



Letter from our Principal

ECA and CEC Families,

2023 starts with a lot of THANK YOUs to all of the ECA and CEC families! We had two major requests of families this past Holiday season. We put up our 11th Annual **ECA/CEC Giving Tree** in the front office, filled with ornaments representing a student and their child or a support staff member from New Futures School. We are proud of our tradition of giving back to our community here at ECA/CEC, and the photo below is a perfect example of how amazing our families are!



This is just half of what we delivered to New Futures families for the Holidays. No student went untouched by the incredible generosity of our ECA and CEC families. In addition In addition, Mr. John Potter's Key Club students

delivered hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food to the Store House. It was stunning and heart-warming at the same time!

We also want to thank all the parents who brought food or participated in our Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and Cookie Exchange. It was a fabulous event and a fantastic send-off for our teachers and staff and we thank all of you!

Now the Spring semester is underway, and we are excited to continue with the academic rigor and learning that we are so proud to offer our students.

There will be a few more changes this semester, both regarding safety on our campus. A rod iron fence is being placed around our school to improve the safety on our campus. Once the entry gates are finished, we will require all people who enter the gates to be wearing an ECA or CEC ID badge. Parents or guests will need to present a valid NM identification card or driver's license or a badge of some sort. In addition, Yolanda Herrera has moved back to security and will be patrolling our campus with Harold Pope and keeping our campus safe.

Please take a moment to look at our event calendar for the Spring. We have a lot going on and we hope that many of you will want to be a part of all the fun and excitement. Some highlights include our CEC Open House for students interested in taking classes next school year 2023-2024. We also will have our

annual Academic Awards Night in February, as well as Winter Ball and a Talent Show in March. We were even thinking about an adult (parent) category if anyone is interested. And of course, it all culminates with a Commencement Ceremony in May!

It's our honor to serve our students, families and community as the best high school in New Mexico, and we are very excited that you will be a part of our Spring semester. Our families are an essential part of our success - we can't do it without you and we appreciate all the support you offer us. Thank You!

Your ECA/CEC Leadership Team

FINAL THOUGHTS

Please check out our **Teacher Showcase!** Over the course of the school year we will feature a photo and profile of every teacher and staff member on our campus. Enjoy these as we showcase more teachers and staff, including our LPN Nursing instructors.

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WE ARE A MAGNET SCHOOL OF AMERICA!

The Early College Academy and the Career Enrichment Center has been awarded the distinction as a certified Magnet Schools of America Demonstration School. This honor is shared among all stakeholders because the partnership we have developed between student, parents and instructors is unmatched and something to behold!

Calendar of Events

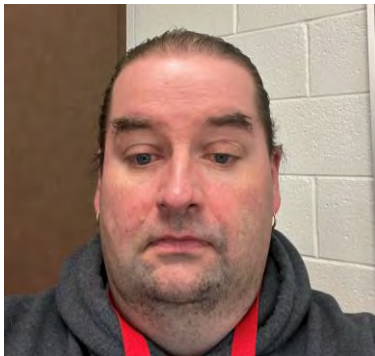
- Jan. 4 Teachers report back to school
- Jan. 5 Students Return - Start of Second Semester
- Jan. 16 **Martin Luther King (NO SCHOOL)**
- Feb. 9 **CEC Recruitment – OPEN HOUSE (5:30- 7:00pm)**
- Feb. 17 ECA Winter Ball (7:00-10:00pm)
- Feb. 17 **4th 6 week grading period ends**
- Feb. 20 **President's Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- Feb. 21 ECA Academic Awards Night (5:30pm)
AHS PAC
- March 3 ECA Fun Night (5:00-7:30pm)
- March 11 Talent Show (AHS PAC)
- March 20-24 **Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)**
- April 1 ECA Senior Breakfast (9:00a)
Seniors serve Parents/Grandparents
- April 7, 10 **Vernal Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- April 14 **5th 6 week grading period ends**
- April 15 ECA Junior/Senior Prom (7p-10p) TBD
- April 25 ECA Senior Parent Meeting (5:30pm)
- April 25 Senior CAPSTONE Projects (6:15-7:15pm)
- May 3-4-5 **CEC Senior Finals**
- May 9 & 10 **ECA Senior Finals**
- May 12 ECA Senior Assembly (C&G Distribution)
- May 12, 15-16 **CEC Underclassmen Finals (Fri 5/12; Mon 5/15; Tues 5/16)**
- May 15 **Senior Awards Banquet (6:00pm) TBD**
- May 17 **ECA COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY Berna Facio PD Center**
- May 19 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (12:00-2:00pm)
- May 22, 23 **ECA Underclassmen Finals (Mon 5/22 2-4-5/6; Tues 5/23 1-3-5/6)**
- May 24 ECA Make-ups, ECA Underclassmen Awards Assembly & BBQ
- May 25 **6th 6 weeks grading period ends;**
- May 25 Last day of Classes (half day; no lunch)
- May 26 **Report cards mailed home**
- May 29 **Memorial Day**
- May 26, 30-31 Make-Up Days

