

CLASS OF FALL 2022

Outstanding Graduates

EMMARIE HEREDIA – College of Health, Education and Social Transformation

“I can make the world a better place if I teach my students how to be kind, compassionate leaders while having fun.”

Emmarie Heredia will receive a Bachelor of Science in Education with a specialization in early childhood education. Her lifelong desire is to ensure her students and their families know she supports, values, loves and respects them.

Born and raised in Bayard, New Mexico, she chose New Mexico State University because it was close to home, yet still gave her an opportunity to move to a larger city and encounter a greater range of cultural experiences. She also believes NMSU is the best university in the state. She was the lead student assistant for the Glass Family Research Institute, and was a senior member of the College of HEST student ambassadors.

Not only is Emmarie passionate about learning, but she comes from a family where teaching is “in the blood.” Both her mother and aunt are educators, and Emmarie hopes to carry on this tradition as an early childhood education professional.

At NMSU, Emmarie kept a 3.9 GPA and was a Crimson Scholar. She was the 2020-2021 Outstanding College of Education Junior, and received 2nd place at the 2021 Research and Creativity Week at NMSU. She was also a member of the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, and served as a substitute teacher in grades K-12.

Within the community, Emmarie collaborated with Jardin de los Ninos, Myrna’s Children’s Village, La Semilla and Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society as a volunteer and trainer. She also volunteered at Kid’s Expo, Gym Magic Open House, Community Action Agency and Kids Can.

Following graduation, Emmarie will continue her educational experience through graduate school, having just been accepted into the NMSU Master’s program in Education with a concentration in language, literacy and culture (LLC). She also wants to begin teaching in the Las Cruces public schools in the K-3 range.

Emmarie aims to make an impact in her community by using her experiences to provide a better education to future students. She credits the NMSU College of HEST faculty for showing her greater ways to keep students interested and engaged, shaping her own future so that she can do the same for future generations.