

Student Services Newsletter

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START FALL SEMESTER RIGHT

Welcome to Fall 2022 at UNM-LA! We are excited to connect with you throughout the semester. This should be the semester that you discover or try something new. Our world is changing quickly, and our job is to help you prepare—not just for your next college or new job but for a life that will look different in 5 years and 10 years. Try to explore new ways of thinking. Be open to changes in how you make decisions or even how you prioritize. Think of the world that you would like for yourself and others and work toward that vision. As you are growing, bring us along with you. We can help you explore and discover, and we can provide support and resources to make the journey easier. Let's do some career exploration together. Ask us for advice. Let us know if you need some food, or a laptop, or a break. Your Student Services staff is here for all of it! All you need to do is ask.

—Kathryn Vigil, Director of Student Services

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHANCELLOR

Dr. Mike Holtzclaw joined UNM-LA as our new chancellor on July 18. Dr. Holtzclaw has more than 27 years of experience in higher education serving community colleges in California and Oregon, including his most recent position at the College of San Mateo (San Mateo, CA). A native of Grants Pass, Ore., Holtzclaw enjoys traveling, learning other languages, hiking, reading gardening, and playing and watching basketball. Holtzclaw holds a BA in International Affairs with a minor in Soviet & East European studies from Lewis & Clark College (1988) in Portland, Ore., and an MA (1993) and Ph.D. (1997) in Geography from The Ohio State University. "I think that UNM-LA is in a unique site and situation. Being located in a small community, with an employer with more employees than reside in the community is quite special," said Dr. Holtzclaw. "It presents both tremendous opportunities and challenges. In many ways you have the tremendous benefits of a small town, with a tightknit community, and yet you have the dynamic, innovative employer that brings people from all over the country. Add in the tremendous recreational opportunities and beauty of the area, and you can see why Los Alamos is such an attractive place to live and raise a family or retire."



"Welcome to UNM-LA, Dr. Holtzclaw!"



IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL

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

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

August 22: Fall Semester begins.

September 2: Last day to add sections or change grade mode on LoboWeb.

September 5: Labor Day, campus closed.

September 9: Last day to drop without a W and 100% tuition refund.

October 13-14: Fall Break, no classes.

November 11: Last day to drop classes on LoboWeb.

December 9: Last day to drop with permission (contact an advisor).

December 12-17: Final exams.

December 23-January 2: Winter Break, campus closed.

REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES TODAY!

Fall semester is nearly here, so it's time to register for classes! Schedule an appointment with your advisor today to discuss degree planning, determine your class schedule, and get your holds lifted. **Classes for Fall begin August 22**, and many are already filling up, so don't wait! Schedule an appointment with your advisor in LoboAchieve, or call Student Services at 505-662-5919.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Dondra Bowden
Hometown: Brentwood, California
High School: Salmon High School, Idaho
Major: Pre-Business Administration
Favorite Class: New Mexico History
Dream Job: A storm chaser, living in a van, looking for tornados!
Plans for After Graduation: Celebrate the longest, most elaborate path to a bachelor's degree in all of history (and continue working at the lab until I win the lottery)
Hobbies: Mountain biking, taking my truck into the mountains, public speaking, slam poetry, and more!
Favorite Teams: San Francisco 49ers & Giants, and Liverpool FC
Top of My Playlist: It varies from current rap to early 2000s techno/trance to cheesy 80s and 90s pop
Red or Green: Christmas with a slight green denomination



LANL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The LANL Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship supports students who are pursuing a 2-year degree, certificate, or trade qualification. **Fourteen UNM-LA students were awarded the LANL Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship for 2022-2023!** Congratulations to: Maria Blair, Liberal Arts; Kaitlyn Burke, General Studies; Daniel Escarcega, Welding; Andrew Ford, Mechanical Engineering; Marcus Jacquez, General Studies; Karen Lucero, Studio Art; Nayeli Morales, Business Administration; Jose Ortega, IT & Cyber Security; Timothy Romero, Welding; Nathaniel Sandoval, Computer Science; Daniel Tafoya, General Studies; Christina Valdez, Business Administration; Carra Webster, Pre-Professional Health Sciences; Anna Yarrow, Emergency Medical Services. If you are interested in applying, the scholarship application will open again January 3, 2023. Visit: lanlfoundation.org/scholarships.

