



GEAR UP NEW MEXICO NEWSLETTER

February

*"The giving of love is an education in itself."
– Eleanor Roosevelt*

STAFF NOTE

February is very eventful time for many students. This month often marks what some call testing season. We all know how important these tests can be. Standardized or not, it is always in your best interest to be prepared – whether you are taking the test, or administering it.

Here are some helpful tips:

- ♥ Help students develop their testing schedule. SAT. ACT. SAT Subject Tests, AP tests. Plan to take each one, except the AP tests, at least two times this spring. Sophomores and juniors should take subject tests for courses they are taking this year. Don't have them wait as knowledge slips away.
- ♥ Please have your students record their usernames and passwords on computers, cell phones, and emails. *Mac users use Stickies or Notes.*
- ♥ More and more schools allow the ACT to cover 2 subject tests. So make sure you know the exact requirements of each college.

Remember, give yourself extra time to study, get lots of rest, eat well, and all should be fine. You can do this!

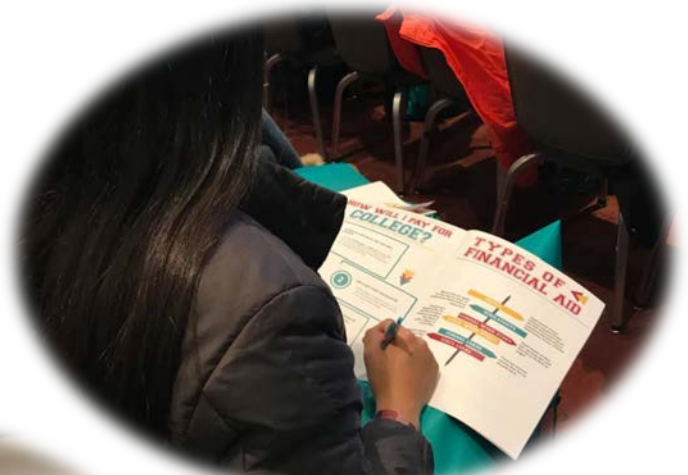


UNM SCHOLARSHIP DAY



GEAR UP New Mexico hosted the very first Scholarship Day at The University of New Mexico. The Scholarship Day was a one-day event featuring an in-depth college readiness workshop hosted by CoolSpeak and featured presentations by admissions, financial aid, and student programs.

Students walked away with an understanding of the importance of higher education, the cost of college, and learned about financial aid resources such as regional and national scholarships and federal financial aid. Students also enjoyed an on-campus lunch and tour.



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Angel
Martinez



Angel Martinez is a senior at Capital High School. She has been a part of the CHS GEAR UP family for the past two and half years. Angel is Student Council President at Capital High who demonstrates outstanding leadership through her participation as a GEAR UP CEO. Her Program Coordinator, Eloisa Sanchez says Angel is committed to helping her fellow classmates to be college and career ready through leading by example during GEAR UP college and career events throughout the year.

Angel always goes above and beyond. She volunteers her time to help organize and advertise FAFSA opportunities for her fellow seniors and she is always the first to volunteer, the first to show up, and the last to leave. The level of responsibility she shows every single day to achieve her academic goals is a true act of selflessness. She is currently volunteering at Ortiz Middle School to tutor students in pre-algebra to encourage them that school is not that hard and that good grades go a long way.

Here is what Angel had to say about her time has a GEAR UP student:

“GEAR UP has impacted me by helping me to be more confident to apply to not only my dream college, but also to apply to any college or university of interest, in order to have a full hand of options. I absolutely love GEAR UP because it has helped me determine where I want to go to college and how to get there. Also, Eloisa is my GEAR UP momma who pushes me accomplish my college dreams, I will miss GEAR UP next year.”

After graduation, Angel will be attending NMSU where she will be pursuing her Bachelor’s degree in political science. Angel fell in love with the campus during a GEAR UP college visit and is looking forward to meeting new people and having Caliches while studying.



