

CLASS OF 2024

Outstanding Graduate



“My goal is contributing to knowledge about the universe—and inspiring others in the same way my mentors at NMSU inspired me.”

—Atlantis Moses

ATLANTIS MOSES

College of Arts and Sciences

Atlantis Moses will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a minor in mathematics—and a 4.0 GPA. A student in the Master’s Accelerated Program, she will continue at NMSU as a physics graduate student in the fall.

Atlantis started as an engineering major at another university, but after taking a required physics course and “having a lot of fun with it,” she switched majors—and transferred to NMSU. She says the tight-knit, caring attitude of the Department of Physics faculty drew her to NMSU, and she received a personal welcome from Department Head Stefan Zollner before she even signed up for classes.

Theoretical research is Atlantis’s first love—studying the building blocks of the universe—but part of her education has included real-world research at globally renowned laboratories. She spent a summer as a remote student researcher

for the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility working on both experiments and software. She then went to Geneva, Switzerland, as an intern at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, through a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department aimed at supporting women and other underrepresented communities in science education.

Atlantis has received several scholarships, including the 1888 Leadership Scholarship, the Bezdek, Gale A. Harvey, and Miller-McClellan-Miller Endowed Scholarships, the Marc Miller-Velma McClellan Laboratory Award, the Ernest Lynn Cleveland Scholarship, and the H. Bargel Williams Memorial Fund award. She’s a Crimson Scholar and spent six semesters on the Dean’s List.

In addition to rigorous academics, Atlantis worked part-time at the Zuhl Library and was active in the NMSU Society of Physics Students. During rare moments of down time, she can be found reading, writing poetry and short stories, making art, or sewing.

Atlantis says that at NMSU she has come to the realization of how important community is: “NMSU is a safe space, and that’s special. I am thankful for those around me. ▲