

NEC Scholarship Recipients 2019



Angelina Whiting – Round Valley High School: Angelina is weighing her options for which college she will ultimately attend as she has been accepted to several universities including ASU, BYU and NAU. She is the current Vice President for her schools FBLA club for which she has been active for during her entire high school career. Angelina participated in her Student Government, serving as Treasurer her freshman year and as Secretary during her sophomore year. Angelina is an award winner for both FBLA and MOCK Trial. Angelina has also been a member of her schools Madrigal Choir, participated in 4-H with animal raising and sewing, a 3 year member of National Honor Society, and a 3 year member of Teens Opposed Harmful Choices. She is also Varsity Soccer Captain and serves as the President for 16-18 year olds in her church and plays the organ for her church and has helped with Living Hope Women’s Center event.



Tanner Marsh – Show Low High School: Tanner is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteered for the Show Low Wrestling Club, and an AYSO referee. Tanner enjoys the outdoors and has worked as a boat-boy for J&T’s Wildlife Outdoors. Tanner also loved playing soccer and it showed as he was selected as the 2018 All-State Defensive Player of the Year and 2019 All-Region Offensive Player of the Year.



Bianca Embrey – Sequoia Village High School: – Bianca has been described as a bright and hardworking student who is dependable and trustworthy with a feisty streak. Bianca is active with her church and enjoys working with the Ladies Ministry and helping out with the children. Bianca is looking forward to attending Northland Pioneer College once she graduates.



Poet James-Hovda – Reserve High School: Poet is a member of the Varsity Volleyball team, FFA, Student Council (Student Body Vice President junior year and Secretary Senior year) and Natural Helpers Program. Poet is a member of the National Honor Society, an NRECA Washington Youth Tour Participant in 2018, on the Honor Roll, and earned the Volleyball Senior Leadership Award. Volunteers for the VBS group during the summer and participates in her church youth group. Poet is planning on attending Northern Arizona University in the fall.



Courtney Hall – Mogollon High School: Courtney has participated in basketball, volleyball and softball. She was in the presidency for all three sports for two years. Courtney is also a talented singer and was in choir for all four years. She was a member of the Student Council all four of her high school years and served as Student Body President her senior year. Courtney is also very active in her community participating in blood drives, Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat, Lions Club Food Drives, Lion Club Easter Egg hunt as well as various church functions. Courtney would like to ultimately earn her degree in biology and pursue a path in the medical field.



Kirstian Cosen-Mansfield – Alchesay High School: Kirstian is a member of her schools FCCLA Club and Travel Club. She was an instrumental member of the ‘Be Under Your Own Influence’ program which is an outreach effort to the local schools that stresses the importance of avoiding substance abuse. She is interested in early childhood education and has taken courses to help her gain better knowledge in that area. She also works at the Arrowhead Café while attending school and maintaining a high GPA. Kirstian is planning on attending Northern Arizona University.



Karmalita Lawson- Cibecue High School: Karmalita has been a member of the National Honor Society all four years of her high school career. She also served on the Prom Committee as well as being a member of the Student Council and was Student Body Vice President during her 10th/11th/12th years and serving as Student Body President her senior year. Karmalita is also a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe National Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress and was the District 1 Tribal Youth Council Representative for the 2017-2018 term. She was an NRECA Washington Youth Tour Participant in 2018.



David Hernandez Alfaro – Blue Ridge High School: David was into athletics and played on the football, wrestling, and track and field teams. He has received many awards including the Principals Award, Most Improved Offense Player Award, and Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award. David is active with community service including volunteering for the “Yellow Jackets/Track-ettes” Camp for elementary students, helping out during home track meets, serving at St. Mary’s monthly, and assisting during the August Blue Ridge Marathon. David’s goal is to major in criminology or Law Enforcement while attending

Northern Arizona University.



Melody Price – Saint John’s High School: Melody is a member of the Teens Against Harmful Choices Club, plays softball and track and field. She participates in the 4-H Program and Academic Decathlon. Melody has received a gold medal in Academic Decathlon Mathematics, Highest Grade Award in English 10, as well as the Janice Shurtz Community Service Award. Melody is an active member in her church and the community by participating in the Service with Widows, being an EFY Counselor, participating with town clean-ups, singing in community programs, and providing babysitting services at community events.