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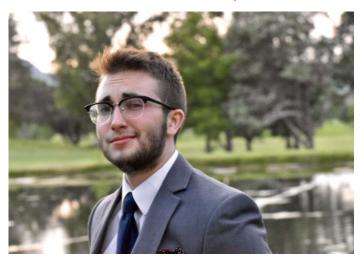
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## NICOLAS SHEERIN

Major: Mechanical Engineering



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Nicolas "Nick" Sheerin is from Gunnison, CO, a Mechanical Engineering major who will graduate in Spring 2023. Nick learned about New Mexico Tech from his high school Biology teacher, Mrs. Maria Kattnig, after he was playing with a cheap lighter in the lab prep room one day. Having watched him remove the guard to achieve maximum flame height in a lab filled with containers of flammable materials, Mrs. Kattnig (Nick's favorite teacher) told him, "There's a university in New Mexico that has an explosives major – you should check it out." As a senior with good math skills but no idea what school to attend, Nick visited NMT and found its small size, outdoor activities (especially rock climbing), and lack of below-zero winter temperatures appealing. Although he started in Mechanical Engineering, he switched to Physics after taking Physics I with Dr. Ken Minschwaner. For three years Nick held a student atmospheric physics research job (mostly coding) with Dr. Minschwaner and Dr. Gloria Manney.

After a summer internship at JPL doing similar work, Nick realized he is a people person and enjoys handson work – and perhaps he wasn't playing to his strengths. He changed his major back to Mechanical Engineering and is now in his first semester (of four) of Design Clinic on the new NASA Robotic Mining Competition (RMC) team. Nick served as Chief Justice of the NMT Student Government Association for three years, and is now president of QuASAR, developing collaborations with other clubs. As he notes, "If you don't have a lot of different ideas and experiences, everything is going to stagnate." He's trying to learn to unicycle (a work in progress). Long-term, Nick is interested in cutting edge technologies and exploring ways to maximize the utility of combustion engines.

He is thankful to have been a recipient of the President's Tuition Assistance Scholarship in Summer 2021. Instead of having to work two jobs to support himself while taking two summer classes he could focus solely on his coursework. Nick is excited to explore future opportunities made possible by New Mexico Tech and the alumni and donors who support Tech students.

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