



**NORTHERN  
New Mexico College**

**COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONIES  
2026**

**WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY, MAY 13-16, 2026**



**HSE**  
**High School Equivalency**  
**Credential**

**GRADUATION**  
**CEREMONY**  
**SPRING 2026**

**NORTHERN**  
**New Mexico College**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 , 2026, 5 PM**  
**EAGLE MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM**

### HSE GRADUATES

Heriberto Calderon Hernandez	Dante G. Martinez
Gilberto Cano Gutierrez	Dominic Martinez
Joseph Cata	Fabian C. Martinez
Kaniesha Daniels	Isaiah Martinez
Francisco D. Dominguez	Martin Martinez
Raymond Esparza	Marty Martinez
Derek A. Gallegos	Ramon Martinez
Alexandra A. Garcia	Feliciana A. Mascarenas
Jordan Garcia	Donavan Meech
Oscar A. Garcia-Chavez	Adilene Mingura
Jacob B. Gonzales	Aaron Ortiz Payan
Bianca Y. Gonzalez Marquez	Yolanda Pena
Taylyn L. Guinn	Jose A. Ramirez Palomino
Jesse Jaillet	Dominic J. Romero
Karlton King	Nicolas D. Romero
DeMarcus Leyba	Jasiah Sanchez
Zachary J. Lopez	Gabriella J. Shroulote
Hazel R. Maestas	Samantha Springfield
Jose Maestas	Mercadez J. Trujillo
Lawrence Maestas	Alyssa S. Valdez
David L. Maldonado	Joshua R. Valdez
Dominic J. Males	Juan P. Vasquez
Ricardo E. Marioni	Caiden W. Velarde
Antonio A. Martinez	Eugene A. Vigil

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### PROGRAM STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS

#### High School Equivalency PROGRAM

Alejandra Jaramillo  
Connie Manzanares  
Karyne Archuleta  
Leonard Leyba

#### Adult Education PROGRAM

Cecilia Romero  
Karyne Archuleta  
Kristen Martinez  
Sandy Sanchez

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**PROCESSIONAL**

*Audience Please Rise*

**POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE**

*By Edward Elgar*

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

ESPAÑOLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ARMY JROTC COLOR GUARD

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

ANDREA MICHELLE LUCERO

**INVOCATION**

GILBERTO CANO GUTIERREZ

HEP & AE GRADUATE

**INTRODUCTIONS &**

**WELCOME REMARKS**

HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

President

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

DR. KATYA BACKHAUS

Former NM HSE Data Administrator

**STUDENT SPEAKERS**

ZACHARY J. LOPEZ, High School Equivalency Program (HEP) Graduate

JASIAH I. SANCHEZ, Adult Education Program (AE) Graduate

**PRESENTATION OF HSE CLASS OF 2026**

ALEJANDRA JARAMILLO, HEP Director

**RECESSIONAL**

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**NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES  
PRESENTS**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026  
PINNING CEREMONY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026, 2 PM  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING GRADUATES**

Sarah Alexander	Celine Gonzales	Amalia Regan
Devyn Cordova	Sarahy Lima	Olivia Romero
Caitlin Dau	John Lucero	Danielle Salazar
Anika Dobra	Maricela MacAuley	Jacqueline Salazar
Monique Gallegos	Brittany Manhan	Erin Sullivan
Abbygail Garcia	Alejandra Mendoza	Lorenzo Tapia
Michelle Garcia	Jasmine Quintana	Kristian Vital

**NURSING FACULTY**

Ellen Trabka, MSN, RN  
Chair, Department of Nursing & Health Sciences

Melanie Colgan, MSN, RN CNE  
Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program

Kimberly Greer, MSN, RN

Theresa Lopez, MSN, RNC, CNE

Kimberly Spray, MAS, MHI, BSN, RN

Margaret Zak, MN, RN, CNM, IBCLC

**ADJUNCT FACULTY**

Corrine Flores, BSN, RN

Rachel Gibson, BSN, RN

Elise Heine, BSN, RN

Dr. Todd Hultman, PhD, ACHPN, ACNP

Veronica O'Halloran, MSN, RNC, CNE

Ana Vigil, BSN, RN

Matthew Vigil, BSN, RN

**STAFF**

Denise Martinez Arevalo  
Administrative Assistant

Veronica O'Halloran, MSN, RNC, CNE  
Student Success Coach

Mara Young, MSN-Ed, BSN, RN  
Clinical Coordinator

**PROGRAM**

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

ELLEN TRABKA

Chair, Department of Nursing & Health Sciences

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

MELANIE COLGAN

Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program

**WELCOME REMARKS**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

BRENDA ROMERO, MSN, RN

Chief Executive, Presbyterian Española Hospital

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

MARICELA MACAULEY

**PINNING OF GRADUATES**

The graduates will be pinned by an RN who they have selected.

