

NEC 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Brando Armstrong of **Alchesay High School** has been accepted by both the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. During his high school tenure, he participated on the Baseball and Football teams and was named Captain of the Wrestling team. Brando was also a member of the Robotics, Environmental, Chess, Ski, Archery, Boxing and Travel Clubs and was named Club President of the Wrestling, Apache, and Health Careers Clubs. Scholastically, Brando was honored as a member of the National and National Native American Honor Societies and received awards for academic excellence for Chemistry and Spanish 2. He was also named Lifeguard of the Year while working at the Whiteriver Swimming Pool for three years, Native American Summer Bridge Institute Employee of the Month and Student of the Month. Even with all of that, he still found time to participate in Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Habitat for Health (John Hopkins), volunteer for Little League Baseball, work on church clean-up and highway pick-up projects and work as a Ski Instructor at Sunrise Ski Park and a Planning Intern for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.



Cecelia Casey, **Blue Ridge High School** graduate, plans to continue her education by attending Arizona State University and earning a degree in Music Therapy. Considered an exceptional member of the Choir, Orchestra and Drama programs, she was actively involved in the performing arts and developed a passion while honing her skills in this arena. She plans to use her love of music with the ultimate goal to work in a physical therapy office where she can apply her schooling to assist others in healing such ailments as depression, anxiety and autism. Academically, Cecelia received honor awards and completed courses in College Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Advanced Placement Economics. She was awarded most valuable student for Choir and Student of the Month for Rotary Club and also was a member of the Physics Club. Cecelia also delved into sports as a member of the Basketball team. Still Celia found time to work for The Rigg Law Firm during the week and in her free time, attend LDS Mutual every Wednesday night at her church.



Courtney McCormick from **Mogollon High School** has been accepted by Arizona State University as well as Coconino Community and Northland Pioneer Colleges. While attending high school, Courtney was involved in Volleyball, Softball and Cheer and received an “All Tournament” award for Basketball at the Camp Verde Basketball tournament in her junior year. Academically speaking, she completed honors courses in Human Anatomy and Physiology and Chemistry and also a Photoshop course online through NPC. Courtney was a member of the National Honor Society, Peer Buddies, Ski Club and served as Student Council President, Representative, Treasurer and Secretary during her high school tenure. She also received excellent and superior ratings in Orchestra. Courtney still found time to work for Perky’s Espresso as Barista/Cashier; Wild Woman’s Saloon as Food Runner/Bus person; Memory Lane Pizza as Barista/Cook/Cashier; and Purple Sage Café as Hostess/Cashier/Cook/Waitress. She donates monthly to St. Jude’s Medical Research and all of her spare change she accumulates annually she donates to the local donation bins in the stores in her area. Courtney is sure to be successful at whatever she decides to do as she applies the serious intent and dedication she is known for in the classroom and on the field of competition.



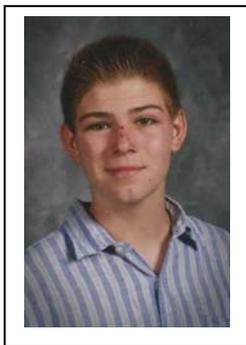
Annie JoHannah G. Platt of **St. Johns High School** has been accepted at Brigham Young University and plans to pursue a bachelors and masters degree in English with a focus on editing. Her goals are to teach English and work for an editing company for publishing books. Hannah, as she is more commonly known by, 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 very active member of the National Honor Society while in high school. Hannah was the Freshman President, Junior Class Vice President and Student Body President her Senior year; was very accomplished in Choir and selected to sing in the Regional Honor Choir (4 years), on the Dance Team, in the Drama Club (4 years) and was the Drama Club President (2 years); was on the All-Section 1st Team (2012 and 2013) and All-Division 2nd Team for Soccer; participated in Basketball (3 years); and was a member of Teens Opposed to Harmful Choices (4 years) and Big Brothers, Big Sisters (2 years). She still found time to serve her community on projects sponsored by the LDS church, singing with the church and community choirs and working as a St. Johns City Lifeguard and at the high school auditorium on the Tech Crew.



