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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER
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Alyssa Adams

Alyssa is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management and a double minor in Professional Selling and Marketing. Among the top 15% of the College of ACES students, she sustained a position on the dean's list and a GPA of 3.94 throughout her time at NMSU. She is the recipient of impressive scholarships including several awarded by local and national lodging foundations. She recently received the Dean's Award of Leadership Excellence for Undergraduates in the College of ACES and will be graduating with honors.

Along with her studies, Alyssa completed internships at the Marriott Buckhead Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta, The Westin Denver Downtown and the Residence Inn by Marriott Dallas Las Colinas. It is unique for a student to take advantage of internship opportunities in different locations each summer, signifying her dedication to learning the industry and preparing for a successful career in hospitality.

Alyssa has served as President of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH), Community Service Chair, NMSU Hotel Sustainability Project Leader, Freshman Leadership Chair and College of ACES Ambassador and Mentor. Her inspirational leadership earned national awards through NSMH, including President of the Year and Chapter of the Year. This is the first time since the inception of the organization in 2007 that they have received these awards. The chapter has also increased in membership and done more community service and events since she served in these positions than in the years prior to her tenure.

In addition to her impressive list of extracurriculars, Alyssa has an exemplary community service record and takes delight in serving where she is needed. She has offered her time and talent for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, ACTION Programs for Animals, NSMH Dollar Days, Alma's Kitchen, Casa De Peregrinos Food Bank, ART Show for a Cause, Buddy Day (World Down Syndrome Day) and Las Cruces Public Schools.

Alyssa is a prime example of an Aggie, has great love and pride for NMSU and will represent her alma mater well throughout her career. After graduation, she plans to work at the St. Regis Resort in Aspen for the winter season and then continue to advance her career in the hospitality industry.