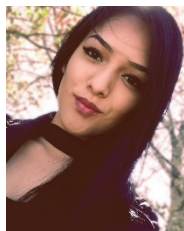


## *NEC Scholarship Recipients 2018*



**Alon Declay** of **AHS** in Whiteriver has been accepted by the University of Arizona in Tucson where she will major in Psychology. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has already taken college courses in Early Childhood Education, Business, and Child Development Association. She has been active in cross county, basketball, the Book Club, FBLA, FCCLA and Robotics. Through her association with the Honor Society, she participated in a clothes drive for a group home. While maintaining a cumulative 4.0 GPA, Alon has also worked the past two years with ABC Childcare at Alchesay High School. She is a member of the Whiteriver Lutheran Church.



**Emily Hopkinson** of **BRHS** is from Pinetop. She will be attending Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. this Fall. She has taken all the advanced courses offered her and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the National Native Honor Society and lettered in Chess, Orchestra and Band. She is a Black Belt in Taekwondo. Her overall educational goal is to obtain a doctorate degree in Biomedical Engineering. Her bachelor's degree will be on a pre-medical track with a minor in musical performance. Career-wise, Emilie's goal is to engineer prosthetic limbs, new organs, or perform nerve reconstruction.



**Hanna Mallow** of **CHS** has her sights set on attending United Tribes Technical College. Since 2016, she has been a member of the Talented and Gifted Program and National Honor Society since 2016, serving as Honor Society President in 2017. She was awarded A Honor Roll, is a recipient of the WMAT Education Dept. Student of the Month, and an NWEA Benchmark Awardee in Reading and Math. She has also participated in community services. Not only has Hanna excelled academically, but she is also a model student athlete, having qualified for the Arizona State Track Meet for three years, also qualifying in discus, javelin and shot put, taking second place in discus this year for Div. IV. As the only girl on the track team in 2017, she received the most dedicated track athlete award.



**Cameron Krug** of **MHS** will pursue his dream of obtaining a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott this Fall. He has already taken courses at Northland Pioneer College in Math and English while logging over 200 hours in community activities for the Lions Club and the Heber-Overgaard Fire Dept. Serving on the student council, he held offices of President and Treasurer. He is also a student athlete, having been a member of the ski team as well as playing basketball and baseball. He served as Team Captain in baseball this year. Even with all his involvement, Cameron managed to work at his parents' business and a landscaping business.



**Ben Fletcher** of **RHS** in Reserve, N.M. will be attending New Mexico State University, with the goal of becoming a teacher and working with special education students. Having worked in the D-Level education resource room Ben was recognized in 2016 and 17 as the NMAA Student-Athlete Spotlight discussing his relationship with a special education student entitled, "A Special Bond Among Two Special People." He is Student Council president and a member of the Natural Helpers organization. He is a varsity athlete in football, basketball and track, having been team captain for football and basketball.



**Mylea McBride** of **RVHS** in Springerville has her sights set on becoming an agricultural politician. Having already begun her college career at Northland Pioneer College, she plans to attend Central Arizona College and then Louisiana State University where they offer agricultural diversity. A daughter of ranchers, she has served as President and Treasurer of her local FFA Chapter, served as an Evaluator and Interviewer, and has won numerous Goat Breeder and Showman awards herself. As a member of the Rodeo Club, she won All-Around Champion six different years and was NBHA's State Youth Champion Barrel Racer in 2013. She has held numerous class offices and been a member of many school clubs, including Student Council. Mylea is NEC's 2017 Winner of the Washington DC Youth Tour and Youth Leadership Council.



**Christina Caballero** of **SJHS** in St. Johns will be going to St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in her class of 55, she has a 4.245 GPA, while taking honors and other upper level and dual enrollment classes. She has already obtained her AA Degree from Northland Pioneer College. She also took two years of the NAVIT Welding program. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the Student Council all four years of high school, serving as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. She is also involved in band and the yearbook. Her involvement in music and drama led to employment with the Hinkson Memorial Theater and the St. Johns High School Tech Crew, jobs she still holds today. She also has found time to volunteer in her community.



**Destiny P. Unique Wheeler** of **SVHS** in Linden is exploring a couple of options for her future. She is looking at attending college in Arizona as well as the possibility of the military. She plans to focus on a career as an Ultrasound Technician. She has been active in softball and orchestra and has already taken college level courses in Graphic Design. Volunteerism is a passion for Destiny. She has been an active Girl Scout where she worked on Lions Club projects and has volunteered helping the elderly at her church.



**Rosalia Burr** of **SLHS** will be attending college in Arizona. Future Business Leaders of America has been a focus of hers since the sixth grade. She has served FBLA as VP of member relations, secretary and most recently, president. She is also a member of National Honor Society and was president of Spanish Club her Freshman year, a four year Teen Court member, Ski Club and the Film & TV Club member which led her to volunteer for iTalk radio. She made Varsity all four years in Cross County and served as Team Captain. She also participated in soccer and in Track and Field as a distance runner and discus thrower. She has won numerous awards from Rotary, FBLA, All Arizona Academic Team and more. She has taken college level courses through NPC, volunteered for her church and for Summit Healthcare and innumerable other community events.