Planetarium Update



Please look forward to joining us for a Planetarium Show for families of ECA & CEC students! Email John Glaser at glaser_i@aps.edu to learn more. Come see the wonders of the universe!

TEACHER SHOWCASE



DAN COFER
My name is Dan Cofer, and I teach French, English, and History at ECA and CEC. This is my eighth year teaching at CEC and my first at ECA, after

teaching for 21 years at Albuquerque High. In addition to teaching high school, I have taught middle school online, as well as university courses. I love to see students find something they really care about and make connections with their lives. In every class I teach, I see students find things that spark joy.

My favorites

Color: Blue
Food: Pasta
Author: William Faulkner

Hobbies: Travel, movies, cooking

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

REBECCA WEATHERFORD



My name is
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Weatherford
I am a graduate
of the Career
Enrichment
Center Practical
Nursing Program
from 1987. After
graduation, I

continued my education and received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from UNM. In 2005, after working predominantly in Pediatric and Maternal Child nursing, I began teaching at CEC. In 2012, I earned my Family Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of St. Francis. In 2021 I became the Director of the CEC PN Program. I have taught all aspects of the CEC Nursing Program and can't imagine working anywhere else. CEC is in my blood and I love working with our students. I love being a part of their journey.

My favorites

Color: Blue
Season: Fall
Food: Tacos, Chocolate
Author: Clive Cussler
Sports: Football and Basketball
Hobbies: Working out, reading, skiing
Drink: Coke
Quote: "It's not what you gather but you scatter that tells what kind of life you've lived " Helen Walton -

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

JIM STAPLETON



My name is Jim Stapleton and I started teaching in the CEC Practical Nursing Program in August, 2022. I have previously taught at the University of New Mexico College

for Nursing for 14 years in the Nurse Practitioner program, and have clinical experience in hospital settings, home health, and family practice clinics. I have been impressed with the dedication of the faculty here to providing high quality education to our students. I have also been amazed at how much work our students put into the program to reach their dream of becoming a licensed practical nurse. My goal is to help our students reach their educational goals, and pass on what knowledge I have gained over the years.

My favorites

Color: Green

Season: Summer

Food: Posole

Author: David Halberstam

Sports: All

Hobbies: Gardening

Drink: Jarrito Minera Agua

Quote: “ Why worry about tomorrow? You could get hit by a bus today.” (my mother’s mantra).

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

KATRINA ROANHORSE



My name is Katrina Roanhorse. I am a nursing instructor with the PN program. I have 8 years' experience doing nursing. I started my path in healthcare by taking care of my

grandmother, then attended the EMT program here at CEC, and finally, went to the college of Nursing at UNM. I was a nurse resident at UNM Hospital and got hired on an Orthopedics unit. I have done many things in between, but my favorite part of being a nurse is teaching. I would like to teach to future nurses and health care professionals the art of caring for another human being.

