

Scholarships created from philanthropic spirit

Local students receive funds to attend NMSU, DACC

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) recently awarded more than \$7,000 in scholarships to seven students attending New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

Adriana Ortiz of Salem, N.M., received the Alfredo P. Corral Scholarship, which is awarded to Hispanic students each year. After his death in 2009, Corral left a legacy and an impact forever through the CFSNM.

Corral created a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in 2004 and upon his death, the remainder of the trust was designated for the CFSNM. Corral wanted to create an endowment that provides scholarships for Hispanic students, particularly students from Mexico.

“My father always taught us that an education was one of the few things that could not be taken away from us. He believed that an education leveled the playing field and gave us the opportunity to give back to our community,” said daughter Alicia Corral of the gift her father left the community.

Corral’s gift is just one example of the impact others are leaving in the community through scholarships and endowments.

Efren Villalobos of Anthony, N.M., received the Myra Covarrubias Scholarship awarded to juniors or seniors studying special education at NMSU.

Shelby Hughes and Audrey Enriquez, both of Las Cruces, each received scholarships from the Healthcare Foundation Scholarship, provided for students enrolled in health related

programs at DACC and the Hazel Hutchcroft Memorial Scholarships for students studying education at DACC.

Liya Asghedom of Las Cruces received a scholarship from three separate endowments, including the Lois and Leonard Sugerman Scholarship awarded to one or more students enrolled at NMSU in health sciences programs, from the Heart Scholarship awarded to nursing students at NMSU and the Lowell R. Duhres II Memorial Scholarship awarded to a student studying healthcare studies at NMSU.

Jazlyn Kuester of Silver City received a scholarship combined from four endowments, including the Village at Northrise scholarship awarded to students studying health care at DACC and NMSU, Joahanna Koester Heine Scholarships awarded to students at DACC and NMSU, Judith Shelton-Gibson Scholarship for students studying healthcare studies at DACC and NMSU and the Frankie & Russell Clemons Scholarship for healthcare studies at DACC and NMSU.

Marcus Hosteen of Shiprock received the NMSU Sigma Nu Scholarship created for students attending the NMSU College of Business.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

