

TO: Staff and Faculty

FROM: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

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Re: Weekly Recap

With Monday of last week being a holiday, we did not produce a weekly report. This report will cover the last two weeks of activity.

Let me start with Athletics since we are finally getting some direction from the various agencies we work with.

Athletics – Our High School sports are governed by the New Mexico Athletic Association (NMAA). The Association met on May 28, 2020 and issued the “NMAA Guidance for Return to Play – Phase 1.” This document allows High School athletes to return to working out and conditioning drills but restricts the use of support equipment. For instance, as crazy as this sounds, Baseball Players can work out under the supervision of a coach but cannot use, gloves, balls or bats. A 5:1 student, coach ratio must be maintained. Guidelines for sanitation and other safety guidelines were included in the directive. The Guidance also allows for all students to participate in Fall Sports, up to the first nine week grade point, regardless of their ending GPA from May 2020. At the first nine week measurement point for grades, existing eligibility rules will be enforced. This Guidance takes effect June 15th. The bad news is there is no end date for this Guidance and the next date for the NMAA Board of Directors to provide additional guidance is the end of June.

The NCAA announced that athletes can report to their school on June 1. They will be limited to similar guidelines as outlined above. No contact sports, no equipment used to support workouts, other than going to the gym. We are waiting to see what the NCAA does next and the NJCAA will probably follow suit.

Academics – The training for Faculty and Staff in online education will start this week. The training has been structured to be a “Train the Trainer” type class. We have approximately 17 Staff and Faculty who will be taking the training. The development of the online Associates Degree continues as does the documentation of our Dual Graduate program. HLC Preparation is ongoing and we are on our established timeline for review of our submission document.

Finance/Financial Aid – Accounts Receivable has decreased to \$77,000. Thank you to Parents and Cadets who have responded to our request to clear your account. CARES – 176 Junior College Cadets have responded, 105 have not. \$122,900 has been awarded, \$84,837 pending. We are fully registered for FEMA Assistance. Waterhouse Foundation approved 16 scholarships at \$6,000 each. Re-enrollment for any Cadet receiving a scholarship must occur by June 5 or risk losing the scholarship. Awarded \$30,000 to Preps (15 x \$2,000). Lucky Varela Opportunity Needs Based Scholarship has awarded \$186,202 so far. Have awarded 100% of Knowles Academic Excellence Scholarships. Have awarded 66 new Knowles Scholarships to date, 208 awarded overall.

Commandant – All rooms have been cleared of Cadet personal belongings. We have 30 Cadets that have not contacted us about the disposition of their personal belongings. TLA’s and other members of

the Commandant's Staff are still trying to contact the individuals to discuss what they want done with their personal belongings.

Facilities/Support – Work continues on Cahoon. The primary contractor reports he is having trouble getting supplies. If he can find the product, he is then having trouble getting it delivered. Equipment for the bowling alley has been ordered. All design work on the latrines has been completed, just waiting on the selection of a Contractor to get the project started.

Admissions – We are still showing a projected starting number between 775 and 825. We have over 400 Cadets that have reenrolled. Challenge with new and returning, is simply getting them to show up. We are going to put on a full court press between now and August 1 to make personal contact with here Cadet or potential Cadet in the system. We still have approximately 100 Cadets that are eligible to return but have not filled out a schedule or reenrolled.

Administration – By the time this is released, we will have had our world-wide social media event where we outline the plan for the start of school. The plans will be posted on the website for future reference. We will begin school in accordance with the previously published Academic Calendar and start on August 17. We have eliminated the nine day Thanksgiving Break and converted a few other self-imposed days off into Academic days and by doing this we will be able to end the semester when we break for Thanksgiving. We are still meeting all of the days and weeks requirements for high school and for FAFSA.

Our overall goal and effort for the next 45-60 days will be to support Admissions to bring in the strongest numbers we possibly can and to continue to plan our opening, complying with all safety and security measures.

Please refer to the NMMI website, www.nmmi.edu, for full details of our opening plans and all of the protocols we have developed to insure the safety of our Cadets, Staff and Faculty.

Since our live web event, I have had a number of direct emails about our plans to have the 21 Day Ceremony, or Parents Weekend or Homecoming. First, there is nothing wrong with planning. The events are still on the calendar and we want to be prepared if circumstances allow them to occur. We would rather plan and then have to postpone or cancel, than find out there are no local or national protocols or restrictions that would prevent us from having the event and we have not planned or prepared. I tried to be specific on the web event, we are a State entity. We will follow the established guidelines of the Administration of the State. Right now, those guidelines would prevent us from having any of these events because the Governor has restricted group meetings to no more than 10. Please understand, the safety of our Cadets, Staff, Faculty and visitors is paramount in our planning process. We will follow all established protocols and guidelines and plan our actions in accordance with them.

Respectfully,

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