My favorites

Color: Purple or pink

Season: Fall

Food: Cashew chicken

Author: None, but I do like books

Sports: I enjoy watching them, but don't have a favorite or a team

Hobbies: Watching movies, cooking new foods, reading articles and books, crocheting, playing with my daughter, board/card games

Drink: Arnold Palmer, Shirley Temple, Chai Tea Latte

Quote: “Life is for service” -Fred Rogers

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

JAMES SOTO



Hello and Welcome to Cosmetology, my name is James Soto and I am a 25-year vet in the field of cosmetology, I own my own business, De

Soto Inspirations, and continue to work behind the chair when I am not in the classroom. I continued my journey entering into being an instructor of cosmetology. I worked over two years at Olympian school of cosmetology and an additional 2 1/2 at the school I tended at De Wolffs school of cosmetology. I then I was blessed with to opportunity to join the awesome team here at CEC. This is my 8th year of teaching and I continue to love what I do. I have always loved working with kids, and continue to do so. I still keep in touch with some of my students, and my greatest reward is to see each of them fall in love with this field and to go out and conquer the world.

My favorites

Color: Purple

Season: Spring

Food: Steaks on the Grill

Author: Chuck Missler

Sports: Football, GO COWBOYS!!!

Hobbies: Volleyball, Fooseball

Drink:

Quote: King Solomon said it best: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.... (Proverbs 4:23).

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

CATHERINE BAUM



My name is Catherine Baum, my nickname is Cathy, I have been at the Career Enrichment Center as part of the Nursing Faculty for over five years. I teach the Senior

Practical Nursing Students their theory instruction and their clinical instruction in the hospital setting. I am very grateful and excited to be part of this excellent program and to work with these exceptional students.

I have been a Registered Nurse in the community for almost 38 years. During the majority of my career I have been a part-time or full-time clinical nursing instructor. I have also provided classroom instruction at other nursing schools. In addition, throughout my career I have worked in the hospital as a practicing Registered Nurse in Critical Care, Medical Surgical Nursing and other areas. I bring these experiences with me to both the classroom and to the clinical setting at the hospitals to share with the nursing students to help enhance their learning. I believe in life long learning and I continue to learn and grow in my knowledge and in my practice. My goal is to have a classroom where there is growth, that is positive, and fun! It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to teach at CEC! Thank you!

My favorites

Color: Blue

Season: Summer

Food: Seafood

Author: Beth Moore

Sports: Golf, Vikings, Walking

Hobbies: Reading, Book Club, Traveling

Drink: Coffee

Quote: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains" by C.S. Lewis

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

PATY CARREON



My name is Paty Carreón and I am pleased to be teaching the CNM Dual Credit Spanish class here at CEC. I have been working in education for seventeen years. I have a Masters in Language,

Literacy and Sociocultural Studies and a B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of New Mexico. My love for travel has taken me to live in Puerto Rico, Mexico and Spain. Traveling to different countries has given me a better understanding of the process of teaching a foreign language and it has enhanced my teaching methodology.

My favorites

Color: Emerald Green
Season: Spring
Food: Any and all
Author: John Grisham
Hobbies: Traveling
Quote: "Caminante, no hay camino. Se hace camino al andar." –Antonio Machado

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TEACHER SHOWCASE

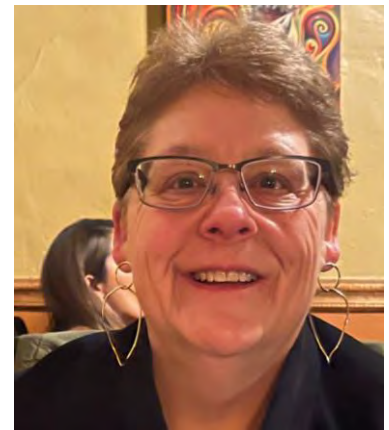
EILEEN MADDOCK



My name is Eileen Maddock and I am very excited to be the new Dean of Students at CEC/ECA. I come to this position with 16 years of education experience. Prior to fully stepping into leadership roles, I taught

English, Careers, and Financial Literacy. At my former school I also coordinated our dual credit program with CNM, including teaching their College Success course. I also served as an instructional coach, led the college-bound program, and did a great deal of grant writing and management. In my position at CEC/ECA, I enjoy working directly with students – giving them the strategies and encouragement they need to be successful.

