

CLASS OF 2024

Outstanding Graduate



E. MADELINE CARREON

Graduate School, Master's

E. Madeline Carreon '22 is receiving a Master of Public Health with a concentration in health behavior and health promotion after earning her B.S. in biology from NMSU.

Knowing Madeline's passion for improving Hispanic health outcomes, Associate Professor Mary Alice Scott had suggested she continue her education and pursue graduate studies in public health.

Madeline was a graduate research assistant in the NMSU Hispanic Cancer Survivorship Lab for two years and completed a graduate cancer research internship at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, WA, during summer 2023. In 2024, she received her department's Academic Excellence Award and took first place

for her presentation at the 2023 Research and Creativity Week for her presentation, "Quien participó?: A Clinical Trial Engagement of Hispanic Mothers Diagnosed with Cancer."

A first-generation student, she is grateful to her parents for their support, and counts obtaining her undergraduate degree as her biggest accomplishment. She credits an El Paso Community College professor, who also taught at NMSU, for inspiring her and her classmates to pursue a four-year degree at NMSU.

Madeline is also a second lieutenant in the Texas National Guard, serving as a medical officer. She originally joined to pay for school, but now regards it as one of her best decisions. "The Guard has helped me develop my character and become a good leader. I've grown and matured on every level, and I am very proud of my service." Having had Dr. Scott and Dr. Rebecca Palacios as mentors at NMSU, Madeline now says "the National Guard is where I can mentor others, helping them decide if college is right for them."

She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in behavioral science, but in the meantime, she's training for a marathon and preparing for a fellowship with the Alabama Department of Health in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for which she'll work on a public health initiative aimed at reducing HIV transmission. ▲