

Alumni Relations

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NMMI Alumni

E-Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

ATTENTION IN THE AREA, ATTENTION OFF POST!

We are looking to start scheduling Alumni Tattoos for the 2023 calendar. In the past, we have held multiple events throughout the US and Mexico. We hope to do the same this year and for many years to come. Our commitment at the Alumni Relations Office is to attend any scheduled gathering of alums, such as a Tattoo. Last year events were hosted in Houston, Albuquerque, Tucson, Las Cruces, Colorado Springs, Dallas, FT. Worth, San Antonio, Austin and many more. Tattoos focus on comradery, seeing old friends and making new ones, and telling NMMI stories of years gone by.

We will be reaching out to our hosts from previous years to host another event in their areas. We also invite you to consider hosting an event in your area if one is not scheduled. We help make hosting an NMMI Tattoo in your area easy by providing a Step-by-Step outline – from selecting a date and location to sending out invitations. Our goal is to have a group of at least 20 alums at the event and will have some combination of the Superintendent, Academic Dean, Athletic Director, and alumni office staff at the event. Please call us if you would like to learn more about becoming a host and how to get started.

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TAPS

*REPORTED deceased since
the last Newsletter 31st
March 2023*

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.



Steven Berg	1956 HS	28-Jan-23
Larry Black	1965 HS	14-Dec-22
James Dick	1952 JC	08-Apr-23
Albert Dye	1952 HS	24-Dec-22
William Gart	1949 HS	12-Feb-23
Jeffrey Goldberg	1976 JC	24-Mar-23
John Poe	1959 JC	12-Mar-23
Larry Powers	1948 JC	12-Mar-23
Christopher Scott	1966 HS	02-Apr-23
Hal Sharpe	1955 HS	11-Jul-20
C. Springer	1949 JC	01-Mar-23



NMMI - Service Academy Preparatory School

LTC Adam Villegas, NMMI 1985 HS – 1988 JC



New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) is a Service Academy Preparatory School for all five service academies; The United States Air Force Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Military Academy (West Point), and the United States Coast Guard Academy. NMMI provides an excellent academic schedule that mimics the academy's first-year academic schedule and a world-class physical fitness program to help all preparatory students pass the perspective physical fitness test. The Prep program consists of community service projects such as feeding people experiencing

homelessness, spending time with the senior citizens at their community homes, and the local elementary school mentorship program. We conduct military training such as high rope, low rope, rappel tower, swimming survival, and high altitude training to mention a few. We currently have a 100 percent success rate for sponsored preps and two self-preps who have received their appointments to one of the United States Military Service Academy.

Not only is the program extremely challenging, but it is also nationally recognized for its success. We have first-rate facilities designed to prepare cadets not only academically, but to help prepare them to meet the physical challenges they will face at the academies and to give them a leg up on the leadership skills they will need to excel.



Our Mission is to educate, train, and prepare young men and women to be leaders capable of critical thinking and sound analysis, leaders who possess uncompromising character, and leaders able to meet challenging physical demands.

Our overarching values that are inherent in the NMMI Vision and Mission shape the institution, the faculty, the staff, and most significantly, the cadets. They represent an enduring commitment to duty, honor, and achievement.



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33RD ANNUAL

NMMI

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State Science Fair Champions

New Mexico Military Institute brought two teams with six students total to the State Science Fair 2023 held at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMT) in Socorro. This is the second year in a row NMMI received the Overall Champion for the State Science Fair. Both Teams will attend the REGENERON International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, TX, on May 13-19. Congratulations to our cadets and thank you to their advisors for their hard work and support!

