

## Student Services Newsletter

MAY 2022

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

In the Student Services office, we often caution students that the semester starts and ends in the blink of an eye. Then, before you know it, you're prepping for graduation. On **Friday, May 13 at 6:00 pm** we will be celebrating the **41<sup>st</sup> commencement at the Duane Smith Auditorium**. Over 100 students will be recognized in the program for completing a certificate or associate degree this year. In a time of upheaval, these students worked, studied, pivoted, pressed on, celebrated, mourned, and pushed through. We are proud to celebrate this important and historic milestone with our students, faculty, staff, and community. We are proud of you! Congratulations!

—Kathryn Vigil, Director of Student Services



### FREE SHIPPING DATES FOR SUMMER BOOKS

Books for Summer semester classes are now available in the online bookstore: [bncevirtual.com/unm](https://bncevirtual.com/unm). **Free shipping dates are May 16–19**. Shipping delays are still possible, so order your books today and start Summer classes on the right foot! For help with book vouchers, contact Jenny Duran, [jenduran@unm.edu](mailto:jenduran@unm.edu) or the Cashier's Office, [unmlacashier@unm.edu](mailto:unmlacashier@unm.edu).

### MAY IS AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month this May! Visit UNM's new and amazing AAPI Resource Center, [aapirc.unm.edu](https://aapirc.unm.edu), for events, services, scholarships, and more!

*Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

## Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration

May 2022 | #AANHPIHeritageMonth

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

*Be sure to note these important dates below. Contact an advisor if you need assistance.*

**May 6:** Last day to drop with permission (contact your advisor). Last day to change grade mode.

**May 9-14:** Spring Semester finals.

**May 13:** Last day to report removal of Incomplete.

**May 13:** Commencement.

**June 6:** Summer Semester begins.

**July 1-4:** Independence Day holiday, campus closed.

**August 1:** Summer Semester ends.

### UNM IT Phishing Awareness

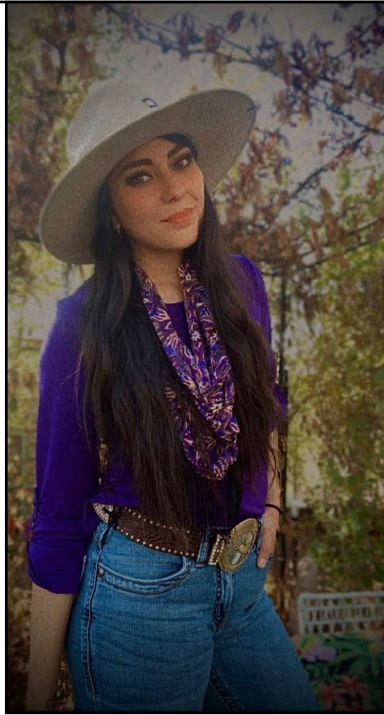


Beginning April 18th, UNM IT is launching a phishing awareness campaign. Follow the link below for more information on the campaign and how to report suspicious email.

• [goto.unm.edu/security-awareness](https://goto.unm.edu/security-awareness) •

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Jazmin Tafoya-Roller  
**Hometown:** Española  
**High School:** Española Valley High School  
**Major:** Criminology  
**Favorite Class:** Sociology  
**Dream Job:** FBI investigator  
**Plans for After Graduation:** Work as a detective  
**Hobbies:** Enjoying the outdoors and spending time with friends  
**Favorite Teams:** LA Dodgers  
**Top of My Playlist:** "Honky Tonk Hardwood Floors" by Cody Johnson  
**Red or Green:** Red



## MEET UNM-LA'S INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR

In April **Brittany Carpenter** joined Student Services as UNM-Los Alamos' new internship coordinator. Brittany and her family have lived in Los Alamos for 12 years, and she excited to get back into a university setting after taking time off to raise her children. She is thrilled at the opportunity to work with UNM-LA students and engage with the community, and is looking forward to expanding internship opportunities and programs. Stop by Students Services in Building 1 to say hi!



