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**Higher ED Partners Meeting 2 2023-2024 (9-11-2023) at 10am**

Team members in attendance:

- **Amanda Vescovo - Dona Ana CC – Assc. Director, Academic Advising**
- **Daniel Kerr - Dona Ana CC – IT student Advisor**
- **Jon Juarez: Dona Ana CC – Comp and IT Department Chair**
- **Teddy Garcia – SENMC – Dual Credit**
- **Cynthia Branch – Luna Community College - Dual-Credit Coordinator**
- **Annie Willmon – San Juan College – Dual Credit Coordinator**
- **Murdoch Maloney – San Juan College – Dean of the School Business & IT**
- **Dr. Delores Becenti – Navajo Technical University – Director of Enrollment Services**
- **Kelsey Mead – UNM Taos – Operations Specialist for the Dual Credit Enrollment Program**
- **Elizabeth Campbell – UNM Taos - Program Specialist Career Technical Education**
- **Greg Hillis – NMSU Alamogordo - Dean of the Career & Technology Division**
- **Todd DeKay – ENMU Roswell - Assistant Vice President of Technical Education**
- **Edwina Romero – Northern New Mexico College – Dual Credit Coordinator**
- **Joshua Lopez - Northern New Mexico College – Dual Credit Outreach Specialist**
  
- Greetings & Welcome – Eric Arpelar – *EEDW Higher Ed Coordinator REC*
- **Kelsey Mead – UNM Taos – Interim President for NMDCP.** All documentation to become a state chapter has been sent off to NACEP and at the national conference we will be recognized as a chapter. There were be a fourth quarter meeting being schedule in October or early November. The cost to join NACEP as a HED is \$650.00 and individual is \$75.00. See the link for institution membership:  
<https://www.nacep.org/join-nacep/>
  - No formal meeting as of yet with the ECHS partner but there have been informal conversations about next steps. There were was a meeting that I with Eric a few weeks ago on how we could take next steps with this partnership and pathway.
- **Elizabeth Campbell – UNM Taos – Elizabeth introduced herself at the new Program specialist for Career Technical Education at UNM Taos.** She will be supporting Kelsey in her endeavors as well.

- **Annie Willmon – San Juan College** – The dual credit report from the NMPED and the New Mexico Higher Education has released the report and it was placed in the chat. Had a debrief meeting with Farmington Municipal Schools but there was no ECHS admin present but there was an admin representation for the whole district. In addition, there was representation from other school districts as well. We were able to have discussions around dual credit, dual credit staffing, and dual credit curriculum. Very fruitful discussion. We were able to bring in one final dual-credit student ambassador that is an IT major. There is more work to be done in defining dual credit instructors, wrap around support instructors, and the guidance counselors. So we are continuing this dialogue with our high school partners.
- **Murdoch Maloney – San Juan College** – Seeking a new instructor for IT at San Juan College.
- **Edwina Romero & Josh Lopez – NNMC** – Still looking to setup a time to speak with the ECHS partner who is under new administration. We are planning a visit and they also partner with UNM Taos. With the other partnering high schools, we are setting up new partnerships with traditional high school.
- **Amanda Vescovo - Dona Ana CC** – We are in constant and frequent communications with our ECHS partners. No new initiative but improving what we have by having high school visits by academic advisors.
- **Todd DeKay – ENMU Roswell** – There has not been an opportunity to speak with the ECHS this semester. Out of 31 graduates in dual-credit, we ended up with 27 of them also graduation with their associate degrees. This was the highest graduation rate.
- **Dr. Delores Becenti – Navajo Technical University** – Just wrapped dual credit on Friday. They had discussions with Gallup High School and Middle College High School. There will be a meeting with Bond Wilson Technical Center. In addition, we hired an Arizona dual-credit coordinator that will work with our Arizona schools. Dual credit enrollment has grown.
- **Greg Hillis – NMSU Alamogordo** – No meeting with Alamogordo ECHS. We offered a space for them on our campus.
- **Cynthia Branch – Luna Community College** – There is a new VP on campus. Dual credit enrollment was low this semester due to the schedule getting out late.
- The REC-1 is requesting dual-credit enrollment from HEDs to provide this information to our industry partners.

- Are there professional development opportunities for dual-credit instructors and IT instructors? To is to close the gap between academia and industry.
- Suggestion for sending updates to the high school on dual-credit students progress would be on a voluntary basis from professors.
- Turn around time for grades dual-credit grades are sent immediately to the high schools. Mid-Terms are used as nine-week grades at some high schools.

*\*Next Meeting – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am via ZOOM*