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## Local nursing student wins Abbott Scholarship from National Association of Hispanic Nurses

*Yuma, AZ (November 13, 2024)* – Arizona Western College nursing student **Madeline Millan** won a competitive scholarship from the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) this past summer.

Millan was one of four applicants nationwide to be selected for the Abbott Scholarship, which awards \$10,000 toward the education of minority nursing students.

"I am deeply humbled to have received the Abbott scholarship from the National Association of Hispanic Nurses," Millan said. "Being part of NAHN and receiving this award holds tremendous value, as it validates all the hard work and dedication I have invested in my journey of becoming a nurse. I am honored to be recognized by such a prestigious organization and excited to keep supporting NAHN's mission to improve the health of Hispanic communities."

Born and raised in Yuma, Millan is from a family of nurses, all of whom attended AWC. She is currently in her second semester of the AWC Nursing Program.

"On behalf of Arizona Western Entrepreneurial College, I am incredibly proud to congratulate Madeline Millan for being awarded the prestigious National Association of Hispanic Nurses Abbott Scholarship," commented **Cinthia Reyes**, Executive Director & Dean of Career and Technical Education for AWC's Entrepreneurial College. "This honor speaks volumes about her dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence in the field of nursing."

"Madeline embodies the values we strive to instill in our students," Reyes continued, "and her achievement highlights both her hard work and the bright future ahead. We are excited to see her continue to grow and inspire others within the healthcare community."

Millan is a student member of the NAHN Ángeles del Desierto Chapter in Yuma, which promotes opportunities for Hispanic nurses and mentors nursing students in addition to helping them with financial assistance.

“NAHN, Ángeles del Desierto Chapter is very proud of our student members like Madeline who take advantage of both local and national scholarships opportunities,” **Sylvia Pelroy**, President of NAHN, Ángeles del Desierto, shared. “We are very proud of Madeline Millan as well as all our students in the organization.”

Scholarship recipients were honored at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual NAHN Gala in Atlanta, GA on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

More about the Abbott Scholarship and other NAHN scholarships can be found [here](#).

Questions about the NAHN, Ángeles del Desierto Chapter can be sent to Sylvia Pelroy at [sylviapelroy22@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviapelroy22@yahoo.com).

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### **About Arizona Western College**

Located in the sunny, southwest corner of the state, [Arizona Western College](#) supports Yuma and La Paz communities by offering over 170 degrees and certificates in a wide range of academic and career and technical programs as well as non-credit courses in professional development, customized training, and personal enrichment areas. With 12 different locations and a service area that spans 10,000 square miles, AWC is also exceptionally unique in that it hosts all three state universities on its main campus for face-to-face classes. These partnerships provide seamless transfer pathways to baccalaureate degrees and beyond in a variety of high-demand programs. AWC is committed to doubling the rate of baccalaureate degrees earned in Yuma and La Paz counties by 2035 and is dedicated to its mission of transforming lives through education and partnerships to create thriving communities.

### **About the National Association of Hispanic Nurses**

Since 1975, the [National Association of Hispanic Nurses](#) (NAHN) has been the nation’s leading professional society for Latino nurses. NAHN is committed to advancing the health in Hispanic communities and to lead, promote, and advocate the educational, professional, and leadership opportunities for Hispanic nurses. With a growing membership and more than 40 local chapters, NAHN, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, represents the voices of Latino nurses throughout the United States.