

UNM-Gallup SkillsUSA Student wins travel scholarship

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Will attend conference in Louisville, Ky.

Isaiah Garcia will attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky June 24-28 after winning the mikeroweWORKS Foundation travel scholarship. Garcia, a recent graduate of Central High School was concurrently enrolled in the fire science program at UNM-Gallup's Center for Career and Technical Education and was a gold medal winner at the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference this spring.

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation partners with SkillsUSA to offer \$1,000 travel scholarships to competitors who received gold medals at their state competitions. Garcia, the only recipient of the scholarship in New Mexico, had to submit a written narrative describing why he should be considered for the award. Preference is given to students who are enrolled in program areas of industrial and manufacturing applications, of which firefighting is included.

Applicants must also qualify at their state's 2019 state leadership conference, must never have attended the national competition before, and must be a SkillsUSA member in good standing.

CCTE Principal Ann Jarvis says, "Isaiah joined the UNM-Gallup SkillsUSA Chapter because of his competitive nature. If I had to describe Isaiah in one word, I would choose 'determined,'

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because he sees what he wants and sets a course of action to reach his intended goal.”

Garcia plans to pursue a career in fire and emergency services.

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