## MAXIMIZE YOUR SUMMER

Are you looking for a way to get career experience this summer? Internships are one of the best ways to build experience in a targeted field, develop transferrable skills needed for any position, and start making connections who can mentor and support you in the future.

Try these tips for finding internships:

- Do some networking through your family, friends, and teachers—talking with people you know is the #1 most successful way to find opportunities
- Look at the website for organizations you are interested in pursuing—many organizations, such as LANL, LA County, and LA Medical Center, have internship programs
- Search for internships posted in Handshake: [unm.joinhandshake.com](https://unm.joinhandshake.com)
- Browse internships at the NM Department of Workforce Solutions: [dws.state.nm.us/internships](https://dws.state.nm.us/internships)
- If you are interested in non-profits, look for volunteer opportunities that align with your values and include them on your resume

The University of New Mexico-Los Alamos is committed to the recognition and the proactive pursuit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The University makes reasonable accommodation for religious observances, national origin practices of a student and to the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified student, unless such accommodations have the end result of fundamentally altering a program or service or placing an undue hardship on the operation of the University. Qualified students with disabilities should contact Student Services for information regarding accommodations in the academic and/or employment setting. If you have a special need and require an auxiliary aide and/or service, please contact Student Services at (505) 662-5919.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Employers and recruiters all want to see engagement in your education when you are applying for jobs. Why do they care? They want to see that you have spent your own time on something meaningful to you that also develops skills you can use in the workplace. Why should this matter to you? You can use this to invest in your education and success now, while also giving yourself a competitive edge in the job market later.

How can you get involved at UNM-Los Alamos?

- Attend your instructors' office hours, even just to get to know them
- Attend heritage events, study nights, guest lectures, career fairs, and other activities on campus
- Participate in virtual workshops, lectures, and employer recruitment events
- Send your ideas for campus improvements or point out student needs to Student Government: [UNMLAStudentGov@unm.edu](mailto:UNMLAStudentGov@unm.edu)
- Start a club
- Volunteer to be a student ambassador, give campus tours, and help with New Student Orientation
- Volunteer to be a peer tutor for your strongest course subject
- Join Student Government (positions still open)!
- Send your ideas for student engagement to Student Services: [unmlainfo@unm.edu](mailto:unmlainfo@unm.edu)

To learn more about how to get involved, contact Grace Willerton: [gwillert@unm.edu](mailto:gwillert@unm.edu).

## PHI THETA KAPPA & ALL-STATE HIGHLIGHTS

On April 28, twenty-seven students were inducted into the UNM –LA Beta Zeta Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international academic honor society for two-year colleges. In addition to a 3.5 or higher GPA, PTK values leadership development, service to others, intellectual exchange of ideas and ideals, and continuing academic excellence. Congratulations to the following students: Casey Blough, Michael Budge, Vaclav Budzileni Maldonado, Sedrik Brennan, Jacob Estrada, Felicity Ferrell, Nathaniel Garcia, Ingrid Goldsmith, Troy Hammock, Seth Heatherly, Jared Hornberger, Kris Hyatt, Shaeon Johnson, Sara Lujan, Danna Mayer-Llamas, Jasmine Nzekwe, Donovan Price, Nathane Salazar, Jeremiah Sanchez, Aaliyah Sandoval, Taylor Terrones, Christal Valdez, Allen Van Cleave, Carra Webster, Diana Wilde, and Christopher Williamson.

If you are interested in this program, please contact PTK advisor Maryjane Giesler at [mgiesler@unm.edu](mailto:mgiesler@unm.edu).



