a new coach in former Roswell High, University of New Mexico and overseas professional player Chantale Riddle.

The Lady Colts hovered around .500 for most the season and went 6-2 at home, but a 2-4 district record kept them out of the playoffs. Seniors Emily Spaniel and Olive Amechi were big hitters for the Colts, while junior Ashlyn Irish played at a high level on defense.

The Bronco women's cross country team had a competitive season under first-year head coach Nathan Schrimsher. At nationals in Tallahassee, Florida, Tessa Walker finished 91st, Victoria Ahaus 130th and Charlotte Ahaus 156th out of 183 runners.

On the high school side, two Lady Colt runners qualified for state; Mary Olvera and Arina Gancicova stuck together and finished 68th and 69th, respectively. The Colts also sent two runners to the state meet in Albuquerque; Jacob Hayes finished 50th and Cale Taylor 67th out of 96 competitors.

Another solid autumn for Bronco and Colt Athletics!



2023 ALUMNI EVENTS

CALENDAR

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| FEBRUARY | 22 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| MARCH | 14 TUES | ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL |
| | 25 SAT | RAJIN' CAJUN: ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER |
| | 29 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| APRIL | 20-23 THURS-SUN | MOTORCYCLE RALLY: ROSWELL, NM |
| | 26 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| MAY | 13 SAT | GRADUATION |
| | 23 TUES | ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL |
| | 24 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| JUNE | 13-17 TUES-SAT | 33RD ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE: CHRISTMAS RANCH, WAGON MOUND, NM |
| AUGUST | 17-20 THUR-SUN | ATV ADVENTURE: I BAR X RANCH, CARRIZOZO, NM |
| | 23 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| SEPTEMBER | 22-24 FRI-SUN | GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT: NMMI GOLF COURSE, ROSWELL, NM |
| | 27 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |
| OCTOBER | 25-28 FRI-SUN | 2023 HOMECOMING: HONORING CLASSES ENDING IN '3 , ROSWELL, NM WEDNESDAY- RING DINNER THURSDAY- SILVER TAPS FRIDAY- HALL OF FAME INDUCTION & CLASS DINNERS SATURDAY- HONOR CLASS MARCH & BRONCO FOOTBALL GAME |
| NOVEMBER | 29 WED | ROSWELL AFTER HOURS |

EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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