The following are the teams' project and their awards:

Team 1: Lucas Tang, Isaac Armenta, Evan Kennedy

Project title: Utilizing Crop Starches Incorporating Capsaicinoids and Glucosinolates Extracted From Locally Produced Plants To Synthesize Bio-degradable Insect Detering And Weed Barrier Plastics As An Alternative To Commercially Produced Agricultural Plastics

Two special awards

- David Shortess
 - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 1st place for their category- Plant and Animal Science
1st place for the ISEF Qualifiers (overall champion)
Richard Overdort Grand Prize

Team 2: Ivan Belyaev, Steven Xu, Sylvia Xu

Project title: Utilizing an Experimental Compost to Accelerate the Degradation Process of Low Crystallinity PET Plastics and Employing Molecular Docking to Analyze Targeted Binding Pockets

Awards:

- 1st place for their category- Environmental Science
3rd place for the ISEF Qualifiers



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ALUMNI CONFERENCE

CALL & ZOOM MEETING

May 22nd, 2023 - 1800 OLD POST TIME (MT)

ALUMNI FAMILY,

If you want to know what is currently going on at your Alma Mater, then we invite you to call in or log in by Zoom at the designated time and date as our honored guest.

You will receive updates from the President/Superintendent MG Jerry Grizzle and the Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Advancement, Kris Ward. We plan to have a special guest from our school staff or fellow Alumni on each call.

The call lasts only an hour and is designed to update you on how the school is performing through Leadership, Academics and Athletics and what your Alumni Relations crew is up to. Find out detailed information on upcoming "Meet and Greet" in areas near you. We give updates on when major events will be happening, like our annual Motorcycle Rally, Trail Ride, ATV Adventure, General's Cup Golf Tournament and Homecoming festivities. At the end of all updates, time is allotted for Q&A.

We look forward to talking to you!

Zoom Meeting ID- 961 5901 8053 Password - 233157

Find your local number: <https://nmmi-zoom.us/j/a0Fml0Sg0>

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AROUND POST

NMMI STEM Club

MAJ Demvia recently took the cadets in our STEM Club on a field trip hosted by Freeport-McMoran for a tour of their mining facility called the Chino Mine. The group enjoyed this opportunity to see real-world applications of things they have been learning. The huge hauling truck that is pictured has six 12-foot-tall tires and each tire costs \$30,000. Thank you so much to Community Development Specialist, Ms. Oddity, and Engineers Ms. Golden and Ms. Azhdari. We all really enjoyed the tour!



National Honor Society / Phi Theta Kappa Induction

We are proud of the hard work & determination exhibited by so many of our cadets who were recently honored at the National Honor Society/Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to all!



NMMI Cadets & Sidney Guterrez School – STEAM DAY

On March 28th, NMMI cadets went on a field trip to Sidney Gutierrez School to conduct a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) Day for the kids. Cadet Lovato had a great time with the kindergarteners, and the kids commented that - "Today is the best day ever!"

A few days later, Cadet Lovato received a surprise package from the kindergarteners, including lovely thank-you notes and snacks!

With these outreach programs offered by NMMI, college cadets had a great opportunity to share their STEAM knowledge with local kids, and in doing so, they put into practice the leadership skills they learned at NMMI. It's inspiring to see these young men and women developing strong academic and leadership abilities at #NMMI.



Lady Bronco Cross Country

NMMI Sports Press

Bronco cross-country runner and pentathlete Charlotte Ahaus recently signed on to fence at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX, where she will join older sister Viktoria and train under the tutelage of renowned coach John Moreau.

Back in October, at the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Poland, the Ahaus sisters finished first for Team USA in the fencing portion of the competition and had strong performances in the other disciplines to finish fifth in the women's relay.

UIW came calling for Viktoria soon after, but it was a harder decision for Charlotte, who is a freshman and was hesitant to leave her first American home behind.

"NMMI has helped me become a better person and athlete and it was a struggle deciding to leave early," she said. "I loved my coaches here and they really became like family, so I know we will always stay in touch."

Ahaus trained under NMMI's longtime do-all coach and 1980 Olympic bronze winner Jan Olesinski, and Olesinski's protégé, Bronco cross-country coach and 2016 Olympian Nathan Schrimsher

Schrimsher said Ahaus was a joy to coach and while he's a little sad he won't have her on his cross-country team for another year, he's excited to see what she will accomplish at an NCAA Division I program

"She's just a great athlete and a great person. She came here from Germany to a new culture and really worked hard to do well in the classroom and in her sport," Schrimsher said. "Of course I wouldn't want to hold her back from pursuing her dreams, but she will be missed around here. But I'm sure we'll see each other around. The pentathlon world is small." Ahaus plans to study business and hopes to stay at UIW until she earns a Master of Business Administration. She is also excited about rejoining big sister Viktoria, who graduated from NMMI in December.

