

The banner features a dark background with falling red confetti. In the background, several vertical banners for different colleges are visible, including 'College of Business', 'College of Education', 'College of Engineering', 'Graduate School', and 'College of Health and Social Services'.

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FALL 2020

Outstanding Graduate

Marcos Walters

A first generation college graduate, Marcos is earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a GPA of 3.90. His academic achievements were instrumental in earning him the Nightingale Scholarship 2019-2020, a student scholarship sponsored by the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Marcos was top-ranked in a Pathophysiology course among 60 students that serves as a foundation for providing nursing care. His academic achievements in this class and his willingness and ability to work with his peers prompted an invitation for him to serve in a role as one of the student tutors for the course as he continued to progress in the program. Excelling especially in the clinical setting, Marcos approaches each clinical experience with the same dedication: always seeking to help the patient, their families and the community. He has been instrumental in helping fellow students gain more confidence in the clinical environment.

Marcos has been very actively involved in the Student Nurses' Association, where he has served as President and Community Service Chair. Under his leadership, he initiated and directed a Bone Marrow drive on the NMSU campus to meet the shortage of bone marrow donors for Hispanic patients. As a result of this effort, the SON chapter received a grant for their work. Another community service event spearheaded by Marcos was the "Stop the Bleed" course which was put in place following the horrific shooting at the El Paso Walmart in August 2019.

After graduation, Marcos plans to move to Saint Louis, MS to begin his nursing career in the cardiac ICU at a nationally ranked hospital. The desire to become a nurse is rooted in a philosophy of service, and his advanced ability to apply nursing knowledge combined with his kindness, empathy and professionalism will serve him well in the medical field.

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