

Student Services Newsletter

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RELAX AND RECHARGE THIS SUMMER

It is officially summer break, and it is time to relax and recharge. In the past few months, you pushed your brain to the limit and set aside many of the things you enjoyed in order to finish the semester well. Here are a few ways to recharge after that draining semester:

Summer is a time when you and your friends are all home from college at the same time, so get together and have a little fun. Spring break was also the last time many of you spent any time with family. Please go visit and get some words of wisdom from your grandparents or other relatives.

Make time for things that you enjoy doing. Although forest closures limit some outdoor activities, you can still hike urban trails, find lakes and rivers to fish, and ride bike paths to log some miles. Want something with a little less physical effort? Consider painting, reading a book, or growing and caring for a garden.

Most importantly, take care of your mind and body. Exercise and eat a little healthier. Collaborate with a friend and join a gym, or meet up consistently to try new restaurants. A favorite of New Mexico residents is to soak at any of the local hot springs. Binge watch that favorite show that you have put off. Do whatever you need to be ready for the next semester or chapter in your life.

—Tony Gallegos, Student Success Manager



Happy 4th of July!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER

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

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

July 15: Last day to drop classes on LoboWeb.

August 1: Last day to drop with permission (contact an advisor). Summer Semester ends.

August 22: Fall Semester begins.

WELCOME SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENTS

Welcome to our Summer Bridge 2022 cohort! This group of 10 first-time freshmen are getting a jump on college with a scholarship for a math class and optional second class this summer, along with a series of Student Success workshops that will help them adjust to college and learn all the tips and tools they'll need to achieve their goals. We're excited to welcome these new Lobos and look forward to having them on our campus.

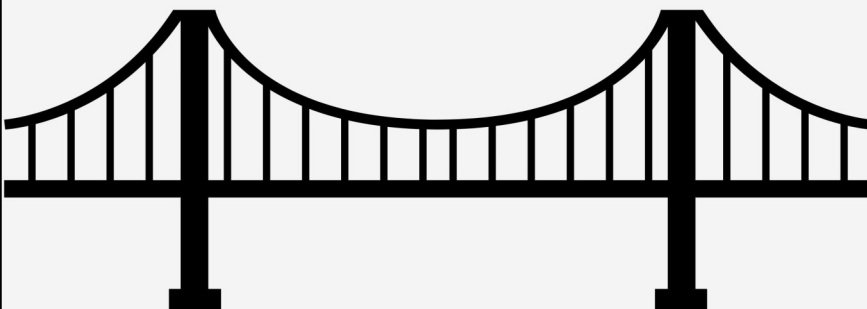


NEW AAPI RESOURCE CENTER AT MAIN

UNM is excited to announce the grand opening of the new Asian-American & Pacific Islander Resource Center on Main campus. This was a result of a student-led initiative to create a center that supports AAPI students at UNM and its branch campuses, including UNM-LA. AAPIRC hopes to build a sense of belonging for students of Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi American heritage, and provide culturally relevant programs that cultivate AAPI leaders within their communities. Access state of the art student services, programs, research, and educational opportunities and learn more at aapirc.unm.edu.

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SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Danielle Velasquez
Hometown: Jemez Mountains area
High School: Jemez Valley High School
Major: Environmental Science
Favorite Class: Psychology
Dream Job: Owning a small coffee shop
Plans for After Graduation: Continue my career at LANL
Hobbies: Fishing, going to the mountains on my side-by-side, hanging out with family
Favorite Teams: Denver Broncos
Top of My Playlist: Any country music
Red or Green: Definitely green



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Patsy Mink Education Foundation offers **Education Support Awards of up to \$5000** to assist low-income women with children who are pursuing education or training. Awards are disbursed in two separate installments (one each semester) over the academic year, and may be used for direct school expenses or for living expenses while the student is enrolled in an educational program. Awardees are selected based on financial need, personal circumstance, educational path, vocational or occupational goals, and service or civic goals. Patsy Takemoto Mink was the first woman of color elected to the US House of Representatives, serving from 1965–1977 and 1990–2002, and she spent her career “working tirelessly for civil rights, women’s rights, economic justice, civil liberties, peace, and the integrity of the democratic process.” For more information and to apply, visit: www.patsyminkfoundation.org/education-support-application. Applications are due August 1.

