Most of the students attending New Mexico Junior College have part-time jobs. These jobs are essential to help pay for school, travel to return home, and for living expenses. Often, these part-time jobs are essential for extra money, but do not provide experience or skills in the field that the student can utilize for future employment goals. This is not the case for Lane Carter, a student in the NMJC Energy Technology Program. Lane, a freshman, is pursuing an Associates in Renewable Energy Technology, while working part-time as an electrician’s apprentice.

Knowledge of electricity and wiring is crucial knowledge for anyone considering a career in renewable energy, and these “green jobs” will be in high demand in the coming years, not only in Lea County, but as well as the rest of the nation. A solid foundation in electrical knowledge is the key to success in this field. Lane was also given consideration for the apprenticeship because he had already completed the required OSHA 10 safety training, which is an industry standard, obtained through the Energy Technology Program.

Richard Fialho, Adjunct Professor of Renewable Energy Technology, and an employee of Sacred Power Corporation (SPC), found such an opportunity with Kelly Sivage, State of New Mexico Licensed Electrician, and Authorized Electrician for SPC.

As an instructor, Richard Fialho has had Lane in several classes. “I was looking out for one of my students. There is a rich tradition at NMJC for helping students find good opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. The culture is shared by the Administration and the Faculty, and it is this culture of care and encouragement for our students that is the difference between a good school and a great one. I am proud to say that NMJC is a great school because of this very culture.”

Lane now has a part-time job as an electrical apprentice that pays better than most part-time employment. He has flexibility with his class schedule, has the opportunity to be qualified for an Electrical Journeymen’s License, as well as being provided valuable “hands-on” experience in various types of electrical installations, not only in renewable energy.

Kelly Sivage, an electrician in New Mexico for 24 years, said, “I was happy to give Lane a chance because of the good things Richard Fialho had to say about him, but he sure proved himself once he got on the job site. Lane is a hard worker, and his tasks now are not only in renewable energy installations for SPC, but also on other jobs as well, including wiring of new homes at the Ranch View Estates in Hobbs. I will have more opportunities for young men and women, and my first hiring choice will definitely be an NMJC student because of the exemplary job Lane has done.”

“Success through learning” is not just a slogan. It has been the guiding principle of NMJC since 1966, and Lane Carter certainly proves that New Mexico Junior College is a great place to start on the road to success.

New Mexico Junior College received a grant from the State of New Mexico to provide training in the area of “green energy.” Through a partnership with Sacred Power Corporation as the contracted instructors, NMJC is currently offering “Solar Safety Training for First Responders & Firefighters”.

The reason for this training is due to the large amount of solar panel installations within the region, both commercially and residentially. The Hobbs Fire Department stated that this type of training had not been offered by anyone, anywhere else. Techniques for responding to calls involving solar equipment are unique and cannot be handled conventionally. When complete, NMJC will have trained all members of the Hobbs Fire Department as well as officers in the Hobbs Police Department at no cost to the city.

NMJC will then provide this training to the Lovington Fire & Police Departments and is currently in negotiations to take this specialized and needed training to surrounding cities and across the state.
NMJC No Longer Charging Graduation Fees
by Michele Clingman, Dean of Enrollment Management

In order to encourage our students to complete the process of graduating, NMJC will no longer charge students a graduation fee!

To graduate, NMJC students must complete the Graduation Application, which is available online (https://www.nmjc.edu/currentstudents/graduationapplicationform.aspx) and in the Registrar's Office. With the Graduation Application, students must turn in a Degree Audit signed by the student and advisor.

Once students complete the Graduation Application and have met the requirements, degrees are posted at the end of every semester. Since there has been some confusion over the fee and degree posting, the fee has been eliminated, which we hope will encourage more students to file for graduation. If students complete their degree requirements in the fall semester, they will be able to walk in May.

For more information, please contact Dr. Michele Clingman, Dean of Enrollment Management, at 575-492-2575 or mclingman@nmjc.edu.

NMJC welcomes Norma Faught as the Coordinator of Facilities Scheduling. If you or your organization would like to schedule an event at NMJC, please contact Norma at (575) 492-4717 or nfaught@nmjc.edu for information.

The NMJC chapter of SkillsUSA participated in the Hobbs Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1. Student members, with the help of Physical Plant employees Dr. Charley Carroll and Myra Livyville, decorated the NMJC bus with Christmas lights and decorations and displayed the SkillsUSA Champions at Work banner. The bus was also entered into the 2012 Lovington Light Parade. Dressing as SkillsUSA “EBP” Champions at Work are (L to R) Mari Barillas, Veronica Martinez, Kevin Espino, Jarred DelaCruz, Luis Villa, Rebecca Tabo, Alicia Munoz, Lizet Gomez, Drew McCrvey, Shelby McCrvey, and Saul Ballester.

SkillsUSA student Kevin Espino (R) donned the Thunderbird costume for the Lovington Light Parade on Dec. 5, entertaining and delighting spectators along the way.
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Campers will drill and compete within their age groups in various skill competitions such as dribbling, passing, shooting and defense, as well as learning the importance of team play. The camp will also focus on individual improvement and reinforce the individual skills with game play.

