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NM MESA to Award \$113,239 to 2020 Graduating Seniors for Loyalty Award

ALBUQUERQUE, NM: Congratulations to our 2020 Loyalty Award Recipients! 144 students from our NM MESA High Schools earned \$113,239 to be used for their secondary education expenses.

To be eligible for the award, students must: be active in NM MESA for two or more years; demonstrate program loyalty by earning a minimum of 175 activity points; meet or exceed GPA standards and/or standardized test scores; enroll in an academic program the semester following graduation or enlist for military service; and submit all required paperwork to participate in NM MESA and receive a financial award. The amount of the award is determined by overall activity participation for all years in the NM MESA program, academic performance, STEM course completion, and any leadership positions held while in the NM MESA program. In total, NM MESA students are eligible for an award of up to \$1000 upon graduation.

NM MESA acknowledges the hard work and achievement of all of our graduating students and announces the 2020 Loyalty Award Recipients:

Name	Graduating High School	Current College	Enrolled Major
Aaron Lopez	Onate High School	New Mexico State University	Mechanical Engineering
Abigail Clarke	Manzano High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Adreana Porras	South Valley Academy	University of New Mexico	Engineering

Adrian Maez	Belen High School	New Mexico Tech	Electrical Engineering
Ahmad Alsheikh	Deming High School	Harvard University	Government
Alaina Craig	Crownpoint High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Alicia Garcia	West Las Vegas High School	New Mexico Highlands University	Undeclared
Allen Tam	NexGen Academy	University of New Mexico	Finance
Alyssa Vasquez	Roswell High School	New Mexico State University	Psychology
Amaya Carabajal	Goddard High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Andrew Holmes	nexGen Academy	Texas Tech University	computer science
Angel Ortega	Albuquerque High School	University of New Mexico	Electrical/Computer Engineering
Annette Santillian	Alta Vista Early College High School	New Mexico State University	Biology
Antonio Meza	Roswell High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Occupational Safety Engineering and Environmental Management Technologies
Ariana Salas	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	Central New Mexico Community College	Early Childhood Multicultural Education
Ariza Gomez	Chaparral High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Accounting
Austin Eldridge	Goddard High School	Texas Tech University	Explore Stem
Benjamin Wright	Alamogordo High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Bhumika Bhakta	Goddard High School	New Mexico Tech	Mathematics
Bianca Estrada	Ruidoso High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Bishop Cervantes	Belen High School	New Mexico Tech	Computer Science
Brandon Andrade Ceja	Roswell High School	New Mexico State University	Geological sciences
Breanna Yazzie	Portales High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Brenda Ramirez	West Las Vegas High School	University of New Mexico	Dental Hygiene
Brianna Salas	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	Central New Mexico Community College	Early Childhood Multicultural Education
Bryan Loreda	Deming High School	University of New Mexico	Computer Engineering
Cason Jones	Goddard High School	New Mexico Tech	Mechanical Engineering

Caylin Zavala	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Mechanical Engineering
Celia Soto	Goddard High School	South Plains College	Pre-Engineering
Cesar Urbano	Espanola Valley High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Christopher Clyde	Deming High School	New Mexico State University	Art
Cruz Flores	Alamogordo High School	New Mexico State University-Alamogordo	Engineering
Danae Pino	Mora High School	New Mexico Highlands University	Nursing
Danette Torres	Mora High School	New Mexico Highlands University	Pre-Professional Health
Dasia Jaramillo	Deming High School	New Mexico State University	Medical Diagnostic Sonography
David Lopez Amaya	West Las Vegas High School	University of New Mexico	Economics
Diana Andrade	Espanola Valley High School	Northern New Mexico College	Elementary Education
Dyanni Choyou	Crownpoint High School	University of Northern Colorado	Biology
Eli Fairbanks	Goddard High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Elijah Botello	NexGen Academy	University of New Mexico	Psychology
Elijah Collins	Alamogordo High School	New Mexico Tech	Civil Engineering
Elijah Ornelas	Cibola High School	University of New Mexico	Mechanical Engineering
Emily Garcia	Espanola Valley High School	University of New Mexico	Science
Emily Musgrave	Ruidoso High School	University of Kansas	Music Education
Emma Bolivar	South Valley Academy	University of New Mexico	Biology
Eric Martinez	Centennial High School	University of New Mexico	Biochemistry
Gabriella Archuleta	Mesa Vista High School	University of New Mexico	Pre-Criminology
Gage Evans	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Engineering & Design Tech
Gage Young	Onate High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Garrett Etcitty	Crownpoint High School	Navajo Technical University	Mathematics
Haley Turner	Las Cruces High School	New Mexico State University	Criminal Justice
Heidi Smith	Goddard High School	New Mexico Tech	Petroleum Engineering
Hunter Alcon	Mora High School	New Mexico State University	Animal Science

