

## Leslie K. Copass



Leslie K. Copass, native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will return to Las Cruces, New Mexico after she gets married in June 2010 to finish her schooling at New Mexico State University. She is currently a double major in Accounting and Dietetics. Through her years at New Mexico State University, she has maintained a 4.0 Grade Point Average, has been on the Dean's List every semester, and is a Crimson Scholar. She has served the University as a freshman in the Associated Students of New Mexico State University, the University's student government. She has also been President of Pinon Hall, where she helped institute the Hall's signature event, as well as connected the residents with members of the community. In addition, she served as a College of Business Ambassador, where she helped organize the Domenici Conference, and several scholarship and award banquets. She is also an active member of the Wesley student ministry, where she has been able to help orphanages on the border of Mexico, organize and be a counselor for weekend retreats for middle-school students, and help aid local food pantries through the annual "Empty bowls" and "I can, You can" fundraisers.

Most recently, she held the position of Audit Intern at the Ernst & Young office in Dallas, Texas, a Fortune 100 Company. She worked on several engagements with top

corporations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tuesday Morning, among others. She also was involved in one of the company's philanthropies, the North Texas Food Bank, where she helped put together box lunches for children in the area. Through Ernst & Young, she was able to attend a Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, where she learned the importance of an inclusive culture, global networking, and excellence in every project. She has also worked in the Admissions Office of New Mexico State University as an Aggie Ambassador. This opportunity has allowed her to talk with prospective students and their families about life at New Mexico State University, as well as help run the Counselor's Conference, Aggie Experience, and Spring Visitor's Day, which are the two largest recruiting events on campus. In addition, she has worked as Assistant Director of Aquatics at a Club in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Here she helped train lifeguards in CPR, as well as ran the group swim lessons, and kept the aquatics department running smoothly. She has greatly enjoyed teaching private swim lessons to children ages 3-10 through this experience.

In the next five years, she hopes to have attained her two Bachelor degrees, completed her required 1200 hours of internship for dietetics, and passed the national exam to become a Registered Dietitian. She desires to stay involved with local food banks to provide healthy food options, as well as get involved as a Dietitian with Mercy Ministries, which helps young girls recover from issues such as eating disorders. In ten years, she hopes to have earned her specialization in Oncology for Dietetics, and be a rising leader in that field. One day she aspires to go back and teach courses in Dietetics at the University level.