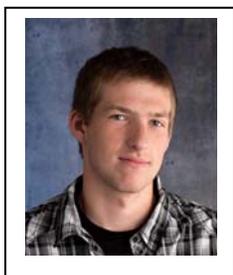
Ashley Poche, graduated from **Round Valley High School** this year and will attend Brigham Young University in the fall. While attending high school, Ashley served as Freshman Class Representative, Sophomore Class Vice-President, Junior Class President and Senior Class Student Body Vice-President and Laurels Class Counselor and Mia Maids Class President through church. She was also a member of the Ambassadors Show Choir; participated in Seminary (4 years); Skills USA Leadership Camp; and received the Young Womanhood Recognition award. Ashley excelled in Dance and Cheer; received awards for piano duet and piano and vocal solo at “Evening with Arts”; and received a Varsity Letter in Music. In the academic realm, she was a member of the National Honor Society (4 years), received an Award of Excellence in Algebra and Outstanding Academic Achievement in Geometry and attained a 3.98 G.P.A. She also found time to serve her community as a Youth Girls’ Camp Leader; on the Church Youth Stake Committee; as the Church organist (4 years); planting grass in the Wallow Fire area; building garden boxes for the Boys and Girls Club; volunteering for Special Olympics, food drive and blood drive and served as FBLA and TOHC Officer. Amazingly, there was time to work as a ranch hand, a dance instructor, in many positions at Paradise Pizza and The Roost restaurants and babysit for various families.



Show Low High School graduate, Devin Marsh, has been accepted at Northland Pioneer College and has also applied to Arizona State and Northern Arizona Universities. Devin’s excellent academic performance earned him membership in the National Honor Society and recognition on the Principle’s Honor Roll (2011-2014). While in high school, Devin completed college level courses in Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry, Advanced Placement English 11 and 12 and Culinary Arts and lettered academically 3 years of his high school tenure. He was also the Ski Club and Skills USA Vice President and the Fishing Club President. In addition, Devin played Soccer and Golf and received an award for Outstanding Male Singer of the Year. He served his community by participating in 4-H; soup kitchen, homeless shelter and cleanup volunteer projects through the White Mountain United Methodist Church; National Honor Society fundraising and community service projects; and a volunteer for Game and Fish for stocking hatchery ponds. With all of this, he still found time to work for Recreation Resource Management (1 year), J & T’s Wildlife Outdoors (3 years) and had his own landscaping/maintenance business (10 years).



Trenton McPhee, Reserve High School graduate, has been accepted by Northern Arizona University and the University of New Mexico. Trenton excelled as an athlete receiving Athletic Excellence Awards in Basketball, Football, and Track and the Most Improved Award for Track (2011-2012). He also completed college level coursework in Composition and Rhetoric. Trenton was the Senior Class Student Body President, a member of the Future Farmers of America and voted Homecoming King and Fall Carnival King. In addition, he spent time serving his community by volunteering for highway cleanup with his church (2 years), filling sandbags to help with flooding (2 years) and participated in Fair cleanup through 4-H and Future Farmers of America (4 years). He also worked as a crew member for the Youth Conservation Corps for two years, at the Adobe Café and Bakery as a dishwasher (1 year) and various other odd jobs for 4 years.



Tristin Narcisco, Cibecue High School graduate, has been accepted by Eastern Arizona College. In the athletic arena, Tristin participated in Basketball for 3 years and was the Vice-President and Manager of the Cross-Country Team his Freshman year of high school. He was a member of the National Honor Society (3 years), the Leadership Council (4 years) and participated at the school radio station. In addition, he volunteered as an assistance coach for the 5th and 6th grade flag football team and participated in picking up trash within the community. Tristin also worked with the Apache Choices Summer Project from 2010 – 2014 which helps to further the student's education by identifying traditional places and landscapes.