I also enjoy being part of a dynamic team that is always looking for the best ways to fulfill the missions of CEC and ECA. These are unique schools and I am honored to be here.



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Hello ECA families,

I hope this email finds you all well in the new year. I wanted to give you some information on upcoming counseling sponsored events and student opportunities in the spring semester.

Some highlights of continued or upcoming presentations with your students through our **advisory program** on a variety of topics:

- Currently Freshmen are learning about graduation requirements, credits, GPA, dual credit opportunities and how to read a transcript
- Sophomores and Juniors will be setting up their individualized test prep through Khan Academy to help them prepare for the next PSAT or SAT testing.
- Sophomores will be learning more about self-care, mental wellness and how to advocate for themselves and others when they are "Not OK." It's OK to not be OK.
- **All grade levels will be working with a community group- *Breaking the Silence* which will present and facilitate discussion about mental health, warning signs and breaking the stigma of mental illness. See attached document for more details.**
- All grade levels will have the opportunity to use YOUSCIENCE. This is a dynamic Interest and Aptitude test that will help students learn about themselves, their skills and this may apply to certain careers.
- **All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors-** Upcoming in January/February- **All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors** will be thinking about what classes that they will be taking at ECA and CEC for the 2023-24 school year. Students will be learning more about what opportunities there are for them through ECA, CEC, CNM, UNM and IAIA. Dual credit classes can be taken on campus through CEC AND off campus, independently. Please be in communication with your student about classes and/or programs they are wanting to engage in. They will be choosing classes in January and February. All ECA students will register for any CEC classes through our registration google form that will be on our website, starting January 6th.

Seniors-

As of right now, less than ½ of you have completed your FAFSA. Now is a great time to sit down and get it completed. Only 1 parent is needs to create an FSA ID and fill out the application with you. The sooner the better! Many colleges have a FAFSA priority deadline. UNM's priority deadline is January 5th, so get your FAFSA completed! Even if you think your family will not qualify for federal aid for college, there are many scholarships that list "FAFSA completion" as one of the requirements. If you miss a priority deadline, it is still not too late to fill it out, but the sooner the better. If you need assistance filling it out, go sit with an expert and get the help that you need! Or if you just have one question, these resources are for you too!

Money Mondays FAFSA Help: Virtual drop ins from 3-6pm every Monday! Upcoming dates:

January 9, 23, 30 (more in February, March

<https://www.nmeaf.org/money-mondays>

ECA Senior Meetings: I am available to meet with seniors. I meet with every senior individually at least once but will meet with a senior student as many times as they need in order to make sure their transition to college or career is as smooth as possible.

- Please continue to check the **CLASS OF 2023 Senior Google Classroom**. I post student opportunities and NEED TO KNOWS, sometimes daily. This will be the main source of senior student communication around Senior only events and GRADUATION information and events.
- **SENDING TRANSCRIPTS:** Most of you will need to send your transcripts to colleges that you are applying to. Don't forget that if you've taken ANY dual credit classes, you'll also need to send colleges your CNM and/or UNM transcripts in order for you to receive college credit for those classes. **All students are required to send both their high school transcripts and CNM and/or UNM transcripts through Parchment.com.** Students can either just go straight to Parchment.com, set up an account and search for Early College Academy OR they can go through our website: <https://cec.aps.edu/> At the bottom of our homepage, to the right, there is a big box, "Order your Transcripts" click there and get started!

ECA Juniors:

- **Upcoming JUNIOR NIGHT with Ms. Alicia (Faulds), virtual event, Tuesday, January 17th, 6-7:15 pm.** We'll be going over all things college admissions, financial aid, SAT and resources to give your students a jump start on the process. **I will send out a google meet invitation as we get closer to the date.**
- All Juniors will be taking the SAT in April of 2023 on the ECA campus. The test will be free. Students will start preparing for the test with some help in advisory and a **SAT prep class** More details on the SAT prep class coming soon!

