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### **WNMU STUDENT SELECTED FOR PETE SISNEROS SCHOLARSHIP**

Silver City, NM – Melissa J. Acosta, a senior at Western New Mexico University, has been selected to receive the Pete Sisneros Memorial Scholarship.

“I am very excited to have been chosen to receive the Sisneros Scholarship to assist me in continuing my education and I want to thank the family for offering such a generous award,” Acosta said.

Established by the Sisneros family to enhance academic excellence at WNMU, scholarship recipients must be Spanish majors.

Acosta, a Cliff resident, first received the scholarship in 2009.

Pete Sisneros was a longtime resident of Silver City and professor emeritus at WNMU. He taught Spanish courses at WNMU from 1958 until his retirement in 1971.

Sisneros was a strong advocate of higher education and particularly interested in the Spanish language.

The scholarship is managed and administered by the Western New Mexico University Foundation with consultation by the Sisneros family.



*Pictured at left is scholarship recipient Melissa Janett Acosta and Pauline Gomez, daughter of Pete Sisneros.*

*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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