**NURSING PLEDGE AND CANDLE LIGHTING**

MARGARET ZAK

**STUDENT NURSE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

Olivia Romero, President

Celine Gonzales, Vice President

Abbygail Garcia, Secretary

**NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE**

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence  
of the assembly to practice my profession with  
integrity, honesty, and commitment.

I will contribute to the betterment of my profession  
by working to elevate the standards of nursing care  
and by adding to nursing's body of knowledge  
and by delivering person centered care.

I will care for individuals, families, and groups with respect,  
advocating for them, and maintaining their confidentiality.

I will refrain from administering treatments which will cause harm.

Through collaboration, inquiry, and pursuit of wisdom,  
I will endeavor to safeguard the health and welfare  
of those committed to my care.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Student Nurses Association (SNA)

Community Stakeholders

Community Advisory Board

**NORTHERN  
New Mexico College**

**TECHNICAL TRADES  
COMMENCEMENT  
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2026**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026, 6 PM  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**PROCESSIONAL**

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**FACULTY MARSHAL**

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

**POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE BY EDWARD ELGAR**

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Española Valley High School Army JROTC Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Christina Olivas

**INVOCATION**

GOVERNOR BENNY J. LUJAN, Ohkay Owingeh

**INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**DANCE GROUP**

OHKAY OWINGEH TRIBAL YOUTH DANCE GROUP

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

Edwardo Martinez

AAS & Certificate in Electrical Technology

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH SANCHEZ

New Mexico State Legislature, District 40

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**SWEARING IN TO THE NNMCM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**ALUMNI PLEDGE**

ERICA RITA VELARDE, PE, Vice Chair, Board of Regents

**CLOSING REMARKS**

MATT BACA, JD, General Counsel

**RECESSIONAL**

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**TECHNICAL TRADES GRADUATES**

Elias Jacob Gonzales	CERT	Electrical Technology
Fabian L. Herrera	CERT	Electrical Technology
Eduardo Jose Martinez	CERT	Electrical Technology
Mario Jaciel Perez	CERT	Electrical Technology
Natalia Kristy Shije	CERT	Electrical Technology
Luka Joel Torrez	CERT	Electrical Technology
Derrick Varela	CERT	Electrical Technology
Raydaniel Christopher Gallegos	CERT	HVAC
Jonah Fidel Gutierrez	CERT	HVAC
Fabian L. Herrera	CERT	HVAC
Jesse Gabriel Jaillet	CERT	HVAC
Evan Michael Kenneth Martinez	CERT	HVAC
Damien Matthew Vigil	CERT	HVAC
Julian Vigil	CERT	HVAC
Matthew Baldonado	CERT	Plumbing
David Chacon Perez	CERT	Welding Technology
Erik Matthew Kent Hansen	CERT	Welding Technology
Matthew Jacob Imler-Jacquez	CERT	Welding Technology
Izayah Elias Jordan	CERT	Welding Technology
Leandro M. Lopez	CERT	Welding Technology
Arron C. Lucero	CERT	Welding Technology
Juan Mendoza	CERT	Welding Technology
Michael Christopher Montano	CERT	Welding Technology
Raul A. Romero	CERT	Welding Technology
Marcos Joel Villalba	CERT	Welding Technology
Isaac G. Zuniga	CERT	Welding Technology
Elias Jacob Gonzales, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AAS	Electrical Technology
Eduardo Jose Martinez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Electrical Technology
Luka Joel Torrez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Electrical Technology
Angel U. Valadez	AAS	Electrical Technology

### TRADES FACULTY

JOE PADILLA, Chair, Master Teacher/Trainer, Chair, Technical Trades

MARVIN ROMERO, Electrical Instructor

JOSEPH BISAGNA, MC3 Instructor

KENNETH DEAN MOYA, Welding Instructor

GABRIEL LOMAYESTEWA, HVAC Instructor

GILBERT LOPEZ, Carpentry Instructor

### STAFF

CHRISTIAN GOMEZ, Technical Trades Advisor

KAREN MORFIN, Grant Coordinator

DAVID SANDOVAL, Office Manager

MATTHEW BALDONADO, Laboratory Technician

### REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH SANCHEZ

NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, DISTRICT 40

**R**EPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH SANCHEZ is a proud 12th generation Northern New Mexican from Alcalde. He grew up helping his father with his contracting business, raising cattle, cleaning the acequia every spring, and growing hay and alfalfa.