Highlighted Student Opportunities

For ECA Sophomores and Juniors:

Collegeboard's Big Future

Scholarships opportunities- you have the chance to win every month! All you have to do is us Big Future to start exploring and planning for college! There's no GPA requirement. Check it out: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>

For ECA Sophomores and Juniors:

Summer Program at Colorado School of Mines, check it out!

The Summer Multicultural Engineering Training (SUMMET) program is an engineering, science and technology program designed for rising juniors and seniors who are from underrepresented populations, including ethnic/racial minorities, women and prospective first-generation college students as well as students with demonstrated financial need.

SUMMET combines non-accredited coursework, hands-on projects, industry tours, team-building activities and social events. SUMMET provides exposure to the lifestyle, opportunities and challenges of college and is designed to help build skills and experiences for a smooth transition from high school to college. SUMMET is a one-week residential program, allowing participants to live on campus for the duration of the program, experience life as a college student and participate in STEM-related curriculum instruction.

This program is available at no cost to participants with the exception of a \$50 confirmation fee for students accepted into the program. Transportation to and from the program is not included in the cost and

is currently the responsibility of participants. For more information, check out the SUMMET website.

June 4 - June 9, 2023: Session I

June 11 - June 16, 2023: Session II

June 25 - June 30, 2023: Session III

1. Students can submit their application by visiting the link below by 11:59 P.M. MST, **February 1, 2023.**

SUMMET Program Application

2. Students must meet a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3 and upload their current, unofficial high school transcript.

3. Provide answers to each of the following questions on their application:

- Why do you think you should be chosen to attend SUMMET?
- What do you expect to gain from the SUMMET program?
- What about Mines and/or SUMMET interests you the most?
- What school activities and community services are you involved with and why do you choose to participate in them?
- What are your thoughts on group projects? What role do you typically take when working in them?
- What are words your teachers, coaches, or peers would use to describe you?
- Share an experience or example of a time that shaped you into the person you are today.
- A free response on a prompt of your choosing.

Students must submit complete applications no later than **February 1, 2023** .

Feel free to reach out to the contact below if you have any questions.

Louisa

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SUMMET Program Director

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LINK: <https://apply.mines.edu/register/?id=09bcf83d-210c-42a9-a27e-54d1b7d0ccf0>

*Many Colleges have competitive summer programs for high school students. Now it the time to explore, find out requirements and deadlines so that you can apply! Simply going to any college's website and

searching for "high school student summer program" should give you some great results.

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors:

- If your student is interested in a career in the health field (high demand and high paying careers!), UNM had a lot of opportunities for high school students to learn and explore. Check out the following opportunities:

Summer programs- PATH Emerging Scholars Program, Health Careers Summer Academy

<https://stemed.unm.edu/stemrc22/content/unm-hsc-office-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-communities-careers>

All Grade Levels:

- DLC STEMM Prep Project application deadline- January 15th

The DLC STEMM Prep PROJECT - Students gain exposure to STEMM by working in STEMM based labs during the summer starting as early as the seventh grade and based upon performance are invited back each subsequent year through college.

For more information go to: <http://thedistancelearningcenter.org/> You can also call the executive director, Moses L. Williams, Ph.D at 215-416-7743.

- SAVE the DATE: April 15, 2023! UNM's Annual Health Professions Symposium. You must register to attend. This event is huge and awesome!

<https://hps.unm.edu/>

- Scholarships, Student opportunities and Resources are posted regularly in the CLASS OF 2023 AND CLASS OF 2024 GOOGLE CLASSROOMS. If you want to see more, sit down with your students and scroll the classroom announcements- lots of great stuff there!

SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS OPEN!!

It's time to gather your deadlines for scholarships that you will be applying for.

Where to start?

- Check the colleges that you are applying to first.
- Check local scholarships next (less competition, more likelihood of getting one)
- Check where you work, do they offer scholarships
- Check the Senior google classroom- I am posting scholarships as I receive the information
- Check my counseling page for links to the APS Scholarship google sheet and scholarship links for local and special groups.