Camp Details

Location: Caster Activity Center
Time: 9:00 - 12:00
(Supervision will begin 8:30)
Date: December 29, 30
Prizes: NMJC Basketball
Instruction: NMJC Coaches and Players

Individual Development

• Ball Handling
• Shooting
• Experience
• Blocking Out
• Leadership
• Achievement
• Knowledge
• Teamwork
• Passing Ability
• Intensity

Head Coach James Miller was introduced as the new men’s basketball coach at New Mexico Junior College in August 2012.

Miller served as Assistant Coach at NMJC for the past three seasons. The Thunderbirds finished tied for second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this past season and lost to South Plains College the eventual national champions in the second round of the Region 5 tournament.

Miller is extremely excited about the opportunity to lead the men’s basketball program. “NMJC has become one of the better programs in the country over the course of the past three years and we will work hard to make sure that our student athletes represent the college at the highest level both on and off the court.”

Before NMJC, Miller a native of Colorado served as an assistant under Coach Pat Eberhart for four years at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Before CSU-Pueblo he served as an intern at Arizona State University in the men’s basketball program and also as a manager at Colorado State University. Miller graduated from the Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science, with a focus in health promotion and coaching. After obtaining his bachelor degree Miller went on to obtain his Master of Science Degree with an emphasis in Sports Administration from the University of Northern Colorado, 2012.

Assistant Coach Brian Lohrey is entering his first season with New Mexico Junior College as an Assistant Coach. Brian is coming to NMJC from the University of Central Missouri.

During his tenure at Central Missouri the Mules were a combined 64-23 while capturing the 2010 and 2012 MIAA Conference Championship. In 2010 the Mules advanced to the NCAA Div. II Sweet Sixteen. At Central Missouri he had the opportunity to work for Kim Anderson who is the All-Time Winningest Coach in School history. While there he coached one 1st Team All-American, two MIAA 1st Team All-Conference and All-Region players, three MIAA 2nd Team All-Conference players, a MIAA Defensive Player of the year, a MIAA 1st Team All-Defensive team player, and two MIAA Honorable Mention All-Conference players.

Brian was also an Assistant at Dallas Baptist University where he worked for Blake Flickner. He helped sign two Conference Freshman of the Year winners in his first two seasons, and helped the Patriots to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history in 2009. DBU had four All-Heartland Conference selections that year.

Prior to his coaching career at DBU, he also played one season for the Patriots. He was recognized with the Patriot award as a recognized leader of men’s athletics, as well as an NCCAA Academic All-American.

Before his time there, he attended Colorado State University where he earned the Leadership Award while playing for the Mountain West Conference Champion and NCAA Tournament basketball team in 2003. He was also the vice president of Athletes in Action for the CSU campus.

Joe Garcia Memorial Scholarship Fund

Those wanting to contribute to the Joe Garcia Memorial Fund may send a check to:

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CHRISTMAS (campus closed)
December 22 - January 6

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Ben Alexander Student Learning Center, Room 212 (orientation)
Literacy Center on Dalmont Street (session)
Contact: Jerry Hamm (575) 492-2592 or jhamm@nmjc.edu

SPRING 2013 SEMESTER BEGINS
January 14

Happy Holidays from NMJC Faculty & Staff!

NMJC Pannell Library Emerging Writers’ Contest Results
by Mary Tyuichieviers, Director of Library Services

We had a wonderful turnout with nine in the Short Fiction and thirteen in the Poetry Contests. We were very pleased with all the entries and hope these writers will continue to work on skills, and many might become bonafide authors. Monetary awards from the NMJC Foundation were presented to the first and second place winners, and all winners received frameable certificates. We had wonderful judges for each type of writing, and I wish to thank them whole heartedly. If you see any of the winners, I hope you will congratulate them. We had first and second place winners with five honorable mentions. This contest was part of our Centennial Celebration. We also wish to thank the cafeteria for the wonderful punch and cookies on Friday. I do hope each entry will continue to write in their prospective category and maybe try the other category as well. We may do this contest again in two years.

The winners were:
POETRY
1st place Richard Barber (Mr. Locust Tree);
2nd place Bobby Wright (Your Majesty);
Honorable Mentions
Pamela Evans
(He Sang Tenor),
Richard M. Lopez
(Mid-Watch Log), and
Jasmin Wright (Respect);

SHORT FICTION
1st place Jasmin Wright
(Saving Hope);
2nd place Pamela Evans
(The Misfits);
Honorable Mentions
Terry Hoye (Saved by a Legend)
and Terry Toye (The Reunion).

Intramural Sports: 3-on-3 Basketball Champions “Shooters” Jon Miller (Hobbs, NM), Alex Baraza (Hobbs, NM), Allen Garcia (Eunice, NM) • 8 Ball Pool Champion Emmanuel Forcelte-Quebec, Canada • Ping Pong Champion Mike Bernal (El Paso, TX)

Approximately 70 NMJC students, faculty, and staff were on hand Thursday, December 6, to deliver thousands of canned goods to Lea County’s annual Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive. According to Business professor Robert Guthrie, the NMJC Faculty Senate decided to dedicate this year’s food drive to the memory of George Biggs, former NMJC professor of Biology. Biggs taught at NMJC for 33 years and was known for his great kindness and sense of humor. Guthrie stated that the drive netted 4,549 canned goods on campus, which represents a 27% increase over last year’s drive. The food is used to help feed the needy throughout Lea County, especially during the holidays.

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