

YCLC On the Trail...

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Erramouspe Receives Young Cattlemen's Scholarship

Haleigh Erramouspe, Lubbock, was awarded the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA) Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee (YCLC) Graduate Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 this summer. Haleigh is the daughter of Roxanne and Joseph (deceased) of Lubbock.

Haleigh grew up on a fourth-generation cattle ranch south of Corona, NM. A former New Mexico state FFA officer, she went on to obtain her Bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from Texas Tech University in 2020 while working as a communications coordinator for the National Sorghum Producers. She attended Corona Public Schools from kindergarten through high school. She has spent the last four years in Lubbock, TX and spent five months in Washington, DC interning for the House Committee on Agriculture, in the Longworth Congressional Office Building advocating for agriculture to members of Congress from Texas to South Dakota. She will start graduate school in August, majoring in Agricultural Communications.

Her studies will primarily focus on communications between agricultural producers and legislators, as well as producer uses of Government programs. While working on her Master's degree, she will also be employed part-time by National Sorghum Producers as their communications coordinator.

Through these pursuits, Haleigh hopes to learn to better represent producers when advocating for agriculture in a government setting to get better policies enacted that are applicable for farmers and ranchers alike. She hopes her work in this field can make it back to her community and the ranch she grew up on to improve the lives of agriculturists at home.

Each year, the NMCGA awards the \$1,000 YCLC Graduate Scholarship at their summer meeting. Applicants must be New Mexico residents, and come from a beef cattle production background, but not necessarily pursuing a degree in an agricultural field. NMCGA membership is not a requirement, but members and their families do get preference.

"We understand that pursuing higher education, especially advanced degrees, can be difficult for many students and their families," said Randell Major, NMCGA President, Magdalena. "With this scholarship, we hope to encourage students from an agricultural background to further their higher education and do what we can to help. We also hope to broaden agricultural awareness and help develop future leaders for our industry."

For more information on the YCLC scholarship or the NMCGA, contact NMCGA office at (505) 247-0584 or www.nmagriculture.org.