SENIORS AND FAMILIES-

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filled out

now! The application for the 2023-24 college year opened on October 1st. Even if you think that your income will not qualify your student for federal aid, you are encouraged to fill it out anyway. There are scholarships that ask for a completed FAFSA as a requirement.

[FSA ID](#) (Create before filling out the FAFSA)

Both the student and ONE parent need to create an FSA ID

[FAFSA Website](#) (Opens October 1, 2021)

If your family needs assistance in filling out the FAFSA, there are a few great options to get help from a financial aid expert:

- MONEY MONDAYS- Starting next Monday, October 10th and nearly every Monday after that through May, your family can get personalized FAFSA assistance from 3-6pm during this ongoing virtual event. For more information about the FAFSA and the ZOOM link for Money Mondays visit: <https://www.nmeaf.org/fafsa-fund-your-future>

- UNM WORKSHOPS AND ONE-ON-ONE appointments from October through December
For more information visit:
<http://finaid.unm.edu/fafsaworkshops/>
- The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) for ONE-TO-ONE APPOINTMENTS
For more information call Jenny Quinones at (505) 277-0350

ALL ECA FAMILIES:

Collegeboard's REAL TALK- Career Fairs, Paying for College- for Black Students.

Several upcoming virtual events. For more information visit:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/communities-events/real-talk>

All High school students can begin exploring careers and colleges at any time! Start your students account with Collegeboard's Big Future and have fun exploring [early!https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/)



Lastly, I have an awesome collection of resources and information from scholarships, career exploration to mental health resources posted on my webpage on our website. If you have not checked it out yet, you are missing out!

<https://cec.aps.edu/counseling>

Thanks for reading and Happy New Year!

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UNM CAMPUS TOURS

Good Afternoon,

Now that college fairs have (mostly) wrapped up, we are transitioning to field trip and campus visits & tours.

If any of your students want a UNM tour they can do so at either of the following links:

- If they are interested in Engineering, they should complete this form:
 - o <https://ess.unm.edu/programs/future-students/soetours.html>
- If your student is undecided or uninterested in Engineering and just want a general tour, they should complete this form:
 - o <https://campustour.unm.edu/>

If you want a visit from me or another UNM rep, just email me and I will begin arranging the visit.

- Currently, UNM has general recruiters, an Engineering recruiter (myself), a BA/MD recruiter, a CAMP recruiter, and an AISS recruiter
- In your email, please include your desired date, and how long you would like us to be there for

If you want to begin arranging a field trip, email me with the following information:

- Desired dates and times
- How many total people you intend to bring (students + teachers/adults/other chaperones)
- Any special interests your students might have

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you and your classroom!

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PARENT BOOSTER CLUB info

Calling all awesome ECA/CEC families! Don't forget our fourth Booster Club meeting of the school year. We hope you'll **join us on Tuesday, January 10th** in our beautiful new building (or join us remotely using this Google Meet link). This alliance of families, teachers and community members serves an important role in our school's success, and we hope that you will join us! We have several projects on deck this year, and lots of opportunities for families to get involved; from fundraisers and classroom projects, to dances, field trips and advisory boards, there's something for everyone. Our monthly meetings happen on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Please join us today and help make this a year to remember for our students!

You can find out more about our Booster Club by [visiting our webpage](#), or contacting either Assistant Principal Thomas at thomas_d@aps.edu or our PTO President, Ms. Jenny Galasso, at galassoj@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

SUPPLY DRIVE

Supply Drive for the Transgender Resource Center of NM

As we work toward ensuring that all students feel welcome and safe at CEC/ECA, our staff have received training from the Transgender Resource Center of NM (TRCNM). As we learned about their amazing services, we are choosing to run a **Supply Drive** for the clients of their Outreach Center here in Albuquerque, many of whom are unhoused. Many of the items on the list could be picked up on your next trip to COSTCO, and others may come from de-cluttering. Your student can bring these to the front office. THANK YOU!!!