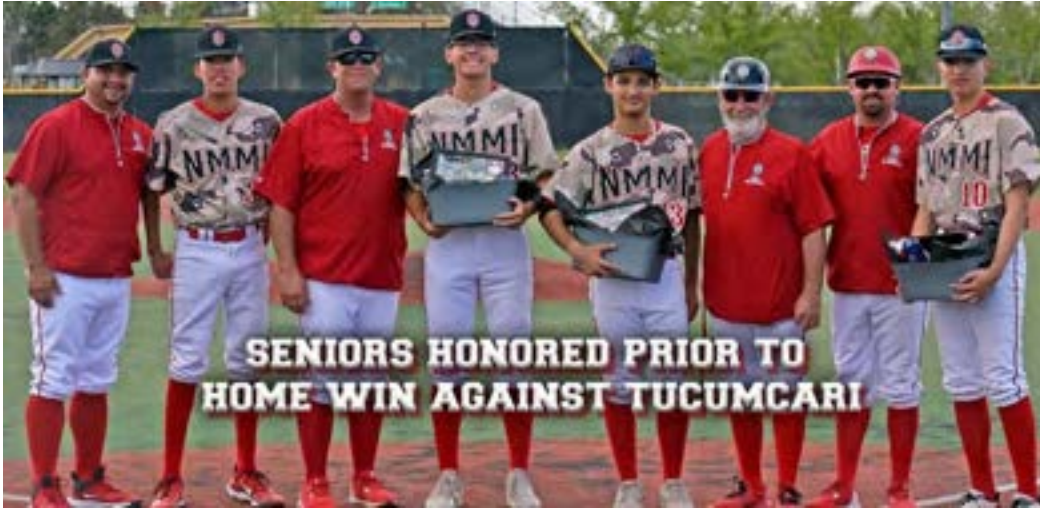
"I love being teammates with my sister," she said. "We know how to push each other and when I train with her, I always feel like I'm getting better."

Ahaus said she will miss her cross-country team, which consisted of herself and Viktoria and two Roswell natives, who helped make her transition to the United States easier and enjoyable.

"I learned a lot from them, especially about the local culture," Ahaus explained. "They always explained things to me and never judged me. We became friends and spent time together outside of practice and competition. They made me feel more at home."



Colt Baseball – Win Against Tucumcari



NMMI Sports Press

The Colt baseball team won their final regular-season home game against Tucumcari on Tuesday, 15-1, to move to 20-3 overall and 11-2 in district.

They've got two more district games left, both at Ruidoso on Saturday, prior to the start of the 2023 NMAA Class 3A State Championships, which begins next week.

NMMI made short work of the Rattlers, plating 11 runs in the first two innings. Senior Miguel Rivera got the start on the mound for the Colts giving up no runs, earned or otherwise, for two innings. Fellow seniors Bailey Mego and Gentry Caplan combined to close out the last three stanzas.

Despite the 15-run tally, the Colts managed just eight hits, led by Caplan's 2-for-4 performance at the plate.

"Right now we're tied [with Sandia Prep] for district," said NMMI head coach Brad Blackwell. "But they've got the head-to-head against us in the three-game series. We need to definitely take two on Saturday vs. Ruidoso. Then, hopefully, we'll be seeded as one of the top three teams in the state – and those seedings come out Sunday."

If the Colts are selected as one of the top-four teams in Class AAA, they'll receive a first-round bye and head up to Albuquerque for the quarterfinals on May 11.

If lower than the fourth-seed, which seems unlikely due to sitting atop the AAA standings, they would play a first-round best-of-three series on May 5th & 6th at the higher-seed's home park.

The four Colt seniors on the New Mexico Military Institute high school baseball team were honored prior to the Tucumcari game.

