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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AWARDED EARLY FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Silver City, NM – Two high school seniors were recognized with Early Freshman Scholarships at a Financial Aid Night event hosted by Western New Mexico University in Albuquerque March 24.

Albuquerque-area high school students and their families were invited to hear from WNMU and New Mexico Education Assistance representatives at Financial Aid Night, an annual event held at the Albuquerque Marriot.

Tanya Billings of Grants High School and Brianna Bunney of Quemado High School were presented with Early Freshman Scholarships at the event. Their G.P.A. and ACT scores qualified them for the scholarship, which covers their first semester at WNMU.

“It was important for us to recognize these bright students with scholarships,” stated Matthew Lara, Admissions Counselor. “They are both deserving and we look forward to have them join the WNMU family.”

Billings plans to earn a degree in secondary education. Bunney intends to seek an occupational therapy degree.

The Early Freshman Scholarship is designed to cover the first semester tuition for freshman that attend in the fall semester after their high school graduation. This initial semester of college is not covered by the Lottery Scholarship, which many New Mexico high school graduates use when attending in-state universities.



Pictured are scholarship recipients Tanya Billings and Brianna Bunney.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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