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2014 Spring Scholarships

The following students were seen to be excellent examples of community-oriented individuals, all striving to better themselves and the world around them.

We awarded each of them the semi-annual \$500 scholarship, made out to their individual schools.

2014 Spring Scholarship Recipients



Mariela Hernandez is currently a student at CNM, studying mass communication, and is transferring to UNM this spring. She is active in her church and her community, she works toward excellence in her grades, and she strives to be a role model through her faith, hard work ethic, and encouraging leadership. "I like to encourage those around me never to give up, no matter the situation they are going through because everything has a lesson behind it."

Jacquelyn Hernandez is a senior at UNM, where she has been working on a double concentration in Finance and International Management. She plans to graduate this fall, and has maintained a GPA over 3.0. She has participated off and on with ALPFA, an

organization to help Latinos in the professional community, and she is the pledge class senior vice president of Delta Sigma Pi. She has also volunteered with USA Weekend and Ronald McDonald House. "The saying 'Don't leave for tomorrow what you can do today' is something I practice every day."

CJ Lucero is a junior at UNM, where he is working on his BS in Mechanical Engineering. He is active in his church and has volunteered with Los Ojos de la Familia for a few years. He works part time while he is going to school, and is looking forward to being a successful contributing member of society. "I firmly believe that all great leaders should lead by example, and that is what I strive to do."

Monica Rae Serna is a junior at University of New Mexico, where she is working on her medical degree. She is preparing for her entrance into medical school, and plans to take the MCAT this summer, and begin application process at the beginning of her senior year. She is regularly involved with Los Ojos de la Familia, as well as her church, and local APS schools. "My service to others has greatly grown in the past years because I truly understand the greatness that it provides."

Melanie Martinez-Maestas is a senior at UNM, where she is majoring in Human Development and Family Relations; she came from an abusive family, but she was able to rise above and is working toward helping others in similar situations. She volunteers with Agora Crisis Center and St. Vincent de Paul, Rooted in Community, and her church; she also spends time mentoring her siblings when she visits home in Las Cruces. "I feel that I am my siblings' role model, and I am able to prepare them for the outside world."

Dalia Hernandez is a freshman at University of New Mexico, currently majoring in Fine Arts and performing well. She has been involved with Key Club, Ronald McDonald House events, and various local families. She works two part time jobs when she can, and is determined to succeed for herself and her family. "I like being a leader because it shows responsibility, that you can do it, and that you can help a group to stay focused."

Elvira Ramirez is a senior at UNM where she is close to finished her undergraduate degree in Chemistry, with a minor in Spanish. She has applied to the College of Pharmacy at UNM, where will continue her educational career path. She is a regular volunteer in her church, as well as the UNM Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy, and hopes that her life is a good example to her church youth group as well as her siblings. "They see that I am a motivated, hard-working individual, who is not afraid to step outside my comfort zone."

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