



Military and Families Education Newsletter

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NMSU offers military members and their families postsecondary educational opportunities leading to lifelong learning, self- and professional development programs, and services to promote critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Outreach Campaign

Real leadership is being the person others will gladly and confidently follow.

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Graduation Festivity at WSMR

One of the most gratifying events this spring was the May 7th Consolidated Graduation Ceremony at White Sands Missile Range. The Post Theater was the setting. Dr. Waded Cruzado, Provost, led the delegation that represented New Mexico State University.

The ceremony honored Soldiers, family members, retirees, Department of Defense personnel, and professors. It recognized pursuit of goals, sacrificial endeavor, exceptional work habits (most graduates pursued degrees while holding full-time employment or Armed Forces service), and a desire to grow and excel.

Major General W. Montague Winfield, Commanding General United States Army Cadet Command, was the keynote speaker. While congratulating the graduates, he stressed purpose and satisfaction, personal and professional development, and the contribution toward the betterment of ourselves and our Nation. It was most enjoyable seeing the faces of graduates as they received their diplomas. It was a great event.

In conjunction with commencement was the signing of the Memorandum-of-Understanding between New Mexico State University and White Sands Missile Range for the offering of an undergraduate Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program at WSMR.

ACME Summit

What can NMSU do to help the new wave of active-duty Servicemembers and young veterans enrolling in college? This is one of the topics to be addressed during the first Advisory Council for Military Education (ACME) Summit at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center on October 22, 2008. The theme is

Transformation: Forming Tomorrow's Leaders Today, Anywhere, Anytime.

Over the past several months we have visited with Commanding Generals and senior officials from regional military installations to gain support for this leadership conference. They have accepted the invitation to deliver keynote addresses and serve as panelists.

The theme of building community caught the attention of these leaders. Implicit in this philosophical concept is education. We must maintain our investment in the future by sustaining the highest quality of education that is focused on the well being of the entire civic and military community. At this Summit, NMSU has an opportunity to let our Servicemembers and families know that we genuinely want them to succeed and are committed to helping them. The Aggie community will welcome our Servicemembers and families and honor them for the sacrifices they make to preserve the freedom and the safety we enjoy.

Educational initiatives such as the ACME Summit, which deal with collaborative leadership and innovative strategies for the 21st century, have never been as important as they are now! The task of extending educational opportunities to the largest number of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines has a special urgency today. The great work produced from this Summit will not only go on to serve student-Servicemembers enrolled at NMSU, but also Servicemembers and families around the world.

GoArmyEd On-Boarding Deadlines

June 6, 2008: Training on the Secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Course and Class Data Collection (DCT) Completed.

June 27, 2008: Enter courses that support approved degree plans into the GoARmyEd system (Submitted via DCT) — Distance Education Degree Programs.



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June 30, 2008: Submit all information for degrees to be offered through GoArmyEd to SOC. Enter degree plans and programs into the portal. A SOC Academic Liaison will be assigned to NMSU.

July 11, 2008: Complete training sessions.

- Portal Overview
- Common Applications
- Course Registrations
- Grading (Web Grading Tool and FTP File Upload)
- Student Agreements
- Customer Relations Management System (CRM)
- Invoicing
- Graduation Reporting

August 22, 2008: Class offerings scheduled in the GoArmyEd system (via DCT).

October 1, 2008: Go-live with GoArmyEd

Acronyms

AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AARTS	Army American Council on Education Registry Transcript System
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities
ACE	American Council on Education
ACES	Army Continuing Education System
ACME	Advisory Council of Military Education
AD/RC	Active Duty/Reserve Component
AGR	Active Guard Reserve
AKO	Army Knowledge On Line (email account)
ARNG	Army National Guard
ATM	All Things Military
CAS	College of the American Soldiers
CCAF	Community College of the Air Force
CCME	Council of College and Military Educators
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CPAC	Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
CTAM	Centralized Tuition Assistance Management
DANTES	Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
DOD	Department of Defense
DSS	Division of Student Success
ECE	Excelsior College Examinations
FRG	Family Readiness Groups
GAE	GoArmyEd
LOI	Letter of Instruction
MOS	Military Occupation Specialty
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer
SMART	Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript
SOC	Servicemembers Opportunity College
SOCAD	Servicemembers Opportunity College Army Degree
TA	Tuition Assistance
TRADOC	US Army Training and Doctrine Command
VA	Veterans Administration
WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
WW	Wounded Warrior