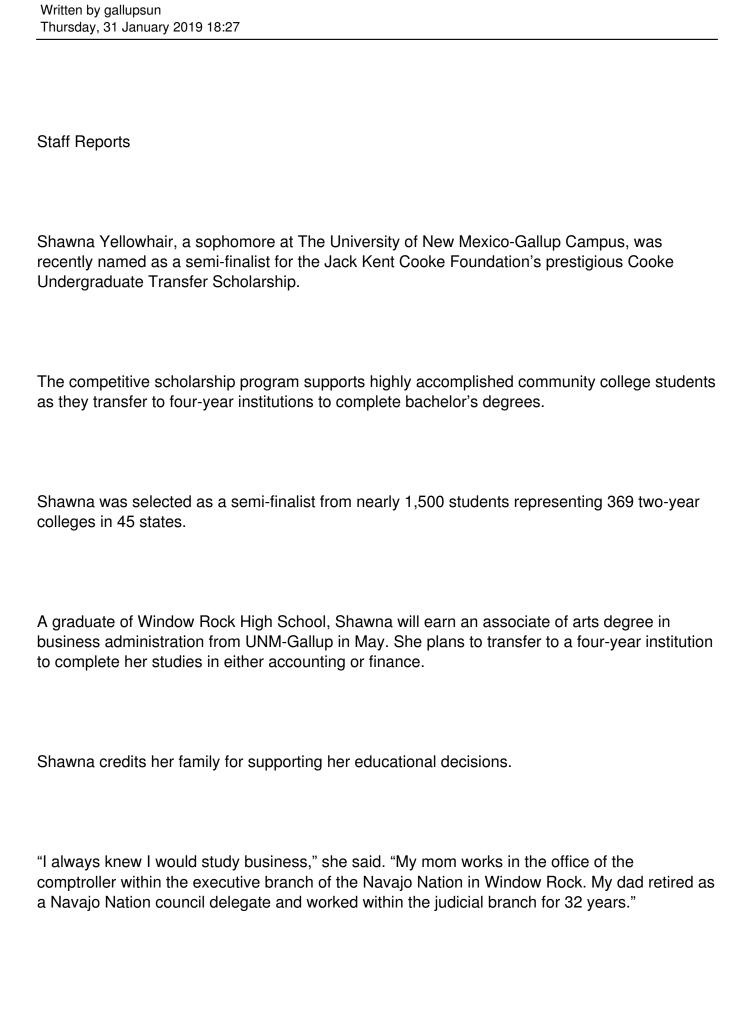
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Going to a two-year community college seemed like a natural fit to Shawna, who recommends

that pathway to other incoming students who are looking for a smaller and more affordable option.

"I thought I was going to go to a four-year college but they are so expensive, so I ended up getting my prerequisites at UNM-Gallup," she said.

Dr. James Malm, UNM-Gallup CEO agrees that two-year colleges are a great choice for many students.

"Our students benefit from more affordable tuition rates, smaller class sizes and an institution that is closer to home," he said. "Being able to get the first two years of coursework within the supportive environment at UNM-Gallup, or being able to complete a career training program makes smaller community colleges a smart choice to start, continue or complete one's education. We are very proud of Shawna's accomplishments and wish her the very best as she moves on to advance her education."

As a Chief Manuelito Scholar, dean's list qualifier and student senate treasurer, Shawna enjoys an active student lifestyle and is currently applying to four-year colleges to continue her education.

Her advice to other incoming students is "Think big. Work hard. Achieve."

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship provides financial assistance, advising support and access to activities with other scholarship recipients. Selection criteria include high academic achievement, financial need, community service and demonstration of strong leadership skills.

The 75 scholarship winners will be announced in April.

