

Honors College Awards Foreign Travel/Research Scholarship

The New Mexico State University Honors College has awarded its first Honors College Scholarship to Clare Carrasco of Las Cruces.



The Honors College established the award with private funding and plans each year to award a student \$5,000 for a travel/research experience during the student's third year of undergraduate study.

"This scholarship offers the student a unique and potentially life-changing experience," said Jason Ackleson, associate director of the NMSU Honors College and director of the Office of National Scholarships. "It also begins to help prepare students to compete in other major national scholarship honors, many that are very competitive."

Carrasco, a junior majoring in music performance with a minor in history, will use the scholarship to travel to Great Britain this summer. She will attend the William Bennett International Flute Summer School and the Oxford Flute Summer School.

"I was humbled by this opportunity because there were so many wonderful candidates for this award," Carrasco said. "I am very grateful as a musician to represent the academic and scholarly side of music to the rest of the university."

Carrasco, who plans to pursue master's degrees in performance and music history, became interested in music at the age of eight, when she began taking piano lessons. She began playing the flute 10 years ago.

The scholarship is based on strict criteria and the recipient is chosen by a selection panel. Students were asked to develop a portfolio collection of their work and ideas and an original research or artistic project.

The scholarship is funded by the NMSU Foundation and the Honors College.