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Congratulations Class of 2025 Graduates!



Northern Rio Arriba Electric Cooperative is very pleased to announce the Class of 2025 scholarship award recipients. This year, our four scholarship award winners attended and graduated from Escalante High School. In addition to achieving academic excellence, each of them has participated in and demonstrated their leadership in various extracurricular activities and sports. NORA is proud to introduce:

Marcelo Baeza

Marcelo is from Chama, and he was awarded a total of \$3,000 with the NORA Golf Scholarship for \$1,000 and the NORA Scholarship for \$2,000. At Escalante, he competed on the powerlifting team and played varsity football. After graduation, Marcelo plans to attend the Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There, he will be able to experience hands on training to learn the skills necessary to build a career in welding. Marcelo is very thankful for the opportunity that the NORA scholarships have provided along with encouragement from his family, particularly his parents, Tommy & Patricia Baeza.



Marcelo Baeza



Stephen Vance



Zangela Mercure



Carlos Martinez

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Spring/Summer Office Hours: Open 7:00am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday Closed Friday

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Stephen Vance

Stephen is the son of Stephen and Crystella Vance, and he is from Tierra Amarilla. He was awarded the NORA Scholarship for \$2,000. Stephen also has plans to attend the Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma which is a seven-month program designed to help its students become well versed in the technical skills needed to become a certified welding professional. In high school, Stephen enjoyed playing on the Escalante varsity football and powerlifting teams.

Zangela Mercure

Zangela is from Tierra Amarilla, and she received the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Suppliers Group (NMRECSG) scholarship for \$1,500. During her four years at Escalante, Zangela was an active participant in several extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Student Senate for four years, cheer for three years and e-sports her senior year. Following graduation, she will be attending the University of New Mexico where she will pursue a degree in physical therapy. Zangela is also a member of the NORA family, as her father is NORA's esteemed veteran lineman, Vicente Mercure.

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*The NORA office will be
closed Monday
May 26th
in observance of
Memorial Day*



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Carlos Martinez

Carlos is from Chama, and he is the son of Vanessa Martinez and Jerry Albo. He earned a total of \$3,000 with the Basin Scholarship for \$1,000 and the NORA Scholarship for \$2,000. Throughout his four years at Escalante, Carlos was a year-round athlete exceling in varsity football, basketball, and track and field. This summer, Carlos looks forward to starting a summer job before heading to the University of New Mexico this fall where he will be majoring in Business Administration in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree.

Northern Rio Arriba Electric Cooperative would like to express congratulations and best wishes to all the graduating seniors from the class of 2025. We highly encourage any students completing their junior year from Chama Valley Schools & Lumberton residents in Dulce Schools to be alert at the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026, the next time to apply for NORA's various scholarships. NORA looks forward to encouraging and assisting the youth of the community to continue a lifetime of learning.



Billing Schedule May 2025

Bill Due Date	21-May
Usage From	31-Mar
Usage To	30-Apr
SEDC Pickup @11:59pm	1-May
Bill Sent	1-May
Late Notice Sent	22-May
Contact/Follow Up	4-Jun
Disconnects/Cut Off	9-Jun



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