

NEC Scholarship Recipients 2017



Diamond Bahe of **Alchesay High School** has been accepted by Haskell Indian Nations University. Her long-term goal is to attain a career as a Social Worker since her passion has always been to help others in improving their quality of life. She is the eldest of 6 children and loves being a role model for her five brothers and plans to return to the reservation to help her fellow tribal members. During her high school tenure, she enjoyed participating on the high school Basketball and Volleyball teams. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending quality time with her brothers.



Trevor McCullough, **Blue Ridge High School** graduate, plans to attend Colorado State University to study Zoology on a pre-veterinary track. After completing his bachelors, he plans to apply to CSU's Veterinary Medicine graduate program to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Trevor completed college courses in Algebra, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry and Calculus. He received the Most Outstanding Freshman Award, Honor Roll 4.0 Award, and Varsity Letters for Soccer and Basketball. He was the Freshman Class Vice President and Sophomore Class President; participated in Future Business Leaders of America, the National Honor Society, Theater, and Varsity Soccer, Basketball and Track. In his spare time, he volunteered at the Family Advocacy Center, the White Mountain Humane Society and at Aspen Ridge Animal Hospital where he was eventually employed.



Heidi Zent from **Mogollon High School** has been accepted by Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University. While attending high school, Heidi satisfied her passion for sports by participating on both the Volleyball and Softball teams. She received awards for Honors Anatomy (2015-2016) and Honors Physics (2016-2017) and took 2nd place in the Northeast Regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Fair. Academically speaking, she completed college courses at Northland Pioneer College in Business, Computer Information Systems and English. Heidi also gave back to her community by participating in church activities and by completing community service. She still found time to work at Ace Hardware, Sugar Bears and by babysitting.



Julia Ridgley, **St. Johns High School** graduate, has been accepted at Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. While in high school, Julia was able to complete college level coursework in English, Algebra and Chemistry as well as completing first year Medical Assistant courses. She participated as a Varsity Soccer player all four years, was on the Track Team her Freshman year, was a member of Student Council and served as her Sophomore Class Vice President. Julia was also a member of the National Honor Society and received Honor Roll every year. In her spare time, she volunteered to help with local blood drives and participated at a Leadership Training for Christ convention. Julia was employed as a Lifeguard for the City of Show Low and is currently employed at Black Ridge Physical Therapy as a Student Intern/Tech.



Karlee Coffeen, from **Round Valley High School**, has been accepted at Phoenix College and her goal is to first become a Registered Nurse and then to go on to become a Surgical Nurse. While attending high school, Karlee participated on the Volleyball team all four years, was Captain her Senior year and received the Volleyball Region Player of the Year for 2016. She was a member of the Basketball team all four years and received All-Region for 2017 and was also on the Track and Field team for three years. In addition, Karlee received the Girl Athlete of the Year her Freshman and Junior years of high school. She completed college level coursework in English and was a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, she found time to volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club and serve dinner for community organization banquets. Karlee also works as a hostess/busser/dishwasher and has previously worked doing babysitting, housecleaning and yard work.



Show Low High School graduate, **Kaylee Hall**, plans to attend Northland Pioneer College to complete her general education courses before transferring to Gateway Community College to complete her technical courses and internships towards becoming an Ultrasound Technician. While in high school, Kaylee excelled in the sports arena, serving as Captain of both the Volleyball and Softball teams. In Volleyball, she received honorable mention for team 3A East Volleyball, All Academic Volleyball honorable mention and 3A All-Star awards. For Softball, she received the All-Section First Team Softball Division 3 award. She was also on the Honor Roll, received the Green Machine Monthly Award for hard working students and a Perfect Attendance award. She served her community by participating in many service projects within her church such as cleaning houses, raking yards, cleaning up the cemetery and making beanies for pre-mature babies. Kaylee was also employed by The Morning Rose for two years.



Emily Nicolds, Reserve High School graduate, has been accepted by Eastern Arizona University. Emily excelled as an athlete participating on the Volleyball and Basketball teams throughout her high school years and serving as Captain of the Basketball team. She completed college coursework in Algebra, was a member of the National Honor Society and Natural Helpers and served as Secretary of the 2017 Senior class. Emily served her community by participating in 4-H, Young Women service activities, the Dance Festival, LDS Eagar Stake Trek, the 24th of July parade and dinner, her church choir, the DWI Every 15 Minutes program, Girls Camp and the Youth Conference. She also was a member on three different church committees at her church helping to plan activities for large groups of youths and served the elderly in her community. Still, she had time to work for her neighbors, taking care of their animals and milk goats.



Portia Goseyun of Cibecue High School, has been accepted by Haskell Indian Nations University. In the athletic arena, Portia participated in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball and Track and Field and received the 1A Central All Region 2nd Team, Ms. Volleyball, Apache Player of the Year, Volleyball MVP and Basketball MVP awards. She was a member of the National Honor Society, served as their President and received the Principal's Award for 4.0 GPA and the 4.0 National Native American Honor Society award. Portia was a member of Student Council and served as Class Representative and as the Class President her senior year. She was also on the Prom Committee and voted Student of the Month. In addition, Portia has given back to her community by cleaning her church; helping with her school's Spelling Bee and Free-Throw contest; cleaning the school garden and volunteering to work the school concession. She also worked with The People's Farm one-week Summer camp project and a one-day Winter follow-up workshop in Canyon Day, AZ as a youth leader, conducting team-building and reflection activities for 3-6 junior high school students.



Sequoia Village School graduate, **Kaytlyn Wallace**, will be attending Northland Pioneer College and plans to major in Education to continue her drive to help and make a difference in the lives of children. As a student at Sequoia Village School, Kaytlyn participated on the Dance Committee; in Yearbook, Choir, Photography, Campus Life and Art; was a member of the Volleyball team; helped with the blood drive; was an aide in the elementary classrooms; and performed random acts of kindness. Academically, she completed college level coursework in English, Math, Spanish and Anthropology. Kaytlyn served her community by participating in community trash pick-up projects; back to school drives; feeding the hungry; food drives; adopt-a-family program; jacket drives; trunk or treat; and helped at health clinics and fairs. Still, she found time to work doing babysitting for six children (2016) and as a nanny/tutor (2012 -2016).