Bottled water

Shelf stable snacks - chips, cookies, crackers, etc. (individually packaged)

Shelf stable protein - beef jerky, Vienna sausage, tuna, etc.

Cup of Noodles (or similar items)

Ready to eat chili, pasta meals, soups (pop top lids preferred)

Hygiene items - shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap/body wash (bulk or travel sizes), razors, lip balm
 Warm clothing (i.e., coats, jackets, sweaters, etc.) in adult sizes small- XL
 Underwear - sizes small to x-large
 Shoes - sizes 8-11
 Hand warmers
 Blankets & Sleeping bags
 Tents

STUDENT SUCCESSES



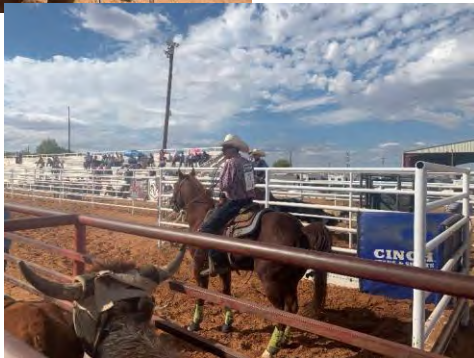
We want to share with you some exciting news from the football banquet at Rio Grande High School. We have two ECA students playing football at RGHS. Ruben Montelongo was recognized as having the highest GPA out of the entire football team of Rio Grande High School and was recognized with a certificate and a bar. The coach and principal of Rio Grande announced his GPA and the school he is attending and spoke highly of Ruben and ECA. The principal also challenged all of the Rio Grande students to meet Ruben's GPA for next year (a challenge was set). It was a proud moment for his family and for our school. Often times the staff at ECA forgets the impact they have on our students and this is a reminder that we do indeed make a difference.

MORE STUDENT SUCCESSES

RODEO CHAMPION

Below are photos of **Rafael Olivas**, an amazing ECA student who works hard everyday to find success in the classroom and then spends nights and weekends honing his craft as a Team Roper. He competes on a regular basis at various rodeos around the state yet still maintains good grades and a fantastic attitude! We are so proud of Rafael and

his success in the rodeo arena!



THE NUTCRACKER
 KiMo Theatre
 Saturday Dec. 17th 2pm
 Saturday Dec. 17th 7pm
 Sunday Dec. 18th 2pm
 Friday Dec. 23rd 2pm
 Friday Dec. 23rd 7pm
 Saturday Dec. 24th 1pm*

ABQickets.com
 Ticket Prices: \$22-\$30
 For special assistance call (505) 768-2622
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 BALLET REPERTORY THEATRE OF NEW MEXICO
 BRT's Ballet Academy & Performing Company

ECA Senior **Victoria Scott** was a featured actress in The Nutcracker at the KiMo Theatre and also graced the cover of their program. We are so proud of her!!

New Mexico Solutions is need of Treatment Foster Care (TFC) Parents!

TFC Parents provide a supportive family setting for children and youth with physical, emotional, and social needs.

Who can become a TFC Parent?

- A TFC parent must be over the age of 21 years old; and without a history of criminal offenses against children.
- TFC parents can be of any race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or culture.

TFC parents receive tax-free financial reimbursement.

Individuals interested in becoming TFC Parents should contact New Mexico Solutions at 505-388-8956.



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SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Early College Academy has added a new award to the recent National Blue Ribbon Award won in 2019 – ECA is now a 2023 Certified National Magnet High School.

Only 18 magnet high schools in the entire United States earned the distinction of becoming a Magnet Schools of America HS Demonstration School. They earned the distinction from [Magnet Schools of America](#), the national association of magnet and theme-based schools.

The certification process is designed to recognize the most exemplary magnet schools in the nation and help them as they continue to grow and provide high-quality, innovative curricula and instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

As a Nationally Certified-Demonstration Magnet School, ECA demonstrated through evidence, reflection, and strategic action that they have established the Standards of Excellence in their schools and fulfilled a commitment to community stakeholders.

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