SUMMER BRIDGE SUCCESS

On July 26, our Summer Bridge students gathered with their families, faculty, and staff to celebrate a successful summer semester in the Summer Bridge program at a barbecue on campus. These students participated in weekly College Success workshops, and were able to take up to two classes, including a math class, for free as part of the program. They are ready to jump into fall semester as freshmen, prepared and ready to succeed.



Start Your Semester Off Right Join us for a FREE

Pre-Semester Prep Workshop Series

These interactive workshops will review all foundational material leading up to the specified course so you are better equipped to hit the ground running.

Synchronous in-person in the ESS suite & virtual via Zoom

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| *College Algebra Review (Pre-Calc/Trig Prep) | Monday, August 15, 2022 | 10 AM - 12 PM |
| *Pre-Calc/Trig Review (Calc 1 Prep) | Tuesday, August 16, 2022 | 10 AM - 12 PM |
| *Calc 1 Review (Calc 2 Prep) | Wednesday, August 17, 2022 | 10 AM - 12 PM |
| Calc 2 Review (Calc 3 Prep) | Thursday, August 18, 2022 | 10 AM - 12 PM |
| *Physics 1 Prep | Friday, August 19, 2022 | 10 AM - 12 PM |
| Chem 1 Prep | Friday, August 19, 2022 | 1 - 3 PM |

*Attend these sessions & give feedback for access to a general knowledge exam.



RSVP is preferred but not required

ess.unm.edu/events > August

or through our app - success



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.

GET YOUR 2022–2023 PLANNERS TODAY

Student Government purchases new academic planners for students every year, and they are packed with tools for your success!

- Academic Calendar of important dates
- Campus map
- Student support references
- Resume and cover letter guides
- Places to list your courses and instructor information
- Semester at a Glance for fall and spring
- Time Management
- Semester by Semester Planner for the rest of your degree

Use the “Semester at a Glance” form to record all of your assignment due dates, quizzes, and tests right away at the beginning of the term. Then you will never overlook an assignment. You can also see when you have several things due at once, so you can plan ahead to spread out the work load and study time.

Use the “Time Management” form to plan around regular obligations, account for meals and break times, and still block off enough time for homework before your weekly due dates. Use every minute of your week the way you intend.

Use the “Semester by Semester Planner” to guide your course selection and chart your progress toward graduation. Fill out which courses you plan to take each semester, include remaining courses for your degree requirements from the Catalog, and verify your plan with an advisor to see when you will complete your degree.

Pick up your planner from Student Services today!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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!

WELCOME BACK DAY

Students! Join us for **Welcome Back Day on September 1 from 11:00 am–3:00 pm**. This drop-in event is a great opportunity to meet your advisors, faculty, and staff, and pick up some UNM–LA swag! As a bonus, business mentors with our Community Internship Collaboration will be on campus to meet students and share more about their available student internships. Stop by the **Lecture Hall in Building 2 for pizza and networking from 12:00–1:00 pm**. See you there!

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

Welcome back to campus! As the new Community Internship Collaboration (CIC) Coordinator at UNM–LA, I am thrilled to start this new semester along with all of you. I love our CIC motto, “Work, Learn, Earn,” but what does it mean? It means that through the CIC program, we will help you find meaningful work experiences that allow you to explore your career interests and talents. It means that you’ll learn how to prepare for full-time employment, how to manage your time, and how to write an effective resume. Don’t forget, all of this comes with a paid stipend! You can’t lose.

If you’ve never considered an internship before, or perhaps an internship feels a little daunting and you don’t know where to begin, our CIC program is the perfect way to get your feet wet because we will guide you step-by-step through the process. Come by the Student Services Office, say hello, and let’s talk about your options. We will also have **information sessions on August 25 at 4 pm or on August 31 at 1:30 pm, both in the Lecture Hall (Building 2)**. The second session will also be posted online. Be sure to check our website for available internships: losalamos.unm.edu/cic/.

—Brittany Carpenter, Internship Coordinator

COVID-19 INFO & VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

Get the COVID-19 vaccine: Everyone 6 months of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Visit: cwaccine.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 on line 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.