Senior Bailey Mego has played just about every position of the field this season for the Colts with an .810 fielding percentage. He's also been solid at the plate with a .367 batting average and a .519 on-base percentage.

Senior Gentry Caplan has developed into NMMI's starter at second base with just one error in 41 total chances this season, along with a .385 batting average and .590 slugging percentage.

Senior Sergio Gonzales has split time at both in the outfield and at first base this season. Gonzales typically hits in the ninth-spot on the lineup card, but is another above .300 hitter for the Colts (.368 to be exact) and has scored an impressive 29 runs.

Miguel Rivera boasts a 6-0 record on the mound for the Colts, along with two saves. When he's not pitching, the 6'1" senior is a big target at first base. Rivera's offense is among the team's best: .409 avg, 34 RBIs, 36 runs scored, five HRs and an outstanding .879 slugging percentage.

"I'm glad that we got to recognize our seniors," finished coach Blackwell. "Those guys put a lot of time and effort in, both on the field and off. There're just a good group of hardworking players – we'll definitely miss those guys in the future."



CALLING ALL ALUMNI,
PATRONS, AND TRAIL RIDERS!



NMMI'S Advancement and Development
department is reaching out for
Silent Auction item donations for our

33rd Annual Trail Ride at the Christmas Ranch in Wagon Mound, New Mexico

For all donated auction items you will receive an in-kind credit for the fair market value of the donated item.

**All proceeds of the auction will go to support the Corps
of Cadets.**

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2023 SPRING FUNDRAISING APPEAL

COMMEMORATING 130 YEARS OF NMMI

Dear NMMI Friends and Family:

In 1893, the Territory of New Mexico legislated Goss Military Institute as a territorial institution, naming it New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI). For 130 years, NMMI has relied on the support of our alums, parents, organizations, and friends of NMMI to maintain the Duty, Honor, and Achievement credo.

We are grateful for the generous gifts from donors and invite new and existing donors to support cadets with gifts for scholarships and cadet activities by giving any amount or a gift of \$130 to commemorate 130 years of NMMI.

The scholarships you have created and your annual gifts have allowed cadets to immerse themselves in the rich NMMI history and traditions for 130 years. These generous gifts provide cadets and parents financial relief. Some would not be able to attain the NMMI Education and Experience without your generosity.

Where Does My Gift Go? Your dollars will support the NMMI Annual Fund, which supports cadet scholarships and activities. In the 2021-2022 school year, 87% of the Corps received \$4,673,516 in scholarships. Gifts, large and small, collectively make a great impact. Your gift, no matter the size, directly impacts their NMMI experience. We ask that you will consider making a pledge of \$130 in appreciation for the 130 years NMMI has impacted cadets like yourself and continues to impact cadets today.

Take a Moment to Give. Please make your gift payable to NMMI and return it in the pre-addressed envelope. You can make your gift online at <https://alumni.nmmi.edu/give-now/> or call us with your donation at 575-624-8254.

Thank you for your generosity and continuous support!





2023 ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL	20-23 THURS-SUN	MOTORCYCLE RALLY: ROSWELL, NM
	20 THURS	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- QUARTERS 1
MAY	13 SAT	GRADUATION
	19 FRI	BURGERS ORELL: ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER
	22 MON	ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL
	24 WED	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- PEPPERS
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
	12 SAT	THE INGRAM BBQ: ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER
	23 WED	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- ROSWELL COUNTRY CLUB
SEPTEMBER	22-24 FRI-SUN	GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT: NMMI GOLF COURSE, ROSWELL, NM
	22 FRI	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS: QUARTERS 1
OCTOBER	25-28 WED-SUN	2023 HOMECOMING: HONORING CLASSES ENDING IN '3 , ROSWELL, NM
		WEDNESDAY- RING DINNER
		THURSDAY- SILVER TAPS & ALUMNI RECEPTION
		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

CHECK BACK FOR ADDITIONAL MEET N' GREET'S IN YOUR CITY!FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE EVENT INFORMATION PLEASE



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