Representative Sanchez was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2018 and again in 2022. He currently serves on the House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations & Finance Committee and the House Enrolling & Engrossing – A Committee. During his first term in office, he served as Vice-Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

He earned his Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of New Mexico and his Master of Business Administration from New Mexico State University. He currently works as an Engineer for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) supporting the execution of over a billion dollars' worth of utility and construction projects. He previously served as the CEO of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, the largest electric utility cooperative in the state.

Representative Sanchez' legislative priorities include developing policies that support the oil and gas industry while working with them on a reasonable transition to renewables, strengthening the relationship with LANL, supporting rural Broadband to expand access throughout the entire state, fighting for land grant communities, and advocating for the priorities of Native American communities.

The Representative also plays saxophone with his family band, Los Blue Ventures.



**PROVOST**

René Vellanoweth, PhD

**ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES**

Sneha Chakradhar, PhD (Chair)

Ruben Olguin, MFA (Director)

George Ackerman, PhD

Robert Beshara, PhD

Taylor Brooke Denton, MA

Kiersten Figurski, MA

David Lindblom, MFA

Steph Zawadzki, MA

**BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Sushmita Nandy, PhD (Chair)

Teresa Beaty, PhD

G. Scott Braley, PhD

Wesley Colgan III, PhD

Brenda Linnell, PhD

Rhiannon West, PhD

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Lori Baca, D.B.A. (Chair)

Sean Bowman, CPA, MPA

Betty Espinoza, AAS

Gloriadelle Gonzales, Cert.

Frank Loera, D.B.A.

Robert Tierney, PhD

**ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

Ashis Nandy, PhD (Chair)

Sadia Ahmed, PhD

Elizabeth Browne, MA

Steven Cox, PhD

Michael Gideon, PhD

**LANGUAGE & LETTERS**

Lori Franklin, MA (Chair)

Michael Harper, MFA

Nicholas Heeb, MFA

Isabel Marlens, MFA

Rachel Meiklejohn, PhD

J.B. Moore, MFA

**MATH & PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

Ana Vasilic, PhD (Chair)

Ali Aslan, MS

Mehdi Nikpour, PhD

David Torres, PhD

**NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES**

Ellen Trabka, MSN (Chair)

Melanie Colgan, MSN (ADN Director)

Joan Hodge, MSN

Kimberly Greer, MSN

Theresa Lopez, MSN

Kimberly Spray, MHI

Margaret Zak, MSN

Jessica Mercer, CPT

**TEACHER EDUCATION**

Sandra Rodriguez, PhD (Chair)

Jesus Chamberlain, PhD

Anne Gray, PhD

Becky Kappus, PhD

Maria Elena Salazar, PhD

Aida Saucedo, MA

**TECHNICAL TRADES**

Joseph Padilla (Chair)

Marvin Romero

Joseph Bisagna

Gabriel Lomayestewa

Gilbert Lopez

Marvin Romero

Kenneth Dean Moya

**N**ORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE has served the rural communities of Northern New Mexico for over a century. Since opening its doors in 1909 as the Spanish American Normal School in El Rito, the College has provided open admissions and affordable access to quality academic programs that meet the educational, economic and cultural needs of the region.

The College’s original mission and Constitutional charter makes Northern the first Hispanic-serving institution in the United States. Northern opened its Española campus in 1971 and expanded its mission to include technical vocational programs, eventually becoming the state’s first designated community college in 1977.

Now one of the state’s four regional comprehensive institutions, with its main campus in Española, NM, Northern offers more than 50 bachelor’s, associate, and certificate programs in arts & human sciences, film & digital media, biology and environmental science, business, education, engineering, liberal arts, radiation protection and nursing.

In addition, the College has reintroduced technical trades programs in electrical technology and plumbing, in partnership with two local unions and five public school districts through its co-located Branch Community College, the first of its kind in the state’s history.

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

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Dolores Gurulé	Member

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René Vellanoweth, PhD	Provost/VP for Academic Affairs
Theresa Storey	Chief Financial Office/Compliance Officer
Scott Stokes	Chief Information Officer
Matt Baca, JD	General Counsel

**ACADEMIC CHAIRS**

Sondra Adams, MA, Interim	Teacher Education
Sneha Chakradhar, PhD	Arts & Human Sciences
Sushmita Nandy, PhD	Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences
Lori Baca, D.B.A.	Business Administration
Ashis Nandy, PhD	Engineering & Technology
Lori Franklin, MA	Language, Letters & Liberal Arts
Ana Vasilic, PhD	Math & Physical Science
Ellen Trabka, MSN	Nursing & Health Sciences
Joseph Padilla, Master Teacher	Technical Trades



**HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE**

PRESIDENT, NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE

**W**ELCOME TO COMMENCEMENT 2026! Welcome to all our graduates and their families and friends! We are here to celebrate the hard work and dedication that have brought you here today. This is the culmination of all of your efforts, but none of us achieves something so significant alone, so I want to express extra gratitude to the friends and family who helped get you here. This is a tremendous achievement that will positively impact not only your lives, but your families and your community. I cannot tell you just how much pride we have for each and every one of you.

