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FALL 2020

Outstanding Graduate



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Chad Johnson

With a GPA of 3.96, Chad is receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Government with a minor in International Relations. He will complete his studies with an honors certificate, having been on the dean's list for most of his time at NMSU. Graduating from the university in just seven semesters, Chad has been a prime student and role model in the Government Department and the College of Arts & Sciences.

Chad has worked with several political organizations at NMSU, serving as the Vice President of the College Republicans for one semester while also volunteering on Steve Pearce's gubernatorial campaign in 2018. He has also worked with a Youth in Government group, primarily at a model legislature held in Santa Fe in 2018 and 2020. Most recently, Chad spearheaded a student petition to the University President's office, seeking a change to pass/fail grading in the Spring 2020 semester.

Not only an effective leader and active contributor to campus life, Chad has also volunteered his time in the Las Cruces community. In the Fall 2019 semester, his Educational Leadership class allowed him to volunteer for Las Cruces Public Schools, where they ran an after school program called Girls Who Code, which encouraged elementary school girls to get involved in the STEM fields. Chad continued to help run the program into the following semester as well.

After graduation, Chad plans to move to Albuquerque to pursue a career in a public service with the city or in education lobbying. A native New Mexican, he is open to moving out of state as he encounters future opportunities in the field. No matter where that may take him, Chad's most important aspiration is to seek ways to positively and directly impact the community in which he resides.