



Early College Academy & Career Enrichment Center

Family News

May 2026



ECA-CEC BOOSTER CLUB

Please join us for our **ECA-CEC Booster Club meeting** on **Monday, May 4th** at 5:30 PM. The meeting is virtual on Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/rif-sybb-ibi>.

Check out the [Booster Club Web Page](#) – see what we do and find out how to be a part! [Please use this link](#) to share your name and email so we can keep you in the loop.

FINALS SCHEDULES

Finals are just around the corner. See below for the dates of your student's finals. **You must email Assistant Principal Diane Thomas to request an early final** (thomas_d@aps.edu).

CEC Finals

- Seniors - May 4, 5 & 6
- Underclassmen - May 13, 14 & 15

ECA Finals

- Seniors - May 11 & 12
- Underclassmen - May 26 & 27
- (Make-ups May 28 before 11am).

END OF YEAR BUS SCHEDULE

CEC ends on May 15th, and after that, only 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM buses will run for ECA students through May 28th. No buses on May 29th.

LOCKERS, CHROMEBOOKS & TEXTBOOKS

ECA students must clear out their locker and turn in Chromebooks and textbooks by May 28th

Students taking CNM or APS summer classes can check in and immediately check out their Chromebooks starting in mid-May – this step should not be skipped or you may end up with a bricked Chromebook!

ECA GRADUATION • May 21 @ 9:00 AM



On May 21st we will come together as a school, a community, and a family to honor the graduating class of 2026. APS school of choice graduation ceremonies occur at the Berna Facio Professional Development Center (3315 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87110), which has a capacity of 300 seats. To ensure that ECA families can all have an equally comfortable and accessible seat for this momentous occasion, tickets have been distributed for this event.

Each ECA senior was given six (6) tickets for the ECA Graduation Commencement Ceremony. Those tickets will guarantee entry and seating for those six guests. Adults and children who require a seat will need a ticket for entry. Strollers and children/infants that can sit in laps will not need a ticket.

COMING EVENTS:

May 4	ECA-CEC Booster Club meeting (5:30 PM; virtual)
May 4-8	CEC Senior Finals
May 4-13	AP Exams
May 11-12	ECA Senior Finals
May 13-15	CEC Finals
May 15	Last day for CEC buses (8:00 AM and 3:00 PM buses only after this)
May 15	Freshman River Field Trip
May 19	ECA Graduate Honors & Robing Ceremony (5:30-7:00 PM, UNM Continuing Education, no tickets required)
May 21	ECA Commencement Ceremony (9:00-11:00 AM, Berna Facio Center, TICKETS REQUIRED)
May 26-27	ECA Finals, Book & Tech Return
May 28	Last Day of School



ECA Video Announcements:

youtube.com/@aps_eca

Schedule for Commencement Day (Thursday, May 21)

7:15 AM - Graduating seniors are required to arrive at the Berna Facio Professional Development Center

8:30 AM - Doors open to ticket-holders. Each graduating student receives six (6) tickets for guests. Guests without tickets will not gain admission.

8:50 AM - Remaining guests without tickets will be admitted to standing room only.

9:00 AM - Ceremony begins and doors close. No further admittance.

Replacements for lost tickets will not be given for any reason. If more tickets are needed, please ask other ECA students/families if they have extra. Some extra tickets might have been turned in to Mr. Allen; otherwise, there are no more tickets available. Guests without tickets will be admitted at 8:50 AM to fill the standing room at the back.

The Graduate Honors and Robing Ceremony on Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 PM (UNM Continuing Education, 1634 University Blvd NE, 87131) will NOT be ticketed. For that event, we only ask that larger families arrive early to find seats together.

CNM SUMMER CLASSES

Some of our ECA students will be taking CNM early summer session classes, which may mean absences from ECA classes. Students must reach out to their teachers, and to Ms. Thomas, to notify them of CNM classes; Ms. Faulds will verify their schedule.

From CNM:

The Summer term will run from May 18th through August 9th. (Summer courses are 12 weeks in length, which is shorter than the traditional 15-week Fall and Spring terms.) We understand many students will be finishing out the school year, so we also offer 10-week courses that will start June 1st and will end Aug 9th.