You all are such an inspiration to our entire community, and we know that your success here will inspire others to take that first step toward a brighter future. Your hard work, achievement, and your experience will make that path a little easier for them.

Northern is proud to add you to our Alumni family, carrying forward an educational legacy that began over a hundred years ago, and we can't wait to see what you will accomplish and the contributions you will make to our community, our state, and the world. Please know, that while you may be leaving us today, you are always a part of the Eagle family, and we will always be here to assist you on your journey in any way we can.

Once again, congratulations to you and your families, and our best wishes for your great success! ■

**DON CHÁVEZ, ESQ.**

RETIRED VP, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECTOR COUNSEL, NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S DEFENSE SYSTEMS, MCLEAN, VA

**D**ON CHÁVEZ WAS BORN IN LOS ALAMOS, AND RAISED IN ESPAÑOLA. He is the son of Ignacio and Mabel Chávez and grew up with his brothers Milo and Michael.

Chávez graduated from McCurdy Mission High School in 1980. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of New Mexico in 1985 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California in 1990. He is a member of the California and District of Columbia Bars.

Chávez recently retired after a distinguished 30-year career with Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation. In his final role, he served as Vice President, Associate General Counsel, and Sector Counsel for the company's Defense Systems

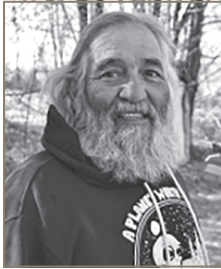


sector in McLean, Virginia. In this position, he led a legal team of operations counsel and oversaw attorneys specializing in multiple legal areas. His work included advising on program operations, business development, international activities, human resources, compliance, investigations, and litigation.

During his career with Northrop Grumman, Chávez held legal leadership roles in El Segundo, San Diego, and Woodland Hills, California; Linthicum, Maryland; and the Washington, D.C. area. Earlier in his career, he served as Vice President and General Counsel for Thales Avionics Inc., a subsidiary of Thales S.A., a global aerospace and defense company.

Before pursuing law, Chávez worked as a Certified Public Accountant in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the firm Summers, Gill and Follingstad. He currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada and Follingstad.

Chávez currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada. ■



**DON BUSTOS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GREENROOTS INSTITUTE, RIO ARRIBA

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

**D**ON BUSTOS IS A LIFELONG NEW MEXICAN FARMER, EDUCATOR, and nationally recognized leader in sustainable agriculture. For more than two decades, he has worked to strengthen community-based farming, support beginning farmers, and advance food systems that sustain both land and culture in New Mexico.

Bustos is the founder and Executive Director of The Greenroots Institute in Rio Arriba County, where he leads programs that train new farmers, expand local food networks, and promote sustainable agriculture throughout Northern New Mexico. He is also the owner and operator of Santa Cruz Farm, where he has developed innovative farming models that support year-round production and help small-scale farmers access local markets.

Throughout his career, Bustos has helped build regional and national networks advocating for socially disadvantaged farmers, including immigrant and beginning farmers. His leadership includes service with the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program, the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, and the National Immigrant Farming Initiative. He also serves on the board of the New Mexico Acequia Association.

Bustos has directed major grant-funded initiatives supporting farming and community development and has received national recognition for his work, including the James Beard Leadership Award and the Rodale Institute Organic Pioneer Award. Fluent in English and Spanish, he continues to advocate for resilient agricultural communities across New Mexico. ■



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2026**

**CELEBRATING ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES,  
LANGUAGE & LETTERS, NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES,  
AND TEACHER EDUCATION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026, 10:00 AM  
EAGLE MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM**

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 10 AM

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CELEBRATING ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES, LANGUAGE & LETTERS,  
NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES, TEACHER EDUCATION

**PROCESSIONAL**

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**FACULTY MARSHAL**

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

**POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE BY EDWARD ELGAR**

BLACK MESA BRASS QUINTET

Jan McDonald, Trumpet; Bruce Letellier, Trumpet; Jeremy Best, Horn;  
Bruce Warren, Trombone; Jerry Morzinski, Tuba

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

ESPAÑOLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
ARMY JROTC COLOR GUARD

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

CHRISTINA OLIVAS

**INVOCATION**

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GOVERNOR JAMES NARANJO  
Santa Clara Pueblo

**DANCE GROUP**

TEWA DANCERS OF THE NORTH

**INTRODUCTIONS**

MATT BACA, JD  
General Counsel

**WELCOME**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

JESSICA MERCER, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS  
Elementary Education