Hunter Beene	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Criminal Justice
Isabella Luna	Valley High School	New Mexico Tech	Biomedical Science
Isaiah Romero	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Civil Engineering
Ivan Molinar	Mora High School	University of New Mexico-Taos	Pre-Science
Izaias Correa	Santa Rosa High School	Luna Community College	Collision Repair, CDL
Jacob Duran	Manzano High School	University of New Mexico	Biochemistry
Jada Martinez	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Civil Engineering
Jaime Gibson	South Valley Academy	Central New Mexico Community College	Engineering
Jaqueline Acosta	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Civil Engineering
Jared Anicito	East Mountain High School	Rochester Institute of Technology	Computer Engineering
Jared Moyers	Albuquerque High School	Austin College	Engineering Physics/Env. Studies
Jasmine Jaramillo	Mesa Vista High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Jennifer Baidon	Valley High School	Occidental College	Diplomacy and World Affairs
Jesse Smith	Crownpoint High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Jiymlita Garcia	Crownpoint High School	San Juan College	Native American Studies
Johanna Kelly	Albuquerque High School	Colorado School of Mines	Chemical Engineering
John Begay	Belen High School	New Mexico State University	Environmental Science
John Cooper	Las Cruces High School	University of New Mexico	Computer Science
Johnathon Najera	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Jonah Austin	Goddard High School	Lubbock Christian University	Exercise Sports Science: Pre Physical Therapy
Jonathan Venegas	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Mechanical Engineering
Jordan Sanchez	Santa Rosa High School	Texas Tech University	Cellular and Molecular Biology
Jorey Degroat	Crownpoint High School	New Mexico State University	Mechanical Engineering
Joseph Bertrand	East Mountain High School	New Mexico Tech	Mechanical Engineering
Joshua Nelson	Crownpoint High School	University of Arizona	Law

Julian Quintero	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Occupational Therapy
Justice Armijo	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Justin Jim	Crownpoint High School	Navajo Technical University	Welding
Justus Janway	Goddard High School	Texas Tech University	Microbiology
Kaden Fitzwater	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Civil Engineering
Kaleigh Chappell	Goddard High School	New Mexico Tech	Civil Engineering
Katelyn Graham	Goddard High School	Abilene Christian University	Civil Engineering
Katherine Krizek	Las Cruces High School	New Mexico Tech	Cognitive Neuroscience
Kerstiy Laman	Portales High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Computer Science
Kevin Lu	Centennial High School	University of California - Santa Barbara	Computer Science
Kristopher Boone	Los Lunas High School	University of New Mexico	Undeclared
Kyle Burrow	Goddard High School	New Mexico State University	Kinesiology
Lazaro Tiqui	Las Cruces High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Leann Trujillo	Espanola Valley High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Lila Marquez	Santa Rosa High School	Concorde Career College	Dental Assistant
Lorenzo Salas	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Criminal Justice
Luis Antillon	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Respiratory Therapist
Luis Lopez	South Valley Academy	New Mexico State University	Civil Engineering
Makayla Lopez	Centennial High School	New Mexico State University	Science
Marco Torres	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Electrical Engineering
Margaret Rose McNeal	Crownpoint High School	New Mexico State University	Nursing
Margarita Elise Marquez	South Valley Academy	New Mexico State University	Psychology
Marissa Armijo	West Las Vegas High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Wildlife and Fisheries
Mason Cannon	Albuquerque High School	Columbia University	Mathematics
Matthew Thomas	Alamogordo High School	Deferred Enrollment*	
Maya Chacon	Belen High School	New Mexico Tech	Computer Science

