

NEC 2013 Scholarship Recipients

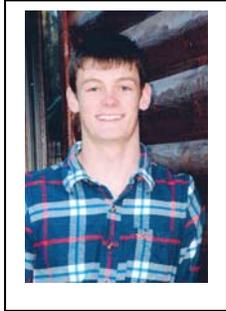
Cameron Smith of **Alchesay High School** has been accepted by the University of Arizona for continuing his education with the goal of becoming a doctor or a surgeon. For Cameron, his studies have been his main focus. During his high school tenure, he completed Medical Terminology, Nutrition and Nursing Assistance courses through the Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT). NAVIT provides high school students with an opportunity to participate in career and technical education programs awarding them college credits. Cameron also received an award for Honors Human Anatomy 1. Even so, he still found time to be the District II Representative for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Youth Council and as such, donated his time to community service projects supported by the council.



Celia Williams, **Blue Ridge High School** graduate, will continue her education by attending the Northern Arizona University to earn a degree in Biology with the ultimate goal to attend medical school to become a Radiologist. During her high school years, Celia excelled in everything in which she participated. In the academic arena, she was a member of the National Honor Society, received Honor Roll and Academic Letters awards and completed advanced/college level courses in Math, English, U.S./World History, Economics, Chemistry, Physics and Government. Celia held the offices of Spanish Club Vice President; Ambassador Club President; Robotics Club Historian; 4-H Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian; Show Club President; and was a member of the Physics Club, Leo Club, and the Art Club. Her endeavors in the sports arena include Varsity Track Player and Varsity Basketball Team Captain. Still Celia found time to volunteer for Rodeo Grounds clean up (2011-2012), highway beautification, writing soldiers overseas, making Math books for second graders to use and escorting parents during eighth grade orientation. She also participated in Tracketts (2011 – 2013), Basketball Camp (2011), and the AASC State Convention and worked as a Riding Instructor, Horse Trainer, and House/Yard Cleaner.



Hayden Honsinger from **Mogollon High School** has been accepted by Arizona State and Northern Arizona Universities as well as Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Hayden has been involved in Varsity Football (2012-2013), Varsity Basketball (2008-2013), Varsity Track (2008-2011) and Varsity Baseball (2013), made the 2nd Team All-State Football Team and was elected Homecoming and Prom King by his peers while attending Mogollon High School. Academically speaking, he completed college level/advanced placement courses in English, Pre-Calculus, Human Anatomy and Chemistry. Hayden still found time to work for the Black Mesa Ranger District keeping campgrounds/restrooms clean, marking/counting trees, finding and obtaining information from plots, working on the Youth Conservation Corps building and repairing fences and signs and caring for outdoor areas. He also worked in his family's Tree Removal business removing trees and brush and cleaning lots due to fallen trees, as a Sales Associate at Ace Hardware and made coffee at Mountain Java. With his service-oriented mindset, Hayden served his community by helping to set up the Christmas event whereby children received toys and took pictures with Santa and helped the Chamber of Commerce crush cans, set up parties and helped them wrap presents for the kids in the community.



Savannah Brown of **St. Johns High School** has been accepted at Brigham Young University and plans to pursue a career in business, with an emphasis in supply chain management. Savannah has performed extremely well both in the classroom and in her leadership and extra-curricular activities. She completed college level courses in Chemistry, Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry and was a member of the National Honor Society while in high school. Savannah was the Junior Class Vice President; was very accomplished on the violin and piano and played in the Orchestra; was on the All-State Team for Soccer (2011 and 2012), participated in the State Soccer Championship (2010) and voted Soccer Player of the Year (2012); All-Section Team for Basketball (2012-2013) and Basketball Player of the Year (2012-2013); Track and Field MVP and 200 Meter State Champion (2012); and was in a school musical play, selected to sing in the Regional Honor Choir and was on the Dance Team. She still found time to serve her community by participating in blood drives, Senior Class Service Project Cemetery clean up, Dance Festival, Seminary and the Young Women's church group as well as work at Summer Sno, Lefevre's Hawaiian Snow, at her family ranch and doing babysitting.



Rachel Poche, graduated as the Valedictorian Candidate from **Round Valley High School** this year and will attend Brigham Young University in the fall. While attending high school, Rachel served as Junior Class Representative and Senior Class President and Laurel Class President through church. She was also a member of the Ambassadors Show Choir; participated in Seminary (4 years); Skills USA Leadership Camp and was the Skills USA AZ Statesman in 2012; and received the Young Womanhood Recognition award. Blake excelled in sports, playing Freshman, JV and Varsity Basketball; Varsity Soccer serving on the 1st Team All-Section for Soccer (2010 – 2012), 1st Team All-Division in Soccer (2011, 2012) and 1st Team All-State for Soccer (2010 – 2012); was named Athlete of the Week and received Varsity Letters in Soccer, Basketball and Music. In the academic realm, Rachel was a member of the National Honor Society (3 years), received a Certificate of Excellence in Accelerated English, Award of Excellence in Algebra and Outstanding Academic Achievement in Geometry and attained a 4.0 G.P.A. She also found time to serve her community as a Youth Girls' Camp Leader; on the Church Youth Committee; as the Church organist (4 years); planting grass in the Wallow Fire area; building garden boxes for the Boys and Girls Club; preparing/delivering meals for the homebound; and delivering 5 cords of split wood to an elderly couple. Amazingly, there was time to work as a ranch hand, referee for Little League Basketball and babysit for various families.



Show Low High School graduate, Delilah Calderon, will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall. Delilah's excellent academic performance earned her membership in the National Honor Society of High School Scholars and recognition on the Principle's Honor Roll (2009-2013). While in high school, Delilah completed college level courses in Business, Accounting and Management. She was also the Student Council Junior Class Vice President and the Student Body President (2012-2013). In addition, Delilah was the Spanish Club President (2011-2012); participated in Future Business Leaders of America (2009-2013) and was awarded 2nd Place winner in Public Speaking II and 3rd Place winner in Marketing; attended the 2012 Girls State in Tucson; and participated in Varsity Dance (2010-2011) and Varsity Softball (2009-2013), being elected Team Captain. Delilah served her community by participating in the 'Stuff the Bus' Christmas food, toy and clothing drive, Veterans Heritage Project, Junior Leadership Academy, Christmas Angels, Turkeys for Troops, Veteran's Day 9/11 Assembly, Packages from Home and canned food drives. With all of this, she still found time to work at The Branding Iron Steakhouse and El Rancho restaurants.



Brandon Johnston, Reserve High School graduate, will continue his education by attending New Mexico State University. Brandon has been a member of the National Honor Society; has been on the A and B Honor Roll and received academic awards for English, History and Math; received a Leadership Award for Basketball and also had perfect attendance. He participated as a member on the Basketball, Football, and Track teams, as a member of Student Council, BPA, FFA, Natural Helpers and the Health Council. He has already completed college courses in Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Rhetoric and Composition and Advanced Placement courses in Environmental Science and English. Still Brandon found time to serve his community by cleaning up trash for Earth Day, building trails and participating in Natural Helpers. He also worked for the Youth Conservation Corps for two years, cut wood for 8 years and thinned property for 2 years.