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

DON CHÁVEZ, ESQ.  
RETIRED VP, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECTOR COUNSEL,  
NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S DEFENSE SYSTEMS

**PRESIDENT'S EAGLE EDUCATION AWARD**

PRESENTED TO THE TRES SEMILLAS FOUNDATION  
BY PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS

**HONORARY DEGREE**

PRESENTED TO DON BUSTOS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENROOTS INSTITUTE, RIO ARRIBA  
BY PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS

**CONFERRING of DEGREES**

MATT BACA, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL  
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

**SWEARING IN TO THE NNMCM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

ERICA RITA VELARDE, PE  
VICE CHAIR, BOARD OF REGENTS

**TURNING of the TASSELS**

PRESIDENT HECTOR BALDERAS, JD, CFE

**RECESSIONAL**

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## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

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### ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES

Sonia Araiza Loya	AA	Criminal Justice
BranDee DeAguero	AA	Criminal Justice
Diamond Siera Pedraza	AA	Criminal Justice
Shaela Carrillo	AA	General Psychology
BranDee DeAguero	AA	General Psychology
Judith Maldonado Carmona, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	General Psychology
Cipriano Marquez, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	General Psychology
Jesus Marquez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	General Psychology
Aaliyah Celeste Martinez	AA	General Psychology
Erica Camille Montano	AA	General Psychology
Destiny Rose Price, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	General Psychology
Angelita Romero, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	General Psychology
Christopher A. Ortiz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Substance Abuse Counselor
Frances Herrera	BAIS	Crime and Justice
Joanie Adel Maestas	BAIS	Crime and Justice
Judith Maldonado Carmona, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Crime and Justice
Lorri J. Sweat, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Crime and Justice
Lukas Diego LeDoux, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Media and Art
Shaela Carrillo	BAIS	Psychology
Kendra Yuliza Diaz, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Joseph Dunham	BAIS	Psychology
Joslyn M. Herrera, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Hari Mandir Singh Khalsa, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Aaliyah Celeste Martinez	BAIS	Psychology
Jazmyne Rodriguez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Angelita Romero, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Gillian Gabrielle Roybal, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Julianne C. Teel Salazar, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BAIS	Psychology
Mabeny Tirwac	BAIS	Psychology
Lukas Diego LeDoux, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Self Design
George Thomas Pearson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Self Design
Emily Savides, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BAIS	Self Design

### LANGUAGE & LETTERS

Jonelle Anaeli Chavez	CERT	Literary Editing & Publishing
Lloyd Gray	CERT	Literary Editing & Publishing
Lukas Diego LeDoux, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Literary Editing & Publishing
Ralph Magbanua, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Literary Editing & Publishing
Brayan Alexis Arevalo	AA	Liberal Arts

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

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Nayeli Canales	AA	Liberal Arts
Jonelle Anaeli Chavez	AA	Liberal Arts
Yvonne Rosita Dasheno	AA	Liberal Arts
Adrian Jose Fuentes, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AA	Liberal Arts
Rhianna D. Gallegos Padilla	AA	Liberal Arts
Santiago Herrera, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Liberal Arts
Kaitlyn Denetclaw John	AA	Liberal Arts
Amanda Elizabeth Lucero, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	Liberal Arts
Beverly Raelynne Martinez	AA	Liberal Arts
Kianna N. Moreland	AA	Liberal Arts
Mia Esperanza Romero	AA	Liberal Arts

### **NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES**

Marisa Elena Alamos Palomino	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Blady Nadiesdy Carrasco	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Kylie Brooke Fresquez	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Daizy Hernandez	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Elissa Irene Kuamoo-Garcia	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Xitlalli Maria Lopez de Duarte	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Evelyn Elena Maestas	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Jasmine Emma Mondragon	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Zamara Montoya	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Jessica Christina Tapia	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Melanie Elizabeth Tapia	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Desirae Tsosie	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Grace Lynn Valdez	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Aubriana N. Vigil	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Lesley Jacqueline Villalobos	CERT	Phlebotomy Technician
Anika Marie Dobra, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Practical Nurse
Jessica Rodriguez	CERT	Practical Nurse
Lucero Josefina Dominguez	AAS	Allied Health
Sarah Marie Alexander	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Devyn Madison Cordova	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Caitlin Dau, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Anika Marie Dobra, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Monique Nicole Gallegos	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Abbygail Garcia	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Michelle F. Garcia	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Celine Marie Gonzales	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Sarahy Lima	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
John Nabor Lucero	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Maricela Mia MacAuley	AAS	Nursing (ADN)

