



New Mexico Junior College

Promoting Success through Learning

Excellence

Thunderbirds Capture National Title

The Thunderbird baseball team, led by Coach Ray Birmingham, made history in 2005 by winning their first national title, the NJCAA World Series Championship. Thanks to Birmingham's impressive record, he has been named National Coach of the Year.



Allied Health / Nursing

One of the flagship programs at NMJC, the highly regarded Nursing Program celebrated a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX exam by the 2005 graduating class.

NMJC's Automotive Programs

ACT Academy -- NMJC's Advanced Career and Technology Academy NATEF-certified high school automotive program was selected again in 2005 to offer the prestigious AYES program. One of only two such programs in New Mexico, AYES is a dynamic partnership involving 14 automobile manufacturers, select high school programs, and participating new car dealerships.

NATEF -- Once again, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) has acknowledged NMJC's Automotive Technology program for meeting the strict industry standards required for Master Certification. This is the highest level of achievement recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (AYES).



Outreach

TRiO Programs

These federally funded programs are designed to help low-income, first-generation, and disabled students achieve their educational goals. Upward Bound, which prepares 9th-12th graders for college, boasts a 90% college enrollment rate. Talent Search, for students in the 6th-12th grades, graduates its first class at NMJC this year, having begun in 1999. Student Support Services has retained 96% of its students, graduated 87%, and transferred 91% from NMJC to four-year institutions. The consistent success of the TRiO programs at NMJC is attributed to supportive staff members who tailor services to meet individual student needs.

Economic Impact

Celebrating its 40th year of promoting success Lea County, New Mexico Junior College has a history of promoting learning through learning. Additionally, NMJC vigorously impacts the local and state economies, employing 256 full-time and 170-250 part-time faculty and staff, with an operating budget in excess of \$25 million. The approximately 3,200 students, hailing from 12 countries, 13 states, 29 Texas towns, and 32 New Mexico towns, receive more than \$4.5 million in financial aid. NMJC's anticipated institutional capital projects are in excess of \$3.5 million.



Stewardship

NMJC Best-Maintained Campus

The Commission on Higher Education has acknowledged NMJC as one of the leaders in maintaining campus facilities in New Mexico



Economic Development

NMJC is currently partnering with community advisors to plan a state-of-the-art Business and Industry Training Center.

Athletics

Lady T-Birds Place Seventh in Nation

NMJC's Lady T-Bird track team received its first national ranking this spring, placing 7th at the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championship. Lady T-Bird Melesia Mafileo of the Polynesian Tonga Islands, placed 7th in the triple jump. Mafileo was named All-American, along with Kashain Page of St. Mary, Jamaica, who was named national runner-up in the 60-meter hurdles. Two NMJC relay teams, the 4x400-meter relay and the distance medley relay, also received All-American status.



Facilities

Western Heritage Museum & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

NMJC's Western Heritage Museum & Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame opened in January 2006. In addition to the permanent and world-class traveling exhibits that exemplify the diversity, beauty, and cultural traditions that have shaped the Southwest, the 29,000 square-foot facility showcases the renowned Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame and the rugged individuals who tamed this region.

Ben Alexander Student Learning Center

Completed in Fall 2005, NMJC's new \$6.9 million facility was designed to offer a "one-stop shopping" experience for students. The facility provides registration, counseling, and financial aid services, as well as a bookstore, classrooms, and labs. The previously existing area was remodeled to provide additional student space, including an Internet café, theater, game room, and outdoor seating.

Collaborations

Beyond the Associate Degree

Course work for baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degrees are offered on the NMJC campus from Eastern New Mexico University, Highlands University, New Mexico State University, and Lubbock Christian University.

2+2 Agreements

To assist students in transferring credits and hours, NMJC shares 2+2 agreements with a number of area colleges, including CSW, ENMU, Northwood, Texas Tech, and UT-Permian Basin, to name just a few.

ELIN Consortium

Through a collaborative partnership, seven area libraries, including NMJC's Pannell Library, offer patrons 24-hour Internet access to electronic resources and hundreds of thousands of books, government documents, audiovisual recordings, and magazines.

Students Earn College Credit While Attending High School

NMJC, in partnership with local school districts, offers over 15 vocational programs and up to 30 hours in concurrent enrollment to students in Lea County. This collaborative effort between the public schools and NMJC provides substantial financial savings for parents and an exciting head start toward a college degree for students.



NMJC Student Apartments

Scheduled for completion by Fall 2006, NMJC's new campus apartments are filling up fast! Utilizing state-of-the-art security, these beautiful, fully furnished private apartments come with all bills paid and offer the convenience of Internet access, cable TV, local phone service, and laundry facilities. In addition, they're an outstanding value at only \$425 per month per person!