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EDUCATION

New Mexico State University, Las *Cruces, NM* **Expected Graduation:** May 2028

B.A. Journalism and Media Studies **Cumulative GPA:** 3.7/4.0

Focus Area: Broadcasting and Strategic Communication

Minor: Social Media Management

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- Academic Excellence Award Nominee – College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University: 2026
- Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement (SCLA) Nominee: 2024, 2025, 2026
- National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) Nominee: 2024, 2025, 2026
- IB Learner Profile Award – Tomas Moro International School: 2023
- High School Academic Excellence Award – Tomas Moro International School: 2023
- Outstanding Student-Athlete Recognition – Tomas Moro International School: 2021, 2022, 2023
- Fair Play Player Recognition – Superliga Femenina, Ecuador: 2022
- Young Player Recognition – Superliga Femenina, Ecuador: 2022
- BA Cup Tournament Top Scorer – Argentina: 2024
- BA Cup Best Captain Recognition – Argentina: 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AggieVision, New Mexico State University | Las Cruces, NM | *Production Assistant*
August 2025–Present

- Supported approximately 40–70 live collegiate sports broadcasts across seven sports for ESPN+ productions, contributing to the technical setup and execution of live events.
- Performed broadcast engineering responsibilities during 10–12-hour production shifts, preparing, connecting, testing, and troubleshooting audiovisual equipment to support live broadcast operations.
- Operated camera utility, video shading, and audio board systems, coordinating technical adjustments with the production crew to maintain consistent video and audio quality throughout live broadcasts.

News22 | Las Cruces, NM | *Broadcast Reporter, News & Sports Anchor*
August 2024–Present

- Anchored approximately 15 English-language television newscasts, delivering live news coverage in a student newsroom environment.
- Produced six VO/SOT segments and four complete multimedia news packages, conducting research, writing scripts, coordinating interviews, filming footage, and editing content using Adobe Premiere Pro.
- Conducted more than 35 interviews across bilingual reporting assignments, gathering firsthand information and developing original stories for television audiences.

Noticias 22 | Las Cruces, NM | *Spanish-Language Broadcast Journalist and Reporter*
August 2024–Present

- Anchored approximately 20 Spanish-language television newscasts, presenting news and sports coverage to Spanish-speaking audiences.
- Served in production and broadcast directing roles across approximately 10 newscasts, coordinating studio operations, broadcast timing, and production workflows.
- Reported and presented Spanish-language news briefs, adapting broadcast scripts and on-camera delivery for Spanish-speaking audiences.

Academic Readiness Center (ARC) Podcast, DACC | Las Cruces, NM | *Host, Producer & Editor*
December 2024

- Produced five 30-minute podcast episodes highlighting Academic Readiness Center community stories, managing production from planning and scripting through recording and post-production.
- Hosted and interviewed five guests, developing questions and guiding conversations to communicate their experiences and perspectives.
- Coordinated episode planning, operated recording equipment, and edited audio content to produce cohesive podcast episodes.

Academic Readiness Center, DACC | Las Cruces, NM | *Front Desk Assistant*
October 2024–September 2025

- Assisted more than 10 students daily by responding to academic support inquiries, facilitating tutoring services, and resolving scheduling and administrative requests.
- Coordinated more than 50 tutoring appointments, managing check-ins, tutor availability, weekly schedules, and appointment records.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

GRAF | Ecuador | *Soccer Team Captain*

2021-2022; 2023-2024

- Captained three competitive soccer teams across two leadership periods, overseeing team organization, player coordination, and communication with coaching staff.
- Led a squad of 15 players, coordinating team meetings, managing internal conflicts, and serving as the primary liaison between athletes and coaches.
- Contributed to the team's recognition for outstanding sportsmanship and presentation throughout the competition.

