



# Los Ojos de la Familia La Vista Newsletter

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*We are pleased to tell you, that we have given out ten scholarships for this semester. Please take the time to read about our deserving students, as they strive to better themselves and their communities.*

## Spring 2013 Scholarship Recipients



### **Ashley Lober**

Ashley is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, where she is on the cheer team, and she is studying Chemical Engineering. She hopes to use that degree to focus on Nutrition Sciences, with an ultimate goal to stop world hunger. When she is home and as she is able, she volunteers in LODLF fundraising activities.

### **Aurelio Corral**

Aurelio is a sophomore at University of New Mexico, where he is pursuing his bachelor degree in Business Administration, with a concentration on accounting. He has volunteered with LODLF as well as



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Ask your benefits administrator how you can designate LODLF as your charity of choice.

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[www.losojosdelafamilia.org](http://www.losojosdelafamilia.org)

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other organizations including Salvation Army and SF School of Cooking. He feels that he can be a role model to his community by showing them that "no matter how challenging life may be at times, hard work and dedication provide results."

### **Clarence J Lucero**

CJ is a sophomore at University of New Mexico, where he is studying to become a Mechanical Engineer. He attends full time and also holds down a part time job. He wants to use his degree to "encourage and inspire younger generations to go to school and get an education."



### **Corina Montiel-Marquez**

Corina is a single mother of two daughters, who recently decided that she wanted to go to college, and so 3 years ago, she began to attend CNM, working on her Radiology degree. "I want to pass down a legacy to my children, not of poverty and stress but of confidence to accomplish anything you can dream of." She volunteers at her church (for the last 4 years) teaching Sunday School and wants to "give back to the New Mexico community."

### **Dessire Ramirez-Nicolas**

Dessire is currently a student at CNM, studying sociology, with the goal to transfer to UNM this fall, and from there get her Bachelor's degree. She wants to use this degree to become a college academic advisor. "I believe this will allow me to expand my knowledge to help others. I am passionate about this career because of the significance it has on students and their families."

### **Jacquelyn Hernandez**

Jacquelyn is in her junior year, studying Business Accounting and International Management at University of New Mexico. She is a member of ALPFA, a business organization dedicated to helping Latinos to build leadership and career skills. "With all I have learned, and have yet to discover, I want to keep striving for something more. Helping those in need has always been rewarding, and I am so glad that this organization provides me this opportunity."



### ***Mariela Hernandez***

Mariela is a freshman attending CNM who is majoring in Digital Media. She volunteers at her church, teaching children ages 6-12, helping them to learn their sacraments. Her faith is very important to her; from it she gains "strength and courage to face every obstacle." She also wants to use her degree to "encourage my sisters to advance their education and never give up."

### ***Monica Rae Serna***

Monica is a sophomore at UNM, working on her BA in Chemistry, with a minor in Psychology. She hopes to extend her education afterward, to include medical school; ultimately she would like to become an Orthopedic Surgeon, with a concentration in Sports Medicine. She has volunteered with LODLF for the past two years, and wants to assure us "your gracious gift is truly helping me on my path to become an intellectual and independent woman of society."

### ***Stephanie Montoya***

Stephanie is currently attending CNM, with a major in Pre-Health Sciences. She volunteers in her community, hosting "dance camps" for underprivileged children, and she was instrumental in the fundraising for local firefighter Vincent Cordova, who required surgery to remove brain cancer. She wants for her degree to make her "a successful member of society. It will allow me to use my medical expertise to help others, and give me the resources to give back to my community. Education is one of the single most important parts of my life."

### ***Gabriel Griego***

Gabriel is a young man currently attending Grant Middle School, where he plays varsity football, plays percussion in the school band, and maintains a 3.8 GPA. His favorite subject is Social Studies and he asked for help to attend the 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C./New York. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me, I feel it will be a good educational experience. I will learn a lot more history about the state and country I live in, and it will make me feel more like an American."