



Philanthropy and medical provider join forces to support students pursuing healthcare careers

Nine Northern NM Students receive Anchorum Health Foundation/CHRISTUS St. Vincent Scholarship via the LANL Foundation's Scholarship Program

ESPAÑOLA, SANTA FE, NM – Nine high school and college students from across Northern New Mexico are one step closer to achieving their dream of becoming healthcare professionals thanks to a partnership between the LANL Foundation, the Anchorum Health Foundation, and CHRISTUS St. Vincent.

Nine awardees will receive a combined \$71,000 as part of the LANL Foundation's Four-Year Scholarship Program to pursue a healthcare-related degree at a New Mexico college or university this fall. An additional student will receive \$3,000 to pursue an associate degree in diagnostic medical sonography via the Foundation's Career Pathways Scholarship Program.

"We are incredibly proud to support these outstanding students as they take the next step toward careers in healthcare," said Jerry Jones, President and CEO of the Anchorum Health Foundation. "Building a homegrown workforce is essential to meeting the needs of our communities in northern New Mexico, and these scholars represent the future of community-rooted care."

Originally established to support graduates of the Capital High School Medical Pathways Program pursuing healthcare degrees, the scholarship is now open to students across seven Northern New Mexico counties with the aim of increasing the number of skilled healthcare workers in New Mexico. In 2020, the LANL Foundation began awarding and administering the Medical Pathways Scholarship on behalf of the funders. Since that time, over \$380,000 has been awarded to 64 students.

"We are deeply grateful for the generous and ongoing contributions of our partners at Anchorum and CHRISTUS St. Vincent in support of Northern New Mexico students and are proud to offer targeted scholarship opportunities that support students' career goals and the needs of our communities," said LANL Foundation President and CEO Gwen Perea Warniment. "Pairing career-connected learning with direct financial support via scholarships is a powerful way the LANL Foundation and our partners can align funding and mission for the greatest possible impact."



“Providing financial support to students pursuing healthcare careers is a valuable tool as we work to fulfill a critical need for caregivers in our community,” said Lillian Montoya, President & CEO of CHRISTUS St. Vincent. “CHRISTUS St. Vincent is dedicated to building and developing a local pipeline that is committed to serving our North Central New Mexico patients and their families.”

This year’s Four-Year Anchorum Health Foundation/CHRISTUS St. Vincent Medical Pathways Scholarship recipients include:

\$10,000 Scholarships

- Ava Basurto-Martinez, Capital High School
- Destiny Chino, Santa Fe Indian School
- Alena Grife, Bernalillo High School
- Sophia Lopez, St. Michael's High School
- Cynthia Oropeza, Capital High School

\$6,000 Scholarships

- Erin Lucio, Capital High School
- Camila Torres, Capital High School
- Jordyn Velasquez, Capital High School

\$3,000 Career Pathways Scholarship

- Leenah Romero, Santa Fe Indian School

Click [here](#) for complete bios and photos of these students.

In addition to financial support, the LANL Foundation offers recipients access to a range of support services, including mentorship and campus-based resources, as well as internship opportunities.

The LANL Foundation also offers scholarships for students pursuing careers in education, STEM, national security, business, environmental science, and other fields, as well as offering opportunities for veterans and Native American students. The Foundation welcomes the opportunity to partner with new donors in support of these and other career pathways.

To learn more about the LANL Foundation’s Scholarship Program or become a donor, please visit lanlfoundation.org.



Anchorum Health Foundation is dedicated to improving the conditions that have the greatest influence on the health and people in our region. We are committing our resources to strengthening community-based partners tackling critical local issues. For more information, visit anchorum.org.

Since 1997, the LANL Foundation has been investing in education, learning, and human potential in Northern New Mexico. Through diverse programming and collaboration with key partners, the LANL Foundation works to ensure that all New Mexicans have the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities. LANL Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement of students' access to academic and technical opportunities, leading to quality jobs by supporting college and career readiness in schools, districts, communities, Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations. For more information visit www.lanlfoundation.org.

CHRISTUS St. Vincent is a private, not-for-profit hospital serving more than 300,000 people across seven counties in northern New Mexico. Founded in 1865 by the Sisters of Charity, it was the first organized health care facility in the New Mexico Territory. Today, CHRISTUS St. Vincent employs more than 2,600 providers and Associates, and operates more than 33 physician-led clinics and centers of specialty care. CHRISTUS St. Vincent has been recognized by its Associates as a "Best Place to Work" in New Mexico 2018 - 2024. In 2019, CHRISTUS St. Vincent became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Its healing ministry is to improve the health and well-being of the communities it serves.