



A Look Back at 2017 East Mountain High School

January

EMHS sponsors an alumni panel, a workshop for current students to get advice from EMHS graduates representing colleges all over the country. Our speakers represented **Columbia College, UC Boulder, M.I.T., Smith College, and UNM.**

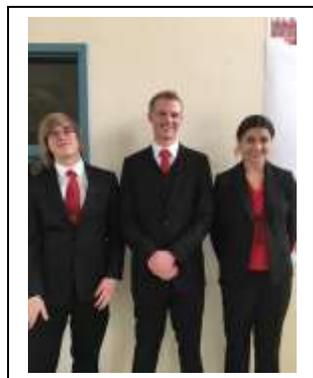
For the fifth time in the past six years, EMHS qualifies to the Top 32 in the International Public Policy Forum. The team of **Chloe Hecht '17, Jessie Linder '17, and Gina Sanchez '18** defeated St. Mark's School of Texas, a large private, all-boys school.



February

Corey Dotson '17 is named a **National Merit Finalist.**

Pearl Spear '17, is admitted to Tufts University, an extremely competitive school located in Massachusetts with just a 14% acceptance rate. She was offered a financial aid package worth \$68, 220 per year, renewable for four years- so, a full ride.



Corey Dotson '17, Austin Parkins '17, and Espie Sanchez '17 are named state champions in Small Business Management with Business Professionals of America. Austin Parkins also won 2nd in Interview Skills.

March

Education ranking website, **Niche.com**, ranks EMHS in the top ten of public high schools in New Mexico.

Gina Sanchez '18 wins 1st Place in the State Bar of New Mexico Essay Contest, beating over 400 essays submitted from across the state and securing a \$1,000 cash prize.

Jessie Linder '17 participates in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Jessie was one of just 320 students chosen internationally to participate in the same training simulations utilized by astronaut with NASA.



April

Isaiah Padilla '17 wins 1st Place in the 3200 meters of the Sepulveda Track Meet of Champions.

Greg Theobald, Treasurer of the EMHS Foundation and parent of student **Jackston Theobald '19**, is named PNM's Volunteer of the Year for his fundraising and volunteer efforts on behalf of EMHS.

Sofia Hoskins '17 is accepted into the highly competitive **Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program (OMPP) at NMSU**. With acceptance to this program, she has a guaranteed spot in the brand-new Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. The OMPP is a combined program with NMSU along with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. All members in the OMPP live together, take the same classes, but can pursue any major.

EMHS celebrates two EMHS seniors signing with university athletic programs. **Augustine Montoya '17** will be running for the University of West Alabama, and **Aubrie Wrye '17** will be running for West Texas A&M University.

May

The **Timberwolves Softball Team** qualifies for the 4A State Tournament as a 9th seed. The girls finished the regular season with a winning record of 15-7-1.

EMHS honors the retirement of the incredible **Mr. Vin Langan**. Mr. Langan has been an important presence on our campus for many years. Mr. Langan has been an amazing student advocate and a mentor to many current teachers.



Our seniors cross the stage at the Class of 2017 graduation ceremony. Students are awarded over \$3.8 million dollars in scholarships and more than 95% will be attending a college or university after graduation. Collectively, the Class of 2017 earns 1470 college credits before graduating from high school, an average of more than 17.5 per student. 17 students are named 2016 New Mexico Higher Education Department Scholars. This designation recognizes students who score a 26 or higher of the ACT and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



In conjunction with Discovery Projects, **Mr. Wood** and the music program sponsor the inaugural **TimberFest**, an afternoon of local music on the soccer field. The headliner of TimberFest is **Red Light Cameras**, voted Albuquerque's best local band and fronted by EMHS alum, **Amanda Machon**.

Isaiah Padilla '17, Wyatt Armstrong '17, Ben Humphries '17, and Noah Gildersleeve '18 take gold in the medley in the 4A NMAA State Track and Field Championships.



Clarke Rigsby, Producer, Audio Engineer, and Studio owner visits the EMHS Recording Arts program. Clarke has worked with Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Tower of Power, Joey DeFrancesco, Glen Campbell, Ike Turner, and many more. He brings his experiences and wisdom to East Mountain with a master class that focuses on how to succeed in the recording business.

June

Maria Bentley '17; Gina Sanchez '18; Katelyn Key '18; Tiffany Delgado '19; Kellen Nee '19; and Steffen Ortiz '20 represent EMHS at the **National Speech and Debate Tournament** in Birmingham, Alabama. Kellen Nee is named a semi-finalist in Congressional Debate. It represents the 9th appearance of EMHS at the world's largest academic competition.

