A first-generation college student, Cailee Nelson is graduating as a dual major, receiving a Bachelor of Business Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cailee is a Crimson Scholar with a cumulative 4.0 GPA. She has been named to the dean’s list every semester and was the recipient of several competitive NMSU scholarships. Her research has focused on cognitive psychology, and she actively participated in the Advancement in Neurology Program (BRAiN) at NMSU where she was responsible for managing investigative brain activity studies in the Mind and Brain lab.

In summer 2017, Cailee worked as an intern at the University of Colorado in Denver and studied the effects of socially assistive robots (SARs) on children with cerebral palsy. She presented her findings at the annual meeting for the Society of Neuroscience in Washington, D.C., in November 2017.

Cailee is a member of several honor societies, including the Order of Omega, Beta Gamma and the National Society of College Scholars. She has held several leadership positions within her sorority, Chi Omega, where she played key roles in the implementation of policy and documentation, as well as in execution of fundraising events for the sorority’s support of local Make-A-Wish Foundations.

Cailee also served as a board member for the Student Media Association and assistant director and head morale captain for AggieTHON. Through her AggieTHON leadership, she helped raise more than $25,000 to assist the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital affiliates in El Paso and Las Cruces.

“NMSU’s community puts students first and it honestly feels as if the entire university is rooting for you in everything you do. I will be forever grateful for my NMSU education and, honestly, I am a little sad it is coming to an end. I know, however, I will always have a home at NMSU and am proud to call myself an Aggie!”

~ Cailee Nelson