

CLASS OF 2026

# *Outstanding Graduate*



## **ISAAC CRAMER**

College of Arts and Sciences

Isaac Cramer is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He became passionate about politics during the 2020 primaries, noting “I find politics both entertaining and meaningful. A trip to the Santa Fe legislative session was like witnessing organized chaos — and completely engaging!”

Isaac says that being homeschooled helped him be ready to try new things and “live life to the fullest in college.” Not only did he try new things, however, but he led them as well.

Dr. Daniel Gomez notes that “Isaac’s leadership record is extensive and, notably, entrepreneurial.” Isaac co-founded three chartered NMSU clubs: No Student Left Behind, a mental health support

group; the United Emo Alliance; and the Spooky People Club, dedicated to all things mysterious. He is the piano accompanist at Morning Star United Methodist Church and was president of the Wesley Student Center student ministry, which often holds joint events with the Spooky People Club. Isaac was also a student research aid for the Vegetable Extension Program and an intern for Casa de Peregrinos food pantry.

He received the College of Arts and Sciences Award for Academic Excellence in 2025, and Dr. Gomez notes Isaac has a “methodological alertness [that is] rare in undergraduates,” remarking on his identification of a significant data quality problem in a polling research experiment. He also highlights Isaac’s “departmental citizenship” in contributing to the intellectual and social culture of the department. “This kind of citizenship is difficult to manufacture and easy to take for granted,” Dr. Gomez says. “I do not take it for granted.”

Isaac will next pursue a master’s degree in Political Science at NMSU. Eventually, he hopes to enter the political arena himself as a third-party candidate in the Forward Party: “Especially after seeing the Santa Fe legislative session, politics remains my passion. Eventually, I want to bring my own perspectives to the conversation and make a positive difference.” ▲