

CLASS OF 2024
Outstanding Graduate



COLIN BELL
College of Business

Colin Bell will graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance with a minor in risk management and insurance.

Originally from Atlanta, GA, he came to Alamogordo, NM, when his stepfather was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base. Colin chose NMSU after talking to people he trusted at several institutions before deciding to be an Aggie, but it was his love of the game Monopoly that helped him choose a major. “I thought that if I learned how money works, then I could make money myself and create a better financial future.”

“My father told me to surround myself with like-minded people who wanted to see me win. At NMSU, I was able to do that.”

Colin held several leadership positions at NMSU: inaugural president of the NMSU NAACP Collegiate Chapter, alumni relations officer for

the NMSU chapter of business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, secretary for the NMSU Finance Student Association, member of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Association, and treasurer for the NMSU Black Student Association.

Additionally, he worked a part-time job locally while serving as CFO for his family’s small business, MSB Agriculture. “Even though I can’t be there to help in person, I can apply for small business grants and keep track of revenue and expenses.”

Last semester, Colin made the dean’s list, one of his proudest accomplishments at NMSU. “This was a personal goal — I knew I could do it, so I locked in and focused up.” He’s equally proud of landing an Assistant National Bank Examiner internship with the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Atlanta. “I was happy to get my foot into the real world and put my knowledge to use in a practical setting. I can see the path I want to take, and it’s pretty exciting!”

And Colin is already on that path — after graduation, he heads back to Atlanta for a position as an Assistant National Bank Examiner. His long-term goal is to become head comptroller of the agency, “showing everyone what NMSU graduates can do.” Colin admits that he is going to miss NMSU: “I cherish my time here. I’m a better person than when I first walked through those doors.” ▲