## CIC WRAPS UP A SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER

In April, students participating in the Community Internship Collaboration concluded their experience by giving presentations about the projects they worked on with their mentors. Students had a wide range of incredible experiences, from piloting drones to cybersecurity to developing social media and marketing plans for local businesses. Instructor Claudia Ress comments, "We had a great CIC class this semester! Some of the topics discussed in class this semester were qualities of a leader, managing conflict in the workplace, and how to communicate effectively. The final project for the students was to do a video presentation discussing their internship experience. Congratulations to the students for their participation in class, and their final projects!" Interested in this program? CIC internships will be available this fall! Visit [losalamos.unm.edu/cic](http://losalamos.unm.edu/cic) to learn more and to view student presentations.



## New Mexico Emergency Rental Assistance Program

### NEED HELP PAYING FOR RENT?

The NM Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) is available to NM households who need help paying for rent and utilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Over \$220 million is available through September 2025.** Rent, utilities, and other expenses related to housing may be covered and **do not have to be repaid.** Receiving rental assistance will have **no immigration effects** for applicants or family members. Information about immigration status, social security numbers, or ITINs is not required to receive assistance. Eligible NM residents, **including college students not claimed as dependents by their parents,** can learn more and apply at [www.renthelpnm.org](http://www.renthelpnm.org).

## COVID-19 INFO & VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

**Get the COVID-19 vaccine:** Everyone 5 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Visit: [cvaccine.nmhealth.org](http://cvaccine.nmhealth.org).

For current health guidelines, be sure to follow advice from trusted, accurate sources.

CDC: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV).

NM Department of Health: [cv.nmhealth.org](http://cv.nmhealth.org).

**If you think you are sick** Contact your doctor for medical advice. **Do not** go to a medical clinic until you are instructed to do so, to avoid potentially infecting others. Additionally, please contact Tony Gallegos at [jtgallegos@unm.edu](mailto:jtgallegos@unm.edu).

**For testing:** Free testing is available at home and around the state. Visit: [cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html](http://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html).

**If you are not sick** Practice social distancing, wash your hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. Most importantly, **please** wear a mask. Even asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic people can still spread COVID-19. People who are at higher risk are depending on all of us to help reduce transmission—and save their lives.

### Starting Summer 2022

courses will be taught using **UNM Canvas** (replacing UNM Learn)  
visit [CanvasInfo.unm.edu](http://CanvasInfo.unm.edu) for more info



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# STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is a central hub of information for prospective, current, and former students to find assistance and answers to questions about admissions, financial aid, registration, academic advising, career services, and other resources on campus.



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## Admissions

The Office of Admissions can help if you have questions or are ready to apply to UNM-Los Alamos. The Office of Admissions can provide application instructions for degree-seeking, non-degree, dual credit/concurrent, international, senior, or transfer students. Complete details can be found on the Admissions page: [losalamos.unm.edu/admissions](http://losalamos.unm.edu/admissions).

## Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid provides information on financial resources available to degree-seeking students. These resources may include scholarships, grants, and loans from the federal or state government, independent organizations, and/or UNM-LA itself. UNM-LA determines financial aid eligibility from the FAFSA, so please take time to file this document online every year. Don't assume you are ineligible—there are many opportunities to pursue.

## Enrollment Services

The Office of Enrollment Services at UNM-LA processes high school and other college transcripts for admissions and maintains transcripts of current and former students. The registrar can also answer questions about dual credit and concurrent enrollment, VA benefits, and graduation requirements.

## Academic Advising & Student Success

Academic advisors can provide guidance through the admission process, degree and course selection, and registration. Advisors also assist with changing a major, following up instructors' early alerts, filing graduation petitions, and planning for baccalaureate work. Advisors can also help resolve registration errors. Degree-seeking students must meet with an advisor before registering for each semester to check that their chosen classes will continue to make progress toward their degrees and to have their advising hold lifted. The Academic Student Success Manager coordinates ADA accommodation services for students, and oversees academic advisement, student retention, and success initiatives.

## Career Services

Student Services offers career services to assist students with self-exploration, selecting a major, and opportunities for gaining experience in their chosen fields. Career services also include resume reviews, internship connections, job fairs, quantifying or translating skills, sharing job postings, and building connections between employers and our students.