Tomas Moro International School | Quito, Ecuador | *Elected Student Council Member & Social Media Manager*

2022-2023

- Elected to a six-member Student Council for two consecutive school years, representing approximately 540 students and supporting student advocacy and school-wide initiatives.
- Coordinated and supported more than 25 school events, including a festival attended by over 1,000 people, contributing to logistics, engagement, fundraising, and financial tracking.
- Managed social media communications and developed approximately five promotional posts per event to support event visibility and student participation.

Girls' Access to Soccer | Calceta, Ecuador | *Project Founder & Community Outreach Coordinator*

2021

- Founded a community initiative promoting access to women's soccer, organizing six free training sessions over three days for 15 girls in an underserved community.
- Recruited and coordinated three volunteers to support soccer workshops, community outreach, event logistics, and participant engagement.
- Secured support from the local municipal government to promote girls' participation through partnerships with existing soccer academies, coordinating fundraising and outreach efforts.

Tomas Moro International School | Quito, Ecuador | *Athletic Ceremony Representative*

2021-2023

- Selected to carry the ceremonial Olympic torch and deliver the athletes' oath during annual school sporting events in 2021, 2022, and 2023, representing student-athletes and promoting sportsmanship.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Cáritas Ecuador | Quito, Ecuador | *Christmas Donation Initiative*

2018-2023

- Participated in six consecutive years of school-wide Christmas donation campaigns, collecting essential food supplies and preparing holiday food packages for distribution through Cáritas Ecuador.
- Supported the organization, sorting, and packaging of donations as part of a school-wide initiative that collectively benefited more than 1,300 people.
- Collaborated with students and school community members to coordinate donations and prepare Christmas food packages for families in need.

Christmas Food Basket Deliveries | Calceta, Ecuador | *Community Service Organizer*

2020-2023

- Founded an organized annual holiday food donation initiative, distributing 60 food baskets to approximately 15 families over three consecutive years.
- Contributed earnings from soccer and secured additional donations to fund essential food supplies.
- Coordinated planning with a sports representative and organized family-supported deliveries each Christmas.

IB PYP Childcare Center Community Service | Quito, Ecuador | *Fundraising & Community Service Volunteer*

2019

- Helped organize a school fundraising fair that raised $450 to support a childcare center serving 45 children with disabilities.
- Collaborated with a 15-member team on event planning, fundraising, donation collection, and volunteer coordination.
- Participated in activities with children and supported collection, and distribution of essential food supplies.

Women’s Soccer Advocacy Campaigns | Quito, Ecuador | *Campaign Representative & Model*

2019

- Represented Club Ñañas as a model and campaign representative for “Yo Pateo Como Niña,” developed with Ecuador’s Ministry of Sports to promote girls’ participation in soccer.
- Served as a promotional model and representative for Nike’s “Juntas Imparables” initiative alongside Club Ñañas, supporting women’s sports visibility and brand representation.

Ecuador Earthquake Relief Campaign | Calceta, Ecuador | *Project Founder & Community Relief Organizer*

2016

- Founded a student-led earthquake relief initiative that helped provide essential food supplies to more than 75 families affected by the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador.
- Secured corporate support from Alex, and Ecuadorian company, through mutual connections, helping coordinate donations and transportation logistics.
- Collaborated with participating families to collect, organize, and distribute donated food supplies to affected communities in Calceta, Ecuador.

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native); English (Fluent).

Broadcast Journalism & Writing: Live news and sports anchoring, bilingual reporting, broadcast scriptwriting, VO/SOT production, multimedia news packages, interviewing, sports reporting, podcast scripting.

Broadcast Production & Equipment: Professional broadcast cameras, audio mixing boards, video shading systems, broadcast graphics systems, teleprompters, studio lighting equipment, camera utility, live broadcast production.

Software & Digital Tools: Adobe Suite, CapCut, Canva, Microsoft Suite, and NewsKing.

Public Relations & Strategic Communication: Campaign planning, brand representation, social media content creation and management.

Professional Interests: Broadcasting, sports broadcasting, public relations, social media, and strategic communication.