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## Los Ojos de la Familia Fall 2013 Scholarship Recipients



Please take just a few moments to read about our outstanding scholarship recipients. We are very proud and happy to be able to help them pursue their goals and dreams.

Alicia Candelaria is a junior attending CNM for her nursing degree; she is a full time student, but also works two jobs to make ends meet. She is a regular volunteer for LODLF as well as local nursing homes and children's hospitals. Her goal is to become a registered nurse. "I will not give up on getting my degree, and this scholarship will help me tremendously, so that I can set a good example for my family, and keep going to school."

Clarence J Lucero is a student attending CNM for his mechanical engineering degree. He holds down a job, when he is not in class, and volunteers for LODLF, as well as for his grandmother's church. "This scholarship will help me become a successful contributing member of society by helping to finance my improved education. I hope someday to have a job that allows me to give back to my community, helping enhance their education so that

they too can be successful members of society."

Olivier Dordant is a student at Trinity University, where he is studying business administration. He is a political campaign volunteer, and often offers to help his fellow students and employees with various projects. "I truly believe in leading by example, and that by being active, I will attract people with the same kind of passion. I want to give back to my community, especially to our veterans, who have given up so much for us."

Mariela Hernandez is currently attending CNM, where she was admitted into the honors program. She has volunteered for the last three years at her church and does her best to be a good help at home. "My greatest strength is my optimism; this makes my life better because of my attitude toward obstacles I run across. I believe I can make my weaknesses a strength, and I encourage myself to always reach to the top and not give up."

Monica Rae Serna is a student at UNM, where she studies Psychology, with a minor in Chemistry, in preparation for medical school. She volunteers at low income schools, (helping in the program Reading Buddies) and also donates her time to her church. "Overall I am glad to be in school and for the help that Los Ojos de la Familia has provided for my family and me."

Jaquelyn Hernandez attends UNM for Finance and International Management, and is going into her senior year; she volunteers at Roadrunner Food Bank and Ronald McDonald House, as well as at various LODLF events. "It's been an honor to have received scholarships from LODLF; I have learned how driven this organization is, by their community, and it has been great to be a part of that."

Katie Jarrell is a student at CNM, studying secretarial science; she volunteers at St Vincent de Paul thrift store and the VA hospital. She has asked for help to finish her education. "This scholarship will assist in shaping me for the better of the community and earth around me."

Luis Manuel Gonzales recently graduated from Atrisco Heritage Academy, and plans to attend UNM to pursue his Business degree. He has volunteered, through his time in soccer, with cleaning UNM Pit, stadium and parking lots. "This scholarship would help me succeed because it goes toward my college and future; I will be a good example to my little brothers and the rest of my family because I will be the first one to graduate, and also the first to go to college."

Ranjavola Andraimanana is originally from Madagascar, but has lived in America for the last 5 years, with her sister (a graduate of UNM). She came with no English at all, but worked her way up, from the beginning, and graduated at the top 10% of her class. She has been a part of DECA, softball, BPA, NHS, Black Student Union, and has been a manager for DECA and her softball team. "This scholarship means a lot to me; I've been stressing about college because I have no idea how to pay for it. This can be a step toward my goal; I have worked hard in high school, and I want to live my dreams. I've pushed myself not to let anything be my excuse to failure. Adapting to a new life was hard, but I made it happen."

**UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark your calendars!!!!** 



A grassroots movement to make a difference in the New Mexico community by providing educational development and quality of life assistance.

## Our #1 Goal

100% of donated funds goes to helping people in our community. All of the time and effort required for the organization to function is donated by members of Los Ojos de la Familia, so that we may pass on the maximum amount of assistance to those in need.

## Type of Charity

This is a 501(c)(3) charity, so your donations are tax-deductible. Consult your tax advisor

## **TICKETS**

\$10 dollars Per Ticket \$25 Dollars For Three Tickets