

Faces of Philanthropy
John P. and Terri Salazar Endowment Fund

The Salazar Prize –
an Incentive Toward
Excellence

The Salazar Prize was established in 2013 by John P. Salazar and his wife, Terri. John practices real estate, land use and development law as well as municipal and administrative law with the Rodey Law Firm. The Salazars established the fund in memory of John's late uncle, Tibo J. Chavez, of Belen, New Mexico, a lawyer, state legislator, Lieutenant Governor, state district judge and family man, who, through his many life's accomplishments inspired lives of service and excellence in the law.

The Salazar Prize is a monetary prize awarded each year in June to the University of New Mexico Law student with the highest grade point average at the conclusion of the second year of law school. Intended to inspire deserving (often in spite of tremendous adversity) students towards excellence, this acknowledgment will impact the long-term path and development of many remarkable people. John's hope is that recognizing hard work and an unyielding commitment to excellence will provoke the next steps, toward doing more, requiring better of oneself, setting examples, and reaching higher goals over the course of a lifetime. Each year, the impact of this prize and endowment will grow. Students will know it and will stretch and work harder to be named a Salazar Prize recipient.



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