

TO: Faculty and Staff

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Re: Weekly Recap

As I write this week's recap, realize that we are 19 days away from the first wave of Cadets arriving at NMMI.

Senior ROTC – I will start with this group since they are the first to arrive. Beginning July 19th, we will be hosting a basic minicamp on behalf of Cadet Command. We will have approximately 40 Cadets on campus for the event. They will be under the control of the Professor of Military Science (PMS) LTC Aaron Johnson. Other members of the NMMI staff will assist as needed. Our Advanced Cadets will go to Valley Forge, PA for a similar camp being hosted by Valley Forge Military.

Commandant – All Matriculation Letter of Intent dates are on the Commandant's calendar. You can access the Commandant's calendar by going to www.nmmi.edu and clicking on the Commandant's tab. Our text book supplier has been working with us but the current concern is getting all of the textbooks back from Cadets that are returning and those that still have not made arrangements for their property and/or those that owe money and their accounts have been frozen. The Commandant's Staff and the Infirmary are still working protocols for a positive test result within the Corps. Same for weekend visitors to the campus during the semester. A reminder that all visitors to the Post will be directed to a screening station before they can enter the confines of the Post proper. Eighty (80) Cadets were selected as Distinguished Leaders.

Athletics – I attended meetings this week, or had representatives at meetings, dealing with all our Junior College sports. Basically, all the schools in our conference and region are planning on their schedules as published. We play in three states in our JC sports and we all acknowledge we will be bound by what restrictions or guidelines are in place within our respective states. What we are working on, and committees have been formed of Athletic Directors and the Head Coach of each respective sport, are protocols for each team before participating in a game. For instance, it would be the responsibility of each school to screen all athletes, coaches, trainers, etc., before they left their respective school for the event. If the traveling distance can be completed in a non-stop manner, then the traveling team would provide some form of documentation to the home team that testing had been done and no stops were made in transit that could have exposed someone. We are still waiting on additional information from the NMAA regarding high school sports. Our Athletic Director attended a two-day virtual conference regarding E-sports. We are still excited about this opportunity and believe there is a dual recruiting benefit in that Cadets in the E-sports program may also be ECP candidates in the new Cyber branch.

Academics – Working in conjunction with the Commandant to develop our Leadership Certificate, Higher Learning Commission (HLC) confirmed that if 50% of the curriculum for the certificate comes from accredited courses, then the certificate will be accredited. Like a vocational program where a certificate versus a diploma is awarded. Taking the concept further, our online Associates Degree that we hope to introduce in the 2021/2022 school year, will be a degree in Leadership Development. We were notified by HLC that for our accreditation visit in September, only one of the team members would

physically be present on Post. The rest of the team would participate in a virtual manner. Our team chief is from a college in Colorado and we will invite her for a visit prior to the actual accreditation visit.

Financial/HR – Mandatory testing for Staff and Faculty will begin on July 10th. The lab we are contracted with will be here that day and set up multiple locations for testing. Once you are tested you will be required to leave campus until your test results are known. The lab will send each employee a text with your test results. If a positive result occurs, the results will be sent to our Infirmary. A separate testing day will be arranged for the Faculty but must be completed no later than August 13th in order to get the results back before classes start on the 17th. Our Title IX Attorney will be conducting training for Staff and Faculty as soon as we return. We expect the training to take approximately an hour. We will arrange times for the presentation to be made on the same day. We will schedule the training to take place in Pearson Auditorium to allow adequate space for social distancing. We still have approximately \$75,000 in accounts receivable. We ask all Parents and Cadets involved to contact the business office and plan to satisfy the debt. We work as hard as we can to keep the overall costs to attend NMMI down to the most reasonable amount possible. If we are forced to write off, absorb, this debt as an expense, it has an impact on the overall cost to attend.

Facilities – Nothing significant from the last report. Positive progress continues on Cahoon Armory. The bowling alley was demolished last week in preparation for that renovation. The Energy Performance contract is working across Post to change light fixtures, bulbs and controls. They will start on big items like boilers and chillers in the coming weeks. Still no drawings from the Architects for the Sinks project. We have sent demand letter to the Engineer. Fencing has been ordered or has arrived for the new parking and pedestrian areas. We will be restricting access to the Post in both areas, vehicle and pedestrian. As stated above, we will be channeling visitors to screening stations on the perimeter of the Post so that they can be screened and cleared for admittance into the interior of the facility.

Admissions – Applications continue to be received and processed. We anticipate a final surge in July. Our projections indicate a possibility of 825 to 850. Our ten-year average has been 916. We do anticipate that several Cadets will participate as online students due to travel restrictions or the backlog of student visa processing at the US Embassies around the world.

Return to School Plan and Protocols – We have worked continually during the summer to develop our Return to School Plan and the associated Protocols. We have the plan in final draft for our Staff to review and edit. We are under a requirement to submit the plan to the Governor's office, Higher Education Secretary and the Legislature. Once the plan is finalized and submitted, it will be available on the NMMI website.

You Tube Live – We will host a You Tube live event on July 9th at 4:00 pm Mountain time. The focus of the event will be new parents and cadets. Everyone will be invited to participate but all the information will be directed toward our first time Cadets and families.

18 days and counting. The NMMI 20/21 train is about to leave the station.

Thanks for your support.

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