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

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Brittany Manhan	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Jasmine E. Quintana	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Amalia Regan	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Olivia Grace Romero	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Danielle Salazar	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Jacqueline Salazar	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Erin Sullivan	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Lorenzo Manuel Tapia	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Kristian Vital, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Nursing (ADN)
Nicole K. Gallegos, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS	Nursing
Abbygail Garcia	BS	Nursing
Jamie D. Greene, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BS	Nursing
Katie Gregg, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BS	Nursing
Michael L. Guinn	BS	Nursing
Rebecca Lee Kemp, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS	Nursing
Sarahy Lima	BS	Nursing
Alejandra Mendoza	BS	Nursing
Adrien Pacella, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS	Nursing
Soraida Francisca Sanchez	BS	Nursing
Lorenzo Manuel Tapia	BS	Nursing
Dolores M. Trujillo	BS	Nursing

### TEACHER EDUCATION

Angelina Andrea Aguilar	CERT	Child Development
Iris Alvarez	CERT	Child Development
Diana Guadalupe Andrade Carmona	CERT	Child Development
Angela Cassler	CERT	Child Development
Angela Eunice Chavira	CERT	Child Development
Yamilet Delarosa Ramirez	CERT	Child Development
Hannah Justine Gallegos	CERT	Child Development
Magdalena O. Garza	CERT	Child Development
Luz M. Gonzalez-Dominguez	CERT	Child Development
Damaris Noely Legarda	CERT	Child Development
Liz Merlin Lugo	CERT	Child Development
Karla Marquez-Ortiz	CERT	Child Development
Nydia Anahi Medina	CERT	Child Development
Valeria Miranda Sosa	CERT	Child Development
Denise Marie Montoya	CERT	Child Development
Montserrat Mora Gonzalez	CERT	Child Development
Evelin Paola Rivera	CERT	Child Development
Yazmin Ronquillo Munoz	CERT	Child Development
Mary Beth Copeland	CERT	Early Childhood Professional

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Hannah Justine Gallegos	CERT	Early Childhood Professional
Becky S. Trujillo	CERT	Early Childhood Professional
Desiree B. Apodaca, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Mary Beth Copeland	AA	Early Childhood Education
Hannah Justine Gallegos	AA	Early Childhood Education
Mireya M. Guerrero Alcantar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Rachel Gonzales, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Natasha Herrera, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Jaylenne Faye Jacquez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Karrie Rose Manwell, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Lenaya Ashley Martinez	AA	Early Childhood Education
Kimmy Nhu Nguyen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Trang Nguyen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Jade Marie Rivas, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Patricia Maria Watkins, <i>PTK</i>	AA	Early Childhood Education
Alexis Catherine Brown, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Rickey Dean Goforth	AA	Elementary Education
Miranda J. Gutierrez Reichard, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Julia Kearney, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Joslynn MacNeilage	AA	Elementary Education
Melorie Star Martinez	AA	Elementary Education
Jessica Rosenda Mercer	AA	Elementary Education
Andrew J. Money	AA	Elementary Education
Maxine Padilla, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Priscila Rivas	AA	Elementary Education
Sierra Isabel Sisneros, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Sabrina Amelia Terrazas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AA	Elementary Education
Clarissa Paulette Benavidez-Griego, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Carla Castillo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Amber M. Coss, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
LaNell Renee Delgado, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Yahaira B. Diaz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Lorisa M. Dixon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Luz A. Dozal, <i>PTK</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Andrea Jeanette Espinoza	BA	Early Childhood Education
Hannah Justine Gallegos	BA	Early Childhood Education
Jimena Gonzalez Rodriguez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Mario Estevan Griego, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Natasha Herrera, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Lacie Jo Laminack, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Makaela S. Largo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education

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Valentina Londono Taborda, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Martina Maria Maez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Karrie Rose Manwell, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Samuel Alan McCarson	BA	Early Childhood Education
DeAnn C. Meadows, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Samantha Miller, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Lola Elizabeth Munoz Allasi, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Jennifer S. Newman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Trang Nguyen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Clara Isabel Porath, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Jade M. Porter, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Karla Lizbeth Portillo Lopez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Kiana Romero	BA	Early Childhood Education
Melinda A. Salazar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Sandra Liliana Sanchez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Nataly Sanchez Flores	BA	Early Childhood Education
Elvena Sherman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Victoria L. Valdez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Patricia Maria Watkins, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Robyn Yazzie, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Early Childhood Education
Elizabeth Carmona, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Neslihan P. Ceren-Zeytun, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Jacqueline Galindo	BA	Elementary Education
Amelia Gutierrez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Mariah Janeya Gutierrez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Anita Amanda Jaramillo, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Travis Jones, <i>PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Julia Kearney, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
May Flor Lopez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Therese Deanna Maes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Alysia Marie Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
AthenaGrace Martinez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Alexys Danielle Medrano, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Maxine Padilla, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Amy Andrea Perez, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Yisel Quintana, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Ricardo Jesus Sanchez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Rayna Vigil, <i>PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Rebecca J. Webber, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BA	Elementary Education
Sarah Altschuler	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)

