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Caprock Academy Senior, Mercedes Garcia, Selected as 2024 Daniels Scholar

GRAND JUNCTION, CO, March 27, 2024 – Caprock Academy proudly announces Mercedes Garcia as one of the esteemed recipients of the 2024 Daniels Scholarship Program. Mercedes is among 209 high school seniors from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming selected for this prestigious honor, with 144 scholars hailing from Colorado. Notably, Mercedes is among the 3 scholars from Mesa County to receive this esteemed honor.

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides scholars the opportunity to attend any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States. Recipients have their full cost of attendance covered at partner schools in the four-state region and receive up to \$100,000 over four years if they opt for a school outside the region. Mercedes was chosen for her outstanding character, leadership potential, commitment to community service, and academic excellence, embodying the values cherished by Bill Daniels, the founder of Daniels Fund.

“We are thrilled to support the educational aspirations of this tremendous group of young people,” said Hanna Skandera, president & CEO of the Daniels Fund. “They represent the next generation of leaders, and we can’t wait to see the amazing things they will accomplish with this opportunity.”

Mercedes Garcia's selection as a Daniels Scholar underscores her dedication to academic excellence and service to her community. She will be utilizing the scholarship to pursue her degree in Mass Communications with a concentration in Graphic Design at Colorado Mesa University.

“Winning the Daniels Fund Scholarship is a major achievement,” said Howard Butcher, Caprock Academy High School English Teacher, “The process is rigorous and competitive. The scholarship has the power to dramatically change the trajectory of these amazing students’ lives.”

This year's announcement marks a significant milestone, with over 5,000 students having received the Daniels Scholarship since its inception. Nearly 1,000 Daniels Scholars are currently attending approximately 200 colleges and universities across the United States. To date, the Daniels Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$260 million in scholarships.

Motivated high school seniors graduating in 2025 are encouraged to apply online for the Daniels Scholarship Program at [DanielsFund.org](https://DanielsFund.org) starting this September.



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The Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, is a private charitable foundation committed to improving the lives of individuals in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program, and ethics initiative. For more information, visit [DanielsFund.org](http://DanielsFund.org).