

National Hispanic Institute and the New Mexico Department of Education (NMPED) Hispanic Education Agency (HEA)

2024 Contractual Report

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The following is an end-of-term report by the National Hispanic Institute (NHI) about its involvement and role in the 2024 Collegiate World Series (CWS) hosted on June 24-28 at the University of Denver. The report covers 5 months from January 26, 2024, to June 30, 2024. This report outlines the purpose of the funds allocated by the legislature and the intended impact on the youth of New Mexico.

Contract General Purpose

The National Hispanic Institute CWS project is possible through an intergovernmental agreement (#23-924-0012) with the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Its purpose is to support the effort and guidance of NMPED and HEA in recruiting, onboarding, transporting, and developing New Mexico students to participate in a leadership and identity program.

Assignment of Funding

Of the funding of \$59,500.00 made available to fund student participation in an NHI-hosted college admissions experience that helps students master aspects of the college application process that include guidance from university personnel on topics including essay writing and interviews. NHI managed the following part of its field responsibilities, including:

- Assignment of a full-time professional-level staff person to oversee the planning and implementation of a residential leadership experience for statewide NM youth, and staff. The staff includes high school-aged NM LDZ former participants acting as "junior" staff, and former participants acting as "senior" staff to mentor youth.
- The use of NHI administrative time to document and officially register student candidates who met NHI academic standards for selection
- Mobilization of 2022 and 2023 former NHI participants to assist with student outreach throughout the entire period of this agreement.
- Identification and mobilization of high school volunteers to assist in program service roles and notification of NHI college alumni to assist as student leadership coaches for the project
- Design, production, and distribution of marketing brochure materials
- Personal video conference calls and meetings with statewide high school officials for outreach and marketing purposes
- Coordinate travel requirements for statewide participation including a charter bus and group flights to Denver

- Conduct state-wide video conference calls and phone calls to engage parents
- Host a team competition to help students master the college application process that includes guidance from university personnel on various topics including essay writing and interviews

Summary Impact Report

The National Hispanic Institute hosted the Rocky Mountain Collegiate World Series June 24-28 at the University of Denver. This youth leadership project is directed to rising seniors (11th graders) who attend New Mexico high schools, have a minimum of a 3.2 GPA, and have strong intentions to pursue undergraduate studies. The mission of this college residential experience is to demystify the college admission process for new or underrepresented candidates. Through a series of team competitions, they participate in a test run of the admission process. Coached by college admissions counselors, they become strong candidates and seek the best college that suits them. Through the experience, and protocol/ procedural requirements, they gain insight into achieving timely consideration for admission and financial support. Finally, utilizing NHI's signature IBL: Inquiry Based Learning, students practice continuous questioning avenues uniquely suited for life management.

Transportation for Students and Volunteers

All students attending the Rocky Mountain CWS were accorded full transportation to travel from Southern New Mexico by commercial airline. Students from the Interstate 25 corridor traveled by charter bus with Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Vegas stops.

Because the program relies heavily on non-paid volunteers, mentioning the caliber of youth mentors who annually contribute to the participant's learning process. These recent high school graduates recruited students and served as volunteers. Two distinguished undergraduate alumni from the University of Denver and Brown University returned as senior mentors. All volunteers were supported with their cost of transportation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NM High School Representation**

Rising seniors from 19 New Mexico high schools attended the Rocky Mountain Collegiate World Series:

Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science.
Alta Vista Early College High School
Arrowhead Early College High School
Capital High School
Centennial High School
Ensign Peak Academy
Escalante High School
Explore Academy
Gadsden High School
Goddard High School
Las Cruces High School
Mesilla Valley Christian School
New Mexico Military Institute
Public Academy for Performing Arts
St. Michael's High School
St. Pius X
Taos Academy Charter School
Valley High School
West Las Vegas High School

- **NM Awards Winners**

Most Valuable Player MVP selected by College Coach

Bucknell University – Marcus Crockett
Colorado State University – Eli Abeyta
St. Edward's University – Lillian Lucero
University of Denver – Jonathan Sanchez

Major Leaguers

Nevina Sand
Gain McAtee
Ellie Burris
Chyanne Ysatam
Ibrahim Dupass





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