

CLASS OF 2024

Outstanding Graduate



GUILLERMO JUAN-DANIEL "J-D" SOLTERO

College of Engineering

Guillermo Juan-Daniel "J-D" Soltero will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. His many scholarships include ASNMSU Leadership, New Mexico Society for Professional Engineers, Hadley Honors, Engineering and Surveying Scholar Program, William and Virginia Holcomb, W.A. and Nina Greer Memorial, Jeffrey and Paula Nichols, and the Paul Wilber and Valerie Klipsch Scholarship Honoring Joe and Priscilla Creed. J-D was named Outstanding Engineering Student by the New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers, and he is a two-time recipient of the Frank and Dorothy Bromilow College of Engineering Award.

"My favorite thing at NMSU has been seeing how faculty and friends across campus have succeeded along different paths in life."

—J-D Soltero

His determination to become an engineer started in kindergarten, inspired by watching cartoons about Thomas the Tank Engine and his desire to

"build and design stuff." His mother, Ana Marie Minjares '15, encouraged his interest, signing him up for STEM programs whenever they were available.

At NMSU, J-D served as an ASNMSU Engineering Senator for two terms. However, his proudest accomplishments have been revitalizing and boosting the engagement of the Engineering Student Council. As president, J-D created events including fundraisers like "Engineers Around the Clock," industry exposure events such as "Engineering Week," and the spirited "Homecoming Howl." His efforts led to the NMSU E-Council being awarded "Best Large Council of 2023"—beating out much larger engineering colleges—by the National Association of Engineering Student Councils. Shortly after, J-D became the Council of Councils president and Lead Coordinator for the 2024 National Engineering Leadership Summit, for which NMSU hosted 200 students from 50 universities.

J-D says he grew up "knowing a thing or two about being an Aggie" and never considered going anywhere else. After graduation, J-D heads to Rio Rancho to take a position at Intel Corporation as a process engineer. ▲