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Scholarships can pay for courses and travel to June conference

NMAC members planning to take courses and travel to Las Cruces for the 72nd NMAC Annual Conference can take advantage of scholarships that pay administrative and course fees, per diem and even mileage. Three courses provided by the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center (SWBFSDC) provide NM Department of Homeland Security scholarship support.

When you register for any of the three courses, you will automatically have your course fee covered, and if you are not already enrolled as a County College student, your administrative enrollment fee will be paid. After taking the course you can fill out reimbursement forms for per diem to attend and travel to and from the course, plus mileage if you travel in a personal vehicle. This does not, however, constitute per diem for the entire conference plus travel days.

These courses will earn Continuing Education Units and affiliate credits toward your Certified Public Official designation. Two of these courses are offered at the Pre-conference County College Day on Tuesday June 17. They are the six-hour *Preparing Communities for Agro-terrorism* course and the three-hour *Incident Management for Executives*. The incident management course will be repeated in the Managers' Affiliate Meeting on Thursday, June 19 and may include other cooperating affiliates.

The three-hour course, *The Role of GIS in Agricultural Security* will be offered in the GIS & RA Affiliate meeting on Thursday and will include the Extension Service Affiliate. The SWBFSDC wants to reach a broad array of county employees whose jobs will be affected by emergencies, quarantines, and the many legal, logistical, financial and law enforcement issues that surround emergencies. Register soon at: <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/ces/countycollege/>

\$16,000 in scholarships available for new certification program

The New Mexico Mutual Casualty Company is providing more than \$16,000 for scholarships for County College students in a new program developed in conjunction with the National Certified Public Manager Consortium accrediting body. This program, developed by the New Mexico State University Masters of Public Administration director, is a great next step for graduates of the Certified Public Official program and degreed supervisors. The program includes 300 hours of structured learning activities over 18 months, including an applied project. The introductory course will be offered at County College on June 17, where scholarship application information will be distributed. Don't miss the chance to be a member of the first class in this new program.

Enrollment fee lowered, policies changed for County College

The administrative enrollment fee to become a student in County College has been reduced to \$50. Previously, fees were \$100 to \$150 depending on circumstances. Those who paid at the

old rate will be given a credit toward course fees for any amount over \$50 that was paid. The administrative enrollment fee will be required for anyone taking a course through County College starting with the June County College courses in Las Cruces. Consequently, the non-enrollee course fee has been eliminated.

Course fees are now \$75 per three-hour course, unless a single-source payer covers 20 or more enrollees. The single-source-payer course fee is \$50. There will be no same-day, on-site registration for courses. Course fees will be required to be paid one week prior to course delivery.

Curriculum committees being formed to chart future courses

NMSU faculty advisors will work with committees to meet needs of NMAC members through County College. A core curriculum committee is being formed for the Certified Public Official, Certified Public Supervisor, Certified Public Manager, and Executive Development programs. It will include NMAC appointees, County College representation, NMSU faculty and external experts. Several affiliates have requested their own curriculum committees to address affiliate-specific education and certification needs. These committees will include similar representation plus affiliate officers. NMAC President Michael Anaya has asked Vice President Tony Atkinson to appoint representation on the committees and to serve on the Core Curriculum Committee. Contact your affiliate leadership to find out if a curriculum committee is being formed for you. Mary DeLorenzo is County College's affiliate liaison working with NMAC and NMSU contacts to get County College curricula committees operational.

Preliminary June class schedule

Click below for a preliminary class schedule for County College on June 17 and 19.
<http://cahe.nmsu.edu/ces/countycollege/>

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