

CLASS OF FALL 2022

Outstanding Graduates

ALYSSA ALGER – College of Arts and Sciences

“It's important to me to share not only the benefits of my education, but also the values and culture I experienced at New Mexico State University.”

Alyssa Alger will graduate with Honors from NMSU this fall with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Human Biology. Throughout her undergraduate career, she maintained a 4.0 GPA while working as a peer mentor and university tutor, plus being active in professional societies.

A native of Alamogordo, Alyssa began her academic journey at NMSU in a large biology class called “The Natural History of Life,” later becoming a peer mentor for lower-division students. From there, she became a leader in the peer mentor group, a leader of “BioCats,” a tutor in chemistry, biology, algebra and physics, and secretary and vice president of the NMSU Pre-Dental Society. She is also a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Described by her professors as a “careful scholar,” Alyssa is collaborative, organized, clear and concise, and always provides helpful feedback to her colleagues. Her honors include receiving the Hadley Honors Scholarship and being on the Dean’s list since 2019. She was also awarded the Student Athlete New Mexico Broadcasters Association’s Community Scholarship Award (2019), the Joy B. Jefferson Memorial Scholarship (2020), and the T.N. and M.J. Weems Scholarship (2021).

As vice president of the NMSU Pre-Dental Society, Alyssa organized meetings and networked with Las Cruces dental professionals. She oversaw multiple volunteer activities including oral hygiene presentations and food drives, and created dental bags for underserved communities in New Mexico. As secretary of the same group, she scheduled important announcements, recorded meeting notes and helped set up volunteer events such as oral hygiene presentations at a rural elementary school.

After graduation, Alyssa plans to attend dental school, then return to New Mexico to practice dentistry in local underserved communities. She also hopes to become a mentor for pre-dental students and share her experiences to help them on their journey.