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Monica Marie Madrid	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Laryssa J. Rivera	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Yoana Rodriguez	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Benjamin Rogers III	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Darlene Tso Steinback	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Monica Watson	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Mayra Zuniga	ALTER	Elementary (K-8)
Sonia Alvarez	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Patricia Amaya Holguin	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Talbrett Caramillo	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Cody Anthony Casados	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Nikolas Keenan Etling	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Judy A. Garcia	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Jonathan Guise	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Sandra Molina	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
James Tannatt O'Donnell II	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Ryan Orloff	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Rosamargarita Palacio	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
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Antima Shanise Pena	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Sophia Tiger	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Maria Tinervia	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Gina B. Trujillo	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Raquel Simona Trujillo	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Lizeth Rubi Veloz	ALTER	Secondary (7-12)
Maria Virginia Blair	ALTER	Special Education
Andrea Ruth Blanco	ALTER	Special Education
Jairo De la Cruz	ALTER	Special Education
Rachel Glickler Duggins, <i>PTK</i>	ALTER	Special Education
Sharon Griego	ALTER	Special Education
Melissa Hillenbrand	ALTER	Special Education
Viviana Irene Mata	ALTER	Special Education
Juan Carlos Morales	ALTER	Special Education
Yanel Rivera Orozco	ALTER	Special Education
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### **BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Thomas Rouse	CERT	Radiation Control Tech
Annai Valdivia	AAS	Nuclear Operations Tech
JD Austin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Daniela Bojorquez Marquez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Jose David Castillo	AAS	Radiation Protection
Gabrielle Ciatti, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Claudia M. Gallegos	AAS	Radiation Protection
Elizabeth Leona Jones	AAS	Radiation Protection
Stacey Kelch, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Miriam Amit LeBlanc, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Destiny Renee Lynett Marsh	AAS	Radiation Protection
Jerica J. Martinez	AAS	Radiation Protection
Jeremy B. Mirabal, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Douglas Michael Olmsted, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AAS	Radiation Protection
Tino R. Pacheco	AAS	Radiation Protection
Ambrosia Lynn Serrano	AAS	Radiation Protection
Annai Valdivia	AAS	Radiation Protection
Juliana Amber Chavez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS	Biology
Diamond Siera Pedraza	AS	Biology
Miquelle Therese Angel-Sanchez	AS	Chemistry
Miquela M. Casados	AS	Chemistry
Laura Marquez	AS	Chemistry
Chris Andrew Perez	AS	Chemistry
Diego Santiago Jaramillo	AS	Environmental Science
Margaret Baker	BS	Biology
Jade Madrid	BS	Biology
Alyssa Belina Aguilar	BS	Environmental Science
Vincent Benavidez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS	Environmental Science
Moraya Comora Gutierrez, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BS	Environmental Science
Miriam Amit LeBlanc, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS	Environmental Science
Russell Nye, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS	Environmental Science
Kyle James Tsoodle	BS	Environmental Science

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Dania Rosales Espinoza	CERT	Administrative Assistant
Paula D. Duran	CERT	Barbering
Richard S. Garcia	CERT	Barbering
Julian Ian Martinez	CERT	Barbering
Christian Antonio Munoz Quintero	CERT	Barbering
Saul Rangel	CERT	Barbering