2022 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On June 2, UNM–Los Alamos celebrated the 41st Commencement Ceremony at the Duane Smith Auditorium, where over 100 graduates were awarded degrees or certificates. Dr. Thom Mason, director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, gave the commencement address and praised the students for their commitment to education and for achieving their goals. Also in attendance were Senator Leo Jaramillo, Los Alamos County Council Chair Dr. Randall Rytí, Los Alamos Fire Chief Troy Hughes, LAHS principal Carter Payne, and UNM–LA Advisory Board members Charles McCullough and Laura Burrows. Dr. Paul Allen, Dean of Instruction, Dr. Irina Alvestad, Associate Dean of Instruction, and Kathryn Vigil, Director of Student Services, all praised our graduates



for their accomplishments. In the photo on the left, Kathryn Vigil introduces LANL director Dr. Thom Mason. Below, Sen. Leo Jaramillo flashes a Lobo sign with some of our proud graduates. Congrats Lobos!



Build a Strong Foundation for your Bridge to Success

Engineering Your Future Summer Bridge Sessions

FREE. Mix & Match.

Engineering a Bridge to Success Stand-Alone Prep Series

Hybrid. Mon - Fri. 10 - 11:15 am MST (unless otherwise noted)

July 25 - August 12, 2022

In-person (in the ESS suite - CENT 2080)

and virtual via Zoom (<https://goto.unm.edu/esszoom>)

Mon. 7/25. Eng. & Comp. in the Real World & Spatial Reasoning	Thurs.8/4. Learning & Studying
Tues. 7/26. Career Pathways & Sci. Method	Fri. 8/5. Tutoring Team Work, Study Groups
Wed. 7/27. Scientist-Engineer Decision Toolkit	Mon. 8/8. Basic Excel
Thurs. 7/28. Tech. Reading & Writing (w/cite)*	Tues. 8/9. Metrics & Scientific Notation
Fri. 7/29. Critical Thinking & Pop-Science	Wed. 8/10. How to get into a research lab
Mon. 8/1. Growth, Development, & Goals	Thurs.8/11. UNM Resources & Advisement
Tues. 8/2. Time Management	Fri. 8/12. Intro to MATLAB
Wed. 8/3. How to talk to Instructors	

*Content order is subject to change

Questions? Visit <https://goto.unm.edu/summerbridge> or contact Yadeeh Sawyer, PhD - Co-Instructor @ yadeeh@unm.edu or (505) 277-9151.

RSVP for reminders at ess.unm.edu/events or our succESS.unm.edu app

The goal of these sessions are to provide students with foundational skills to better support them as they enter their courses. Mastering these skills will equip students to handle challenges they may face in the University setting.

UNM ENGINEERING STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER



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.

JOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT THIS FALL

Involvement on campus has been shown to increase student success in academics and degree completion. Students also have more opportunities to develop leadership skills, self-advocacy, and self-confidence.

Students are considered 18% more career ready by employers when they show campus involvement on their resumes than students with no campus involvement. Highly involved students are 3 times more likely to be considered for a job than uninvolved students.

Joining Student Government is the best way to get involved at UNM-LA! Benefits for members:

- Earn \$100 for each semester of service
- Form relationships with other students, staff and faculty, who can provide extra support when challenges arise
- Build your experience on your resume

What we do in Student Government:

- Meet weekly to plan campus events and designate funding for campus needs, equipment, and improvements
- Design and purchase t-shirts and academic planners for students every year
- Represent the voice of students and share your experiences with administrators

Interested in joining? Contact Grace Willerton, gwillert@unm.edu, or Alissa Grissom, aagrissom@unm.edu for more information.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION IN AUGUST

Are you new to UNM-Los Alamos this summer or fall? Please plan to attend one of our New Student Orientation sessions, either **August 11 from 12:00–4:00 pm** or **August 18 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to get a tour of campus, meet faculty, staff and administrators, get tips on financial aid and the UNM computer system, pick up some UNM-LA swag, and more! Parents and families are welcome to attend as well, and will have an opportunity to attend workshops on supporting their student's success. Please RSVP to: tinyurl.com/NSOregistrationUNM-LA. See you there!

SUMMER CAMPUS UPDATES

- The **Cashier's Office** will be open for in-person business Tuesdays–Thursdays, 8:00 am–4:00 pm.
- The **Library** will be open 8:00 am–5:00 pm Mondays–Thursdays, 8:00 am–1:00 pm Fridays
- **Student Services** will be open for in-person services Mondays–Fridays, 8:00 am–5:00 pm. Call 505-662-5919 for appointments, or schedule via LoboAchieve.

VISIT US AT COUNTY EVENTS THIS SUMMER

On June 4 UNM-LA participated in ChamberFest, Los Alamos' annual showcase of local businesses and non-profit organizations. We love connecting with the community and seeing folks in person! We'll be participating in **ScienceFest on July 16** and the **County Fair on August 14**, so please be sure to stop by and say hi, and get some fun UNM-LA swag!



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.

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

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV.

NM Department of Health: 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.

For testing: Free testing is available at home and around the state. Visit: 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.

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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.

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.