July

Eight students, more than any other NM school, earn spots to the **Conference on National Affairs** in North Carolina, based on their participation in **Youth and Government**. The delegation includes: **Sofia Hoskins '17, Autumn Shields '18, Hannah Linder '19, Tiffany Delgado '19, Emma Hotz '18, Harrison Kuszmaul '19, Ciel LaZar '20, and Kathryn Jones '18.**

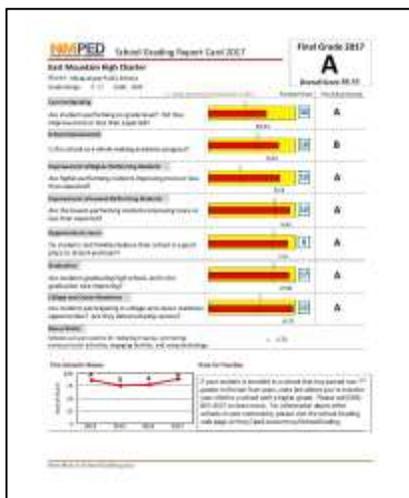
Dr. Diane Ball recently travels to Germany on a fellowship with the Transatlantic Outreach Program.

Of the hundreds who applied in 2017, Dr. Ball was one of 100 social studies and STEM educators selected to travel to Germany this summer on a two-week, all-expenses-paid study tour. The TOP Fellowship included VIP access to German elementary and high schools, vocational schools, corporations, manufacturers, NGOs, cultural venues, policy makers, historical sites, and much more.

August

The East Mountain High School Foundation holds the 17th Annual **Golf Tournament**, followed the 17th Annual **Gala**. Both events raise over \$100,000 in support of East Mountain High School.





EMHS receives an “A” from the **New Mexico Public Education Department**. Since the inception of the school grading system, EMHS is one of only a handful of schools to receive an “A” every year.

September

EMHS hosts the fourth annual **Timberwolf Trail Run**. Over \$5,000 is raised for EMHS Athletics.

All EMHS clubs band together to support **hurricane relief** efforts. Multiple truck loads of clothing, toiletries, and food are gathered and sent to the hardest hit areas of Texas.

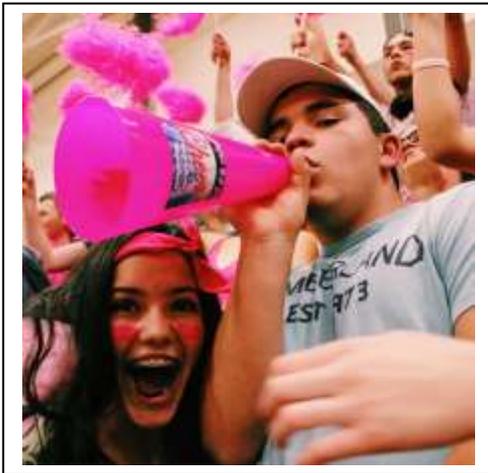
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EMHS **Volleyball** hosts the annual **Dig Pink** event, which raises money for cancer research.

Speech and Debate hosts the annual **Top of the World Speech and Debate Tournament**, hosting hundreds of students from dozens of schools.

November

EMHS was honored to have **Paul Galon** speak to our sophomore students. Mr. Galon, a child survivor of the Holocaust, was sent away to various places across Europe. The NM Human Rights Project and our Sophomore Humanities teachers arranged for this special event.



Student Council hosts a First Responders Breakfast, an opportunity to show gratitude to the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept., Bernalillo County Fire Dept., and Ski Patrol.

For the 6th year, EMHS is named one of the top debate teams in the world by the **International Public Policy Forum**. The team of **Gina Sanchez, Tiffany Delgado, and Hannah Linder** submit an essay that beats hundreds of other essays submitted from around the world. They begin a series of debates, first facing off against a team from Karachi, Pakistan.

December

The **SPSO/The Pack** sponsors **Light the Night**, an evening of holiday lights, music, and crafts. The Music Program put on a concert and the gym was filled with craft vendors. The Cross Country Trail and Peace Garden were decorated with thousands of light displays for **The Enlightened Trail**.

Gina Sanchez, class of 2018, is admitted to **Stanford University's Class of 2022**. With a 4% acceptance rate, Stanford is considered one of the most competitive colleges in the country.