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Monique Heaven Candelario	CERT	Cosmetology
Gabriella Esmeralda Carrasco	CERT	Cosmetology
Selene Castillo	CERT	Cosmetology
Estrella Mariah Cordova	CERT	Cosmetology
Autumn Tafoya	CERT	Cosmetology
Hailey D. Veale	CERT	Cosmetology
Michelle Martinez	CERT	Microsoft Office Suite
Jennifer Alison Dominguez Andrade	CERT	Project Management
Tamara Foster	CERT	Project Management
Esperanza Gloria Gonzales, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Project Management
Nancy Joann Medina	CERT	Project Management
Erlinda Salazar	CERT	Project Management
Venessa Maria Smith	CERT	Project Management
Kristi A. Trujillo	CERT	Project Management
Leandra Lynn Trujillo, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Project Management
Shyann G. Valdez, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Project Management
Atalia Mattea Archuleta	AA	Business Administration
Brandon Michael Archuleta, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Mariah Angelique Atencio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Jade Banuelos	AA	Business Administration
Corrine Castillo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Rhonda Cata	AA	Business Administration
Anahi A. Cuevas	AA	Business Administration
Jennifer Alison Dominguez Andrade, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Adam Jacob Gallegos, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Allison Ariana Garcia, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Demarcus Angelo Lopez	AA	Business Administration
Dante Marquez, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	Business Administration
Allayne Justine Martinez	AA	Business Administration
Benjamin I. Martinez	AA	Business Administration
Brandi Raye Martinez	AA	Business Administration
Celina Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Miranda Martinez	AA	Business Administration
Denise Martinez-Arevalo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Jhanelle Shanel Mckenzie	AA	Business Administration
Jhinelle Jhanel Mckenzie	AA	Business Administration
Eloy Medina	AA	Business Administration
Nevaeh Medina, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
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Levi Rafael Ontiveros, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Mikayla Bernice Pacheco	AA	Business Administration
Alexander Jaden Quintana, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Julia A. Romero	AA	Business Administration
Cassie Lynn Seaboy	AA	Business Administration
Nicole Brittany Sisneros	AA	Business Administration
Shyann G. Valdez	AA	Business Administration
Mariah Vasquez, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AA	Business Administration
Autumn Marie Vigil, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Tanya Kim Zollinger, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AA	Business Administration
Andrea Ruby Atencio, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Accounting
Lisette Marie Garcia	BBA	Accounting
Hannah M. Martinez	BBA	Accounting
Josue Oxael Vizcarra Castaneda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Accounting
Mariah Angelique Atencio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Krista M. Bustos, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Jennifer Alison Dominguez Andrade, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Jordan Duda, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Devina Reina Gonzales, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Miranda Andrea Lujan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Matilda Nicole Madrid-Pacheco, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Eli Patrick Martinez	BBA	Management
Hannah M. Martinez	BBA	Management
Larry Morinia	BBA	Management
Monica Ruth Pacheco, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Yvonne Marian Quintana, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BBA	Management
Savannah C. Ramos Contreras, <i>Magna Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BBA	Management
Venessa Maria Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Rosa M. Trevizo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Julie Grace Vigil, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Management
Atalia Mattea Archuleta	BBA	Project Management
Andrea Ruby Atencio, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
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Gabriella Thea Gonzales, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
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AshleyAnn Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Eli Patrick Martinez	BBA	Project Management
Hannah M. Martinez	BBA	Project Management
Richard Jeremy Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Eloy Medina	BBA	Project Management
Larry Morinia	BBA	Project Management
Emma Louise Morris, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Monica Ruth Pacheco, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Yvonne Marian Quintana, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Savannah C. Ramos Contreras, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Dania Rosales Espinoza	BBA	Project Management
Eric D. Smith, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Kristi A. Trujillo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management
Leandra Lynn Trujillo, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BBA	Project Management
Shyann G. Valdez, <i>Cum Laude, PTK</i>	BBA	Project Management
Jerrelene White Eagle	BBA	Project Management
Tanya Kim Zollinger, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA	Project Management

### **ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

Fred G. Baca	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Santiago Duran	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Garrett Fendrick	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Nicole Chloe Garcia, <i>PTK</i>	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Ashley Lynn Logan	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Nicholas Lopez	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Kaylee Salazar	CERT	Engineering Drawing & CAD
Nathaniel Christopher Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AEng	Information Engineering Tech
Amelia Hope Sandoval, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AEng	Information Engineering Tech
Garrett Fendrick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AEng	Pre-Engineering
Genesis Monge Morales	AEng	Pre-Engineering
Demetri Anthony Rodriguez	AEng	Pre-Engineering
Gavin Campbell, <i>Summa Cum Laude, PTK</i>	AEng	Software Engineering
Douglas Hill, <i>PTK</i>	AEng	Software Engineering
Jeremiah Martinez	AEng	Software Engineering
Amelia Hope Sandoval, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AEng	Software Engineering
Fred G. Baca	BEng	Electromechanical Engr Tech
Shawn Ryan Barela, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BEng	Electromechanical Engr Tech
Christopher Alan Chadwick	BEng	Electromechanical Engr Tech
Ashley Lynn Logan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BEng	Electromechanical Engr Tech
Jaide Romero, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BEng	Electromechanical Engr Tech
Nathaniel Christopher Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BEng	Information Engineering Tech

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Jesse Menendez	BEng	Information Engineering Tech
Niel Kirby Salero	BEng	Information Engineering Tech

### **MATH & PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

Anthony Jacob Maestas	CERT	Data Science
Enoch Elliot	AS	Mathematics
Analise MacAuley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS	Mathematics
Anthony Jacob Maestas	AS	Mathematics
Jimmy Garzon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS	Mathematics

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- I will maintain my competency and keep abreast of developments in my chosen field.
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