



Honors College New Mexico State University

National Scholars are members of the university Honors College, New Mexico's only honors college. Honors students work in small classes with creative teachers who encourage collaboration, interaction and personal discovery. Offering a wide range of challenging, interdisciplinary courses along with a variety of extracurricular cultural and educational opportunities, the Honors College creates an enriched educational environment that fosters active learning.

Honors students have the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research with faculty who are leaders in their disciplines. International study and research, and a wide variety of community and public service opportunities are also available to students in the Honors College.

These opportunities, along with close interaction with committed faculty, provide honors students with the intimacy of a small college and the breadth of a major research institution. Because honors students learn to make connections across disciplines and acquire skills they can apply in real life situations, they attain education for life.



Rachel Johnston — Las Cruces, NM

National Hispanic Scholar

Class — Freshman

Major — General Studies

Scholarship — President's Associates

"I am fundamentally interested in social justice, politics, Latin American studies, health outreach and community development issues in general. Here I plan to study entrepreneurship and leadership because, right now, I am thinking strongly that I want to go into management and head up a nonprofit organization."

Dan McNeel — Tularosa, NM

National Merit Scholar

Class — Freshman

Major — Physics, Art

Scholarship — President's Associates
National Merit

"My family has always valued knowledge and I came to NMSU because I liked the possibilities — the variety of classes available. I'm studying physics but I'm also interested in art. I really enjoy learning, so even though my future is open I am considering teaching."





Wes Darnell — Albuquerque, NM

National Merit Scholar

Class — Freshman

Majors — Accounting and Marketing

Scholarship — President's Associates
National Merit

"I came to NMSU because I felt like I was wanted here. I'm studying both accounting and marketing — I plan to sit for the CPA exam when I'm done. I'd say my Spanish is okay, but I plan to take more classes and I would like to find time to study photojournalism and video production."

Lizette Porras — Sunland Park, NM

National Hispanic Scholar

Class — Freshman

Major — Animal Science (pre-veterinary)

Scholarship — President's Associates

"I've always wanted to be a veterinarian, and I am really learning a lot more about animals since I started in the animal science program. The pre-vet program here is really strong, so I'll have my pick of professional schools after I get my bachelor's."

