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## NMSU biochemistry student selected as Rhodes Scholar finalist

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Lindsay Redman, a biochemistry major at New Mexico State University, is a finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, which is known as the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship in the world.

A native of Espanola, N.M., Redman will travel to Salt Lake City the weekend of Nov. 21 for an interview, at which time the 32 Rhodes Scholars from the United States will be selected.

"I wasn't having a very good day, and when I saw the email about being a finalist, I was stunned," Redman said. "I was both excited and nervous. I still can't believe it."

Rhodes Scholars receive full financial support to pursue a degree or degrees at the Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

"Lindsay Redman is a brilliant young woman who is committed to making a difference in the world," said Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard. "As is true of many talented students, she has thrived at NMSU, and the NMSU community takes great pride in her accomplishments and wishes her the best in a future that is sure to be distinguished, regardless of the outcome of the Rhodes Scholarship interview process."

If selected, Redman plans to pursue a master's degree in radiation biology in the department of oncology, followed by a master of business administration.

Tim Ketelaar, associate dean of the William Conroy Honors College at NMSU, said Redman demonstrates all of the qualities of a Rhodes Scholar.

"Lindsay's path from high school co-valedictorian in Espanola, N.M., to Howard Hughes Medical Institute scholar at Harvard's Broad Institute is a path that few of her high school classmates could even imagine," Ketelaar said. "Her experiences in Espanola, Las Cruces, Los Alamos and Harvard have shaped an incredibly gifted, confident young woman who has achieved much but who has never forgotten her roots in family and community.

"Here is a young person who has every characteristic necessary to be a great scientist, who will likely step outside of the laboratory and become a leader in cancer policy. Oxford is the next step in her career path that unites science, business and policy."

Since the first scholarship recipients began their studies at Oxford in 1904, NMSU has had three Rhodes Scholars: John Hopkins, 1921; George Clarence Kent, 1930; and Edward Gregg, 1933.



New Mexico State University student Lindsay Redman (right) practices her Rhodes Scholarship interviewing skills with Honors College Associate Professor of English Tracey Miller-Tomlinson. (NMSU photo by Kristie Garcia)

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NMSU last had Rhodes Scholar finalists in 2010 when Kellie Jurado and Eric Layer were the first two NMSU students named finalists in the same year.

Redman credits many people for her accomplishment thus far.

“There are a lot of people who have helped me,” Redman said. “The people in the Honors College first mentioned the scholarship to me, and they were very helpful. They encouraged me along the way and gave me the tools I needed to pursue the scholarship. I also credit my professors, and I’ve received a lot of support from family and friends as well.”

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