

NEC 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Alberta Key of **Alchesay High School** has been accepted by both the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. During her high school tenure, she was President of the Alchesay Automotive and Drama Clubs, Treasurer of the Dobson Native American Club, was a Dobson Air Force JROTC Cadet and a member of the Natural Helpers. While attending high school, Alberta was also enrolled at NPC working towards an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Development. Scholastically, Alberta was honored as her class Salutatorian, as a member of the National and National Native American Honor Societies, achieved listing on the Dean's Honor Roll, the Principal's Honor Roll and the NPC Presidential Honor Roll and received an award for academic excellence for Math. She was also named Falcon of the Month and received the Drama Rising Star Award. Even with all of that, she still found time to participate at St. Mary's National Food Bank, in the Wounded Warriors 5K Run and work at Alchesay Beginnings ABC Daycare as well as Burger King.



Courtney Peterson, **Blue Ridge High School** graduate, plans to continue her education by attending Northern Arizona University. She has already completed college level courses in Economics, Graphic Arts, Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus Levels I and II, and Advanced Placement English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics. Courtney received the Principal's Award and was honored as the Regional Honor Orchestra Concertmaster for three years. She was both President and Vice-President for two years of the Graphics Club, President of the National Honor Society for one year, President of the Choir for one year and Vice President for three years and President for one year of the Orchestra. Still Courtney found time to volunteer for the White Mountain Symphony Orchestra (three and a half years), to play at the Blue Ridge Earth First Taste of the Mountains Fundraiser, to play prelude music at various school functions and work as a music teacher providing private lessons on violin, piano and viola for three years.



Molly Weber from **Mogollon High School** has been accepted by Arizona College. While attending high school, Molly demonstrated her leadership skills by serving as captain of her Softball and Basketball teams. Academically speaking, she completed college courses in CPR First Aid, Nutrition, Medical Terminology, Nursing Assistant and Graphic Design through Northland Pioneer College and was listed on the Principal's and/or Superintendent's Honor Roll all four years of high school. Molly also gave back to her community by volunteering for community clean-ups, Wood Projects for Widows and helping with the Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt. Molly still found time to work as a Sandwich Artist (2012 – 2014) and as a Dental Assistant (2013) for Mogollon Family Dentistry.



Malachi Modica of **St. Johns High School** has been accepted at Northern Arizona University and plans to major in Journalistic Photography and Modern Language. After completing college, he plans to join the Military to serve his country, see the world and find a career in his major field. While in high school, Malachi participated in servicing cars and running the plasma cutting machine in the Auto Shop and was able to complete college level coursework in Algebra. He received an award for Outstanding Achievement for Boys in Weight Training. During the summers, he worked for a local plumber digging ditches on local ranches and doing other odd jobs. He also spent time cutting down trees to secure firewood for the winter. Malachi lives with his Grandparents and helps to take care of them with activities such as splitting wood and carrying it into the house, shoveling and spreading dirt, rock, gravel and cinders and other daily chores.



Bradley Nicoll, graduated from **Round Valley High School** this year and will attend Brigham Young University after he completes a two-year mission. While attending high school, Bradley participated in Soccer for three years, Wrestling for four years, Football his senior year and also served as Senior Class Student Body Vice-President. He received the First Team All Section Award in Football and Varsity Letters in Soccer, Wrestling, Football and Music. Bradley also completed college level coursework in Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus while attending high school. In addition, he found time to participate in church and community activities such as: volunteering for the Boys and Girls Club; tutoring Middle School students; planting grass in the Wallow Fire area during Summer of Service; participating in 4-H Club, Future Farmers of America, Especially for Youth (EFY) church camp, and TREK; and performing various dances for the community during the Dance Festival. Amazingly, there was time to work at Cheyenne Log Homes (3 years) and Arizona Log and Timber Works (2 years).



Show Low High School graduate, Kayli Brittain, has been accepted at both Arizona State and Grand Canyon Universities. Kayli's excellent academic performance earned her membership in the National Honor Society; recognition on the Principle's Honor Roll (all four years); Science and Math special awards (2 years); and participation on the Academic Team. While in high school, Kayli completed college level courses in Algebra, Calculus and Trigonometry. She was also in the Engineering Club, served on the Yearbook Committee as Editor and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, Kayli played Volleyball, was a member of the Track Team and received a Regional Honor Choir award while participating in the school Choir. She served her community by participating in 4-H and serving as Secretary, Vice-President and Junior Photography Leader; by serving at Vacation Bible School working with Preschool students and as a Music Leader; and by participating in the Community Recycling Initiative. With all of this, she still found time to work for Dairy Queen as a Shift Leader (2 years).



Kory Nicolds, Reserve High School graduate, has been accepted by Eastern Arizona College. Kory excelled as an athlete participating on Varsity Volleyball and Basketball since her freshman year and serving as captain of both teams her senior year. She received Honorable Mention for Outside Hitter (junior) and All-District (senior) Awards for Volleyball; and Sixth Man (freshman), All-District (sophomore/senior), and All-Tournament (senior) Awards for Basketball. She also completed college level coursework in Language and Composition and Math through Western New Mexico University. Kory was the Senior Class Student Council President and a member of the National Honor Society (3 years) and the Natural Helpers group. In addition, she served as President and Vice-President of the 4-H club and participated in fundraisers and service projects such as bake sales, rabies clinics and trash pick-up. Kory is currently the Vice President of the Young Women's organization in her church and previously served as President. Still, she had time to work doing grounds maintenance at her church (summer 2012-2013) and clean motel rooms at the Mountain Hi Lodge in Alpine, AZ (summer 2013-2014). She is currently completing a work-study program as an Office Assistant at the County Commission Office.



Miranda DeHose, Cibecue High School graduate, plans to continue her education at Haskell Indian Nation University. In the athletic arena, Miranda participated in both Basketball and Volleyball and received the Most Valuable Player Award in both sports for her outstanding performance. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Leadership Council, placed on the Principal's Honor Roll, was enrolled in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program where she excelled in leadership, participated in the high school's Broadcasting Club, was Editor-In-Chief of the high school paper (2014 – 2015) and completed college level Pre-Calculus while attending high school. She was the Student Council Class President her freshman year, Secretary her junior year, Vice-President her senior year and a Representative for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Youth Council representing District I. In addition, she has given back to her community by planning the community spring cleaning her freshman and sophomore years, by reading to students at the elementary school and volunteering at community functions. Miranda also worked with the Pictures of Apache Land Summer Project from 2011 through 2014.



Sequoia Village School graduate, B’Jorn Hinderberger, has been accepted at Grand Canyon University. As a student at Sequoia Village School, B’Jorn served as Student Body Secretary (2009-2010), Student Body President (2010-2011), Student Representative (2013) and Senior Cohort Alternative Representative (2014 – 2015). He excelled academically by making the Principal’s List on several occasions and the Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Dean’s List. While attending high school, B’Jorn completed college level coursework at Northland Pioneer College (NPC) in Mathematics (Algebra, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus); English Composition (I and II); Spanish (Elements of I and II and Intermediate I); Computer Information Systems (MS Operating System and Graphics Technology courses); History; Humanities; Biology; Chemistry; Geography; Geology; and Art. Still he found time to be a volunteer DJ at school dances (Fall 2012 – 2015) and other outside functions and to work at Thunder Raceway in Meek’s Speed Shop as an Assistant (2012-2013) and at Kmart as an Electronics Associate (October 2013 – 2015).