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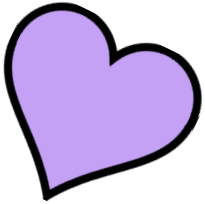
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February Scholarships

WORTH \$399,000

DUE February 1

1. Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship: \$10,000
2. The Jackie Robinson Foundation: \$28,000
3. WH (Howie) McClennan Scholarship: \$10,000

DUE February 2

4. ENF Legacy Awards: \$4,000

DUE February 5

5. PepsiCo Foundation ExCEL Awards: \$20,000
6. We The Students Essay Contest: \$5,000

DUE February 15

7. ACB Scholarship: *Varies*
8. AFA TAA College Scholarship: \$5,000
9. AWP Scholarship: \$5,000
10. DAR American Indian Scholarship: \$4,000
11. First in Sustainability Scholarship: \$200,000
12. Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship: \$10,000
13. Margaret H. Hamilton Scholarship: \$4,000
14. Pogorzelski and Yankee Scholarship: \$30,000
15. Roadway Worker Scholarship: \$6,000

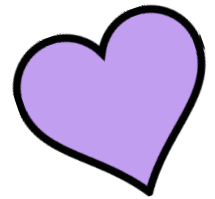
DUE February 16

16. CCF College Scholarship Program: *Varies*
17. Helen McLoraine Scholarship: \$8,000

DUE February 20

18. Gordon A. Rich Foundation: \$50,000

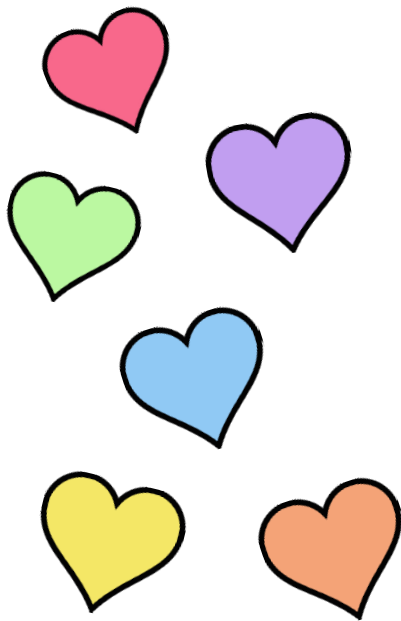
click to apply and find more scholarships!



For More Information About These Scholarships, Click The Link Below

<https://www.tun.com/blog/category/scholarships/>





HAPPENING AROUND OUR STATE

- **UNM** named one of the Nation's Top Military Friendly Schools
 - <https://news.unm.edu/news/unm-named-one-of-the-nations-top-military-friendlyR-schools>
- New Research Opportunities in the works at **NMHU**
 - <http://www.nmhu.edu/new-geologic-research-instrument-opens-up-exciting-research-opportunities/>
- **ENMU** Student Presents at New Mexico Association of Museums Annual Conference
 - <https://www.enmu.edu/about/news-and-events/enmu-news/academic-news/2731-enmu-student-presents-research-at-new-mexico-association-of-museums-annual-conference>
- **NMSU** faculty share discoveries in Ireland at 'Global Connections' event
 - <https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/13514/nmsu-faculty-share-discoveries-in-ireland-at-global-connections-event>

SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

- FFA Scholarship Opportunities: **National**
 - <https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/local-engagement-programs-scholarships/>
- SWE Central New Mexico – Pioneers Scholarship: **Local**
 - <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/scholarships/2139-swe-central-mexico-pioneers-scholarship>
- **UNM** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <http://scholarship.unm.edu/dev/scholarships/resident.html>
- **ENMU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://www.enmu.edu/admission/scholarships/in-state-freshmen>
- **NMSU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>
- **NMHU** Scholarships: **Local**
 - <http://www.nmhu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>

Please note: Listed scholarships have various deadlines.

CATCH GEAR UP ONLINE

Please note that GEAR UP New Mexico is revamping its social media platforms and ***we need your help!*** Be sure to "like" us and feel free to tag us in your photos and use the hashtag #GEARUPNM Below is a link to GEAR UP NM's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/GEARUPNM/>

As always, feel free to use the GEAR UP/HED website to your benefit. Changes to the website are to come.

<http://www.hed.state.nm.us/programs/gear-up-new-mexico-home-page-.aspx>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 4th – UNM Scholarship Day
- Feb. 10th-12th – NCCEP Conference: San Antonio, TX
- Feb. 14th – Prior Year Student-level Data Due
- Feb. 15th – Monthly Submissions Due



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