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Los Ojos de la Familia
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2014 Fall Scholarship Recipients



Shae Lucero has just graduated from Valencia High School, where she participated in National Honor Society and was president of Student Council and Renaissance Committee. On top of that, she maintained a 3.6 GPA, while working part time for a florist. She plans to attend CNM with the dream of becoming a veterinarian. She feels that having a job is a privilege, and firmly believes that even one person can make a difference in the world.

CJ Lucero currently attends CNM, where he is studying to become an EMS Paramedic. He participates regularly with Los Ojos de La Familia, as well as his church, and he works nearly full time, while maintaining good grades. He wants to become a better, well-rounded individual through his studies, and he likes to help out in his community wherever and whenever he can.

Ashley Cummings is now a graduate of UNM, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and she is continuing her education, to obtain a Certificate in Museum Studies. She volunteers at the Calvary of Albuquerque Children's Ministry as well as the Enchanted Lawmakers Guild; she works part/full time at the United States Forest Service, and participates regularly in guitar festivals. She wants to work diligently to see how her community can improve, and what she personally can do to accomplish those things.

Monica Santistevan is a student at NMHU, who rose above a troubled home life filled with violence and substance abuse, to become a first generation college student. She will graduate this December with her dual degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. She works part time as an educational assistant at the JDC, and volunteers her time additionally for the JDC as well as Girl Scouts and San Felipe Catholic School. She wants to turn the negative experiences of her childhood into positive tools to help other children and students dealing with similar struggles.

Jerry Montoya is a new graduate of valley High School, with a love for science and engineering. He plans to attend UNM to study Mechanical Engineering and EMT Science. He has been an active member of MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement), the wrestling team, the student senate, and track and football; and he volunteers for Sandia Peak Ski Patrol, Explora Science Nights, and Rio Rancho Special Olympics. He wants to use the combination of science and medicine, to help invent new life-saving devices; his end goal is to make a difference by helping to save lives.

Melanie Martinez-Maestas is a senior at UNM, studying Human Development and Family Relation, with a minor in Psychology. She rose above several obstacles to reach toward her dreams, including the burden of fearful childhood memories. She volunteers at Los Jardines Institute and St Vincent De Paul Society, and she wants to be an example to the communities in which she is involved.

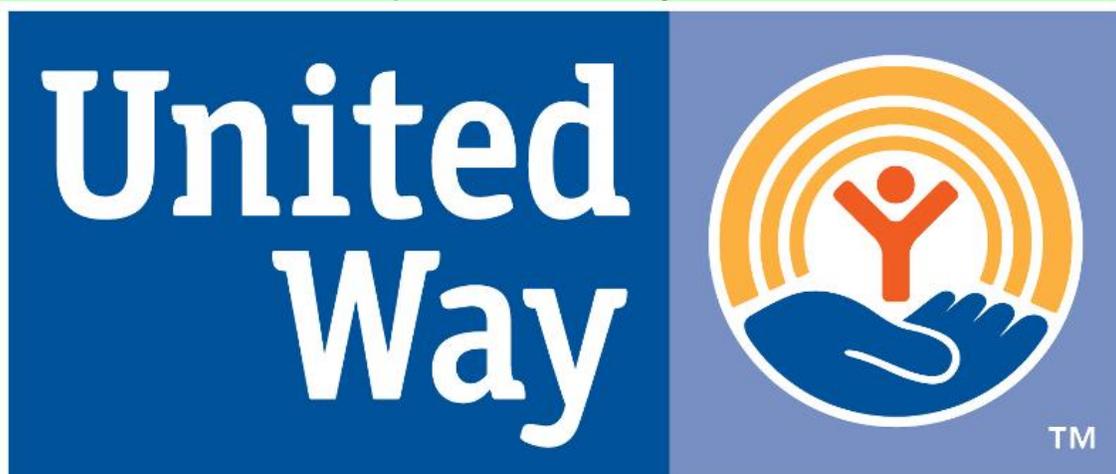
Monica Rae Serna is a student at UNM, where she is studying Psychology and Chemistry. She participates in several organizations at school: Pi Beta Phi, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Greek Against Drunk Driving. In addition, she volunteers for local community groups like her church, APS, Galloping Grace Youth Ranch and Knights of Columbus. She considers the knowledge she has gained from school a gift, and credits her faith for her sense of community service, integrity and philanthropy. She believes education is the most important tool a child can have to succeed in life.

We are very proud of each one of these students, who are working to improve their own lives, and by extension, the lives of all those around them. Congratulations to each of these deserving scholarship recipients.

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