

CLASS OF 2025

Outstanding Graduate



MONET HUNT

College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences

Roswell, NM, native Monet Hunt is graduating with a B.S. in animal science and minors in horse management and chemistry. Her parents and grandparents are also College of ACES alumni, and Monet grew up with a “Go Aggies sense of pride in the house.” She says her parents are her greatest role models and supporters: “They pushed me to be the person I needed to become and exceed my own expectations.”

“At NMSU, I found a community that mentors, supports, and empowers students to be bold. Together, we achieve the remarkable.”

Monet wanted to combine her love of science and love of horses, and several NMSU mentors helped her do just that, including Equine Instructor Hannah Bilovesky, who calls Monet “one of the most exceptional students I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with.” Monet says Dr. Ryan Ashley “took me under his wing,” and, as his

research assistant, she assisted with surgeries, necropsies, and data analyses.

Her exceptional academics landed her on the Dean’s Honor List three times, in addition to being a Conroy Honors Scholar and a Crimson Scholar. She was a teaching assistant for Dean Camarena’s Honors Seminar and Dr. John Campbell’s Introduction to Animal Science course, and she interned at Clovis Veterinary Hospital.

Her “happy place is in the saddle,” and Monet was team captain for the NMSU Equestrian Team her senior year. She received the team’s 2022 Workhorse Achievement Award, plus recognition from the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association for demonstrating sportsmanship to both her own team and competitors.

Her volunteer work included serving as a counselor for the Royal Family Kids Camp working with children in the foster system, and for the NMSU Horsemanship Camp teaching children ages 6–8 basic skills. Finally, for one of her Honors courses, she volunteered with a local organization helping refugees navigate the asylum process.

Monet’s “really big, ‘I made it!’ moment” was as she walked into her interview at the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine. And she did make it—Monet’s interview turned into an offer, and she begins her veterinary studies this fall. ▲