



July 2024

NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE FOUNDATION

24th Annual NMJC Foundation Golf Tournament Tops Previous Year

NMJC Calendar Events

July 15 - July 19
NSEP Camp

Aug. 12- Aug. 16
Register for
Fall Semester

August 14
Student Housing
Opens

August 19
First day of class
for Fall semester

September 2
Labor Day
NMJC campus
closed

October 4-5
NMJC Alumni
Welcome Back
Weekend

October 30
Foundation
Scholarship
"Thank you" letters
are due

November 5
General Election
GO VOTE!

November 11
Registration
begins

November 25-29
Thanksgiving
Holiday - NMJC
campus closed

December 5
Last day of class

Dec. 20 -Jan. 5
Holiday Break
NMJC campus
closed

The New Mexico Junior College Foundation Annual Golf Tournament raised more money than last year. The event took place June 8 at Rockwind Community Links in Hobbs, New Mexico.

This year's tournament brought in roughly \$75,000 through 50 area sponsors, player registration fees, and mulligans. Additionally, 50 two-person teams registered to play in this event.

"This year's event represented an amazing turnout of support from many of our area community members and businesses," said NMJC Vice President for Advancement Rachel Gallagher. "We are so grateful to everyone who supported this event as proceeds from the event go to such a great cause in supporting NMJC

scholarships and programs."

Bryson and Kyleigh McGowen, a brother-sister team, took first place in the tournament. Kyleigh just completed her first year at NMJC and played on the inaugural women's golf team. Other tournament winners included Ralph Marquez and Alex Aranda who earned 2nd place, and Manny and Zoe Munoz, a father-daughter team, who finished in 3rd place. Zoe Munoz will be joining the NMJC Women's Golf team this fall.

The 25th Annual NMJC Foundation Golf Tournament is slated for June 7, 2025 at Rockwind Community Links in Hobbs. For more information, or to register as a sponsor or player for that event, please email Rachel Gallagher at rgallagher@nmjc.edu or call 575-492-2778.



In top left photo, golfers listen carefully to the introduction before heading to their designated starting hole. In top right photo, golfers pose for a picture before taking their first swing of the day.



24th Annual
NMJC Foundation
GOLF
TOURNAMENT



1st Place Winners:
**Kyleigh McGowen &
Bryson McGowen**

2nd Place Winners:
Ralph Marquez & Alex Aranda

3rd Place Winners:
Manny Munoz & Zoe Munoz

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING

2024 NMJC Graduating Class Grows 14 Percent



Above, 2024 NMJC graduates patiently wait for their time to cross the stage. More than 350 students graduated in May.

New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) celebrated the academic achievements of its students at the Spring Graduation Ceremony held on May 10, 2024. The ceremony, hosted at the Lea County Event Center marked a significant milestone for the graduating class, comprising students who earned their Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Certification, and High School Equivalency.

Commencement began at 7 p.m. with welcoming speeches delivered by NMJC President Derek Moore, Ed. D. and Vice President of Instruction Jeff McCool. Their words resonated with encouragement and pride, acknowledging the dedication and perseverance exhibited by the graduating class throughout their academic pursuits.

This year's graduation witnessed an increase in the number of students walking the stage, reflecting a 14% rise compared to the previous year. In Spring 2023, a total of 245 students participated in

the commencement ceremony, whereas in Spring 2024, the number rose to 290. This increase demonstrates NMJC's commitment to academic excellence and the success of its student body.

"Commencement is my favorite time of year because it's when the NMJC Community celebrates our exceptional students for their achievements, diligence, and commitment to their academic pursuits," said NMJC Dean of Students Sarah Edelbrock. "Witnessing the joy on the faces of graduates as they stride across the stage, accompanied by the resounding cheers of their supporters, is truly electrifying. Being part of their journey is an absolute delight!"

The Spring Graduation Ceremony at NMJC served as a highlight of the transformative power of education and the boundless opportunities that await its graduates. As they step into the next chapter of their lives, the NMJC community stands united in celebrating their accomplishments and wishing them continued success.

2024 NMJC Foundation Golf Tournament Sponsors

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New Mexico Junior College Alums fund new scholarship



Above, Casey and Daisha Strasner sign the Strasner/Arapahoe Scholarship Agreement for the benefit of NMJC Foundation scholarship recipients.

NMJC Alums Casey and Daisha Strasner are committed to helping students achieve their dreams, especially those that may not have the typical opportunities allotted to others. The Strasners signed the Strasner/Arapahoe Scholarship Agree-

ment in April.

As lifelong residents of Lea County, Daisha and I are delighted to support New Mexico Junior College and its students," said Casey Strasner. "As former Thunderbirds, it is immensely satisfying to give back to our community by supporting education."

The Strasners, who own and operate Arapahoe Oilfield Services, will provide \$6,000 annually to support up to four students. Individual awards from this scholarship fund will begin at \$1,500 per student annually, but could total more depending on how many students are awarded. Additionally, the Strasners are committed to supporting students seeking traditional degree programs as well as workforce/vocational, non-credit trainings. Two students have already been awarded the Strasner/Arapahoe Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year.

"On behalf of the NMJC Foundation, we are so appreciative of the Strasner's vision to support this scholarship opportunity and excited to match this scholarship to deserving students," said NMJC Vice President for Advancement Rachel Gallagher. "Opportunities like this are so important, and their vision to support students seeking high-skill trainings and certificate programs as well as traditional degree programs is incredibly helpful for many of the students who attend NMJC."

ConocoPhillips donates \$20,000 to NMJC Foundation

New Mexico Junior College Foundation received a \$20,000 grant award from ConocoPhillips recently. ConocoPhillips honored NMJC at their annual Lea County Roundtable April 17.

The grant will help fund scholarships in several workforce and industry programs including oil and gas, automation and industrial systems, CDL, lineman utility, certified nursing assistant, and many other trainings in a variety of in-demand fields and positions in our area.

"We are so humbled by the generosity and support of our community partner, ConocoPhillips," said NMJC Vice President for Advancement Rachel Gallagher. "This award supports valuable trainings and certificate programs that serve many in our community and help our participants to secure high-demand, high-skill and high-wage positions in our area."

NMJC Vice President for Workforce Development Steve Saucedo also noted his gratitude. "We are very grateful for ConocoPhillips and their generosity," said Saucedo. "We appreciate the \$20,000 donation towards workforce development that will go towards helping offset the cost for many students pursuing one of our many non-credit workforce training opportunities. We are committed to helping our students obtain high wage, high skill employment."

For more information on NMJC's Workforce Development trainings, call 575-492.4710.



ConocoPhillips Superintendent for Delaware Production Sean Robinson, presents a check in the amount of \$20,000 to NMJC's Vice President for Advancement Rachel Gallagher, to support workforce and industry program scholarships.

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NMJC Foundation Scholarship Application





NMJC Alumni!

Scan the QR code and complete your NMJC Alumni Membership



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1 Thunderbird Circle
Hobbs | NM | 88240



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024

NMJC to host its first-ever
Thunderbird Welcome Weekend!

This event was created with NMJC Alumni, family and friends, all of Lea County and surrounding communities in mind. With a weekend full of fun activities, including a golf tournament, an alumni baseball game, an NMJC volleyball conference game, a rodeo reunion, a fun run/walk for all ages, youth camps and concerts on the itinerary, this event is going to be one for the books!

Out-of-town guests will be afforded an opportunity to reserve hotel rooms at a discounted rate. Details to follow.

For more information call 575-492-2785 or email alumni@nmjc.edu