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## **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY JUNIOR WINS \$5,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ft. Collins, CO – February 17, 2004** – Jennifer Navarrete, a junior at Colorado State University won a \$5,000 NextStudent Scholarship by searching for scholarships on the NextStudent website, at [www.nextstudent.com](http://www.nextstudent.com).

Miss Navarrete, originally from Visalia, CA, moved to Ft. Collins to attend CSU and study Nutrition. She is a full time student, and works at Starbucks to help pay for expenses. “Since I started my college career, I have always searched for scholarships and grants. The scholarship money I’ve been awarded has paid for tuition. Working enables me to pay for living expenses, and not have to worry about paying for school.”

The \$5,000 scholarship is offered by NextStudent, a company that helps students and their families find ways to afford college by providing resources such as the NextStudent Scholarship Search engine, which is updated daily, free of charge, advertisement-free and completely confidential. NextStudent also assists families with federal low-cost student and parent loans, after the search for grants and scholarships has been exhausted.

“We are dedicated to helping college-bound students find free money – scholarships and grants are excellent sources of money that don’t have to be paid back. Our scholarship search engine has over 800,000 awards representing \$2.8 billion dollars that is available to students,” said Rob Creel, president of NextStudent. “Many students think that they have to have a 4.0 grade point average, when the reality is a large percentage of scholarships are based on talent and interests, not just academic performance.”

### **About NextStudent**

NextStudent is dedicated to helping students and their families find affordable ways to pay for college with a portfolio of education lending products and services including: a scholarship search engine, low-cost federal student loans, parent loans, private loans and student loan consolidation programs. For more information about NextStudent, please visit their website at [www.nextstudent.com](http://www.nextstudent.com).

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