Michael Moore	Goddard High School	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Welding Technology
Michael Ryan Garcia	Mesa Vista High School	Texas Tech University	Environmental Engineering
Michelle Sanchez	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	Central New Mexico Community College	Business
Mireya Sanchez-Maes	Mayfield High School	Harvard University	Computer Science/Molecular & Cellular Biology
Mya Belen	Crownpoint High School	San Juan College	Nursing
Nakia Jackson	Portales High School	University of New Mexico	Sign Language Interpretation
Namhi Gallegos	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Civil Engineering
Nayeli Chaparro	Centennial High School	New Mexico State University	Undeclared
Noah Nunez	Goddard High School	New Mexico Military Institute	Engineering
Paige Gard	Portales High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Meteorology
Phillip Ortiz	Las Cruces High School	University of New Mexico	Computer Engineering
Priscilla Cruz	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	Central New Mexico Community College	Pre-Health Sciences
Raymond Chiquito	Crownpoint High School	Dona Ana Community College	General Engineering
Reema Iqbal	Las Cruces High School	Scripps College	Biochemistry
Rheanna Charley	Crownpoint High School	Dine College	General Science
Romeo Borunda	Goddard High School	New Mexico Tech	Computer Science
Samuel Orozco	Mayfield High School	New Mexico State University	Chemical Engineering
Sebastian Evans	Ocate High School	New Mexico State University	Computer Science
Shanay Casados	Mora High School	Luna Community College	Allied Health
Sharon Minnix	Ruidoso High School	New Mexico Tech	Civil Engineering
Sharon Tiernan	West Las Vegas High School	New Mexico Tech	Environmental Science
Shawn Agar	Santa Rosa High School	Redlands Community College	Agribusiness
Sierra Quintana	Cibola High School	University of New Mexico	Electrical Engineering
Sindy Ramos	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	University of New Mexico	Nursing
Sky Harper	Navajo Preparatory High School	Drexel University	Chemistry
Spencer Robins	Goddard High School	New Mexico Military Institute	Science

Stephen Villanueva	Portales High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Computer Science
Tanner Nielsen	Las Cruces High School	New Mexico State University	Environmental Engineering
Tiffany Monarco	Las Cruces High School	New Mexico Tech	Computer Science
Trevor Louis	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	University of New Mexico	Nursing
Truett Shafer	Deming High School	Texas Tech University	Landscape Architecture
Valeria Rojas	Albuquerque High School	Columbia University	Biomedical Engineering
Valerie Munoz	Deming High School	New Mexico State University	Chemical Engineering
Vanessa Delcid	West Mesa High School	New Mexico Highlands University	Undeclared
Viana Chung	Robertson High School	New Mexico Highlands University	Mathematics
Vicente Chavez, Jr.	Valley High School	University of New Mexico	Mechanical Engineering
Victor Schiller	Belen High School	New Mexico Tech	Chemistry
Vincent Vasconcellos	Onate High School	New Mexico State University	Engineering
Yasmin Jimenez	Roswell High School	Eastern New Mexico University	Physical Therapy
Zara Roy	Portales High School	University of New Mexico	Psychology

*Due to COVID-19, eligible students were given the option to defer their award if waiting to enroll until selected institutions go back to in person instruction.

Additional information can be found on the NM MESA website: www.nmmesa.org.

NM MESA's mission is to "Empower and motivate New Mexico's culturally diverse students with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) enrichment."

NM MESA is a year-round, multi-year, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) initiative that works with school districts and higher education institutions to improve NM student STEM performance; increase NM college STEM performance; increase NM college STEM enrollment; provide hands-on STEM competitions.