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TO: All NMMI Constituents

FROM: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

DATE: 2 December 2021

Re: Final First Semester Update

Let me start with a COVID update. Please remember, my comments are based on the current protocols, guidelines, and restrictions that are in place. If any of those changes cause us to alter our current planning, we will let you know immediately.

COVID:

As you know, we took the position that we would test everyone, Staff, Faculty and Cadets, and all Support Services (Sodexo, Infirmary, Tutors, and Parent Volunteers) at the beginning of the semester, unless they provided a vaccination card. Since the first arrivals of the Cadet Cadre on 22 July, we have conducted approximately 2,700 tests. Presently, we have 648 Cadets, Staff, Faculty, and Support Service personnel that have provided vaccination cards to the Infirmary. We have 1,208 personnel in all categories, so the 619 represents a vaccination rate of 53.64%. By category, Faculty is 86.15%, Staff is 60.19%, and Support Services (Sodexo and Infirmary) is 65.75%, with the Infirmary at 100%. NMMI sponsored numerous vaccination clinics throughout the semester and will continue to work with FEMA to make vaccinations available during the second semester. All vaccinations are provided at no cost to the Cadets, Staff, and Faculty.

We have had a total of 97 positive cases within the Corps, 11 of which were fully vaccinated. Presently, none are in isolation or quarantine. We have had 27 positive cases within the Faculty and Staff, 12 fully vaccinated.

The State of New Mexico has issued a new Health Order for employees. All employees must be vaccinated or be tested weekly. NMMI is providing the test at no charge to our employees. They do not have to use our test, but they must give the test results every week from a valid test. Failure to do so for two consecutive weeks is grounds for termination. The NMMI Board of Regents met on 24 August and adopted the state guidelines as mandatory for NMMI employees.

CURRENT DAILY PROTOCOL:

The only restrictions that we are under, and are following, are wearing masks inside any building and practicing six-foot social distancing, especially inside a building. We are continuing with all sports and Cadet Activities. However, we will amend this protocol beginning the

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second semester. We will still wear a mask inside any building, but we will utilize a three-foot social distancing protocol in the classrooms. This will eliminate the need for any split or hybrid classes. Also, we will return to morning tutoring. Faculty will be available for tutoring from 0700 to 0740 each morning except Wednesday. Wednesday is dedicated to Commandant's time.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

All indications from the Contractor are that we will occupy Cahoon for the second semester. We plan a local open house to introduce the new facility to Roswell. The latrines/sinks in HQ and Golf Troops will be finished this semester. We canceled the contract with the initial Contractor and have put the remainder of the contract (Charlie, Foxtrot, and Hotel) out for bid. JRT/VMV is finished except for the installation of the bowling alley equipment. The original contractor has agreed to send a knowledgeable individual to work with the current contractor to install the equipment. An actual Press Box has been approved and funded and will be installed on the East side of Colt Field.

ACADEMICS:

As mentioned above, we will implement a three-foot social distance policy for the second semester. This will allow us to eliminate all split or hybrid classes. All classes will now be conducted in person. Our Faculty is to be commended for their efforts during the first semester. In the Faculty Evaluations prepared by the Cadets, the Faculty received an overall 4.49 rating out of a possible 5. 96% of the faculty received a rating greater than 4.0.

ATHLETICS:

The first semester has been unbelievably productive in both our High School (Colt) and Junior College (Bronco) programs. I have attached a separate recap of the success of our teams for the first semester.

LEADERSHIP:

Thanks to the Commandant and the Regimental Commander, the Corps has been able to return to many of the practices and procedures that were not possible with all of the COVID restrictions we were required to follow. Every Wednesday, we have returned to Commandant's time in the morning before classes start. Every Wednesday evening, the Corps has dedicated time for Corps activities. Most Saturday mornings are dedicated to Corps training. As a school and a Corps of Cadets, we lost over 18 months of leadership training and

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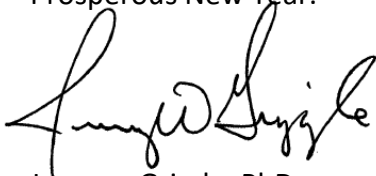
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development within our Corps leadership. The Regimental Commander, a six-year Cadet, made the comment that this is the most “military” he has seen the Corps in his entire time at NMMI.

HOLIDAY BREAK:

The Holiday break will begin with the December or mid-term graduation exercise on 10 December. Cadets are eligible to leave as soon as they complete their finals. A reminder to Parents and Cadets, there are no excused absences authorized for the Holiday Break period. If a Cadet leaves early, they can work individually with the Faculty members to make up the work ahead of time. The first day of class for the second semester is 10 January 2022.

From all of us at “The Old Post” we wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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SPORTS:

COLTS:

FOOTBALL – 8-3 SEASON. FIRST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 2004. ADVANCED TO THE STATE QUARTERFINALS

SOCCER – 15-5-1 SEASON. WON THE DISTRICT TITLE AND ADVANCED TO THE STATE FINALS FINISHING IN SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE

CROSS COUNTRY – WON DISTRICT TEAM TITLE. LANCE MILLER FINISHED 3RD AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

LADY COLT CROSS COUNTRY – TOOK FIRST PLACE AS A TEAM IN THREE MEETS THIS SEASON. WON THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

BRONCOS:

FOOTBALL – 10-1 SEASON. FINISHED RANKED SECOND IN THE NATION IN THE FINAL NJCAA POLL. WON THE SOUTHWEST JUNIOR COLLEGE CONFERENCE TITLE FOR THE FIRST TIME. WILL PLAY IN THE NATIONAL PLAYOFF FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH AT 1400 HOURS IN THE WOOL BOWL AGAINST WESTERN MISSISSIPPI

TYRONE WEBBER – MVP of the Conference. First offensive lineman to win the award.

ANTHONY GRANT – Last year's MVP of the Conference and this year's Offensive Player of the Year.

BRONCO CROSS COUNTRY – 6TH PLACE FINISH IN THE REGIONAL MEET AND MaLANNA ESPINOSA FINISHED 14TH OVERALL. FINISHED 11 OUT OF 23 TEAM IN THE NATIONAL MEET, SEVERAL GIRLS HAD PERSONAL RECORDS IN THE MEET.

BRONCO VOLLEYBALL:

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, NJCAA REGION V CHAMPIONS, SUPER REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

SEEDED 6TH IN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

BEAT THE NUMBER 3 SEED

BEAT THE NUMBER 2 SEED

PLAYED FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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91 TEAMS IN DIVISION 1 STARTED THE YEAR WITH A GOAL TO BE IN THE TITLE GAME, ONLY TWO MADE IT

IT TOOK FIVE SETS FOR IOWA WESTERN, REIGNING NATIONAL CHAMPION TO TAKE THE TITLE FROM US

NATIONAL RUNNER-UP, SECOND PLACE IN THE NATION

RANGER CHALLENGE:

The NMMI Ranger Challenge Team took 2nd place across the MJC's at Fort Knox, and brought home three streamers for the guideon:

Commander's Challenge – Army Combat Fitness Test

Knowledge and Skills Test – Written Exam

Field Leadership Reaction Course

CHOIR: FOUR CADETS SELECTED AS TOP VOCALISTS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ALLISON LANGOWSKI – FIRST SOPRANO

ALEXANDRA LABEE – FIRST ALTO

JAIDA DONES – SECOND ALTO

MAX WIGNALL – BASS

BAND:

EVERY HOME GAME, COLT OR BRONCO, EVERY PARADE, EVERY SPECIAL EVENT, THE BAND WAS THERE