Important CNM Drop Deadlines:

Full Term 12-week Courses

- Last day to drop without a "W": June 1
- Last day to drop with a "W": July 17

10-Week Courses

- Last day to drop without a "W": June 9
- Last day to drop with a "W": July 20

CEC CAREER PATHWAYS AWARDS

CEC held their 2nd Annual Career Pathway Award Ceremony on April 23rd. This special evening recognized outstanding junior and senior students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their chosen Career Pathways, completing rigorous programs of study, engaging in meaningful work-based learning experiences, and, in many cases, achieving high academic distinction. Congratulations to all!





The CEC Career Pathway Award recognizes students who have completed a rigorous career-focused program at CEC. To qualify, students must be in good standing and have:

- Completed at least two to three years in a CEC career pathway program, and
- Earned a B or higher in all career pathway coursework, including internships or clinical experiences where applicable

This year we had 106 applications and 91 qualifying award recipients. All 91 pathway completers will receive a blue & green honor cord to be worn at graduation as a symbol of their dedication and commitment to exploring future careers. In addition, 38 students have earned the Career Pathway Medal for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher throughout their career-focused coursework. Each of them has demonstrated both academic dedication and a

clear vision for their future. These students have completed rigorous, hands-on programs that not only challenged them in the classroom but also gave them real-world experience through internships, job shadowing, mentorships, and industry certification opportunities.

Our career pathway students earned nearly 1000 industry certifications this year - up from 850 last year - with our allied health students earning as many as 9 certifications each! 273 students participated in internship or clinical experiences as a part of their career pathway; of those, 78 were paid. That's an increase of 86 APS high schoolers over last year's 187 interns.

ECA ESPORTS TEAM TAKE HOME SILVER!

ECA Rocket League and Mario Kart rocked the NMAA State Championship! ECA Esports took home silver, winning the state runner up trophy this weekend. Our three teams earned more championship points each than any other school in the state.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

◆ For ALL Grade Levels and Families ◆

◆ CNM Summer Classes Important Note:

We encourage you to take courses over the summer at CNM and UNM. If you are planning on this and this is your first summer doing so, please be aware that UNM classes start after ECA classes are done **but CNM classes OVERLAP with the last two weeks of ECA classes**. If you have registered or plan to register (you should do this ASAP if so!), you will need to look at your CNM schedule to see if courses overlap with courses at ECA. If so, you will need to discuss missing ECA classes with the applicable teachers IN ADVANCE. Teachers have been flexible with this over the years but you must let them know as soon as you can so that they can plan for make-up work or potentially a make-up final.

◆ SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Opportunity for students for a summer job at Kirtland AFB. We need lifeguards! Our goal is to hire 18 lifeguards to cover the full summer season. We can take applicants from age 15+, hourly wage starts at \$16/hr, and best news... WE WILL PAY FOR CERTIFICATION! Interested students can apply through this link:

www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/859268400

► For Seniors and Families ◀

► UNM Summer Engineering Math Summer Bridge program

If you are going to UNM in the fall for Engineering...heads up! The UNM Summer Engineering Math Summer Bridge program is open to students enrolling in engineering in the fall semester here at UNM. Students will take a placement test, and they must place into calculus or below to be eligible. The program will run from 9-12 Monday through Friday, and then we will provide lunch at 12. Students who are placed into calculus or pre-calculus will take a pre-calculus class in the math department over the summer. Students who test below pre-calculus will take an accelerated math class. Students in either program will receive 3 credit hours for the course. Additionally, college readiness workshops will be taught throughout the summer as part of our usual free summer bridge. At the end of the fall semester, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to students registered in engineering for the spring semester and who have successfully completed the program (those who attended the classes and fulfilled any other requirements set out when they accept). We have capacity for up to 40 students, and acceptance is first-come first-served. Fill out the questionnaire for more information about the program: goto.unm.edu/soemathbridge

► UNM Financial Aid Questions?

If you are attending UNM in the Fall and have questions about your financial aid package, make an appointment with financial aid to go over it with your one to one! Make sure you completely understand what you are accepting or rejecting. Make appointments at: <https://goto.unm.edu/award-booking>.

► Native American Scholarship Program (NASP)

New Mexico Gas Company supports Native American students pursuing college, trade school, or technical training. Award: \$3,000 (20 scholarships available).

What makes this scholarship different?

- No minimum GPA
- No letters of recommendation
- Open to any field of study

Who can apply?

- NM residents
- Enrolled member of a NM Pueblo, Tribe, or Nation
- High school seniors, GED recipients, or current college/trade students
- Full-time or part-time students

Questions? nasp@nmgco.com

Apply: March 30 – May 1: www.nmgco.com/en/native_american_scholarship_program

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