
Student Services Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2022

WELCOME TO FALL SEMESTER FROM DR. HOLTZCLAW

Whether you are a new student, or a returning one, there is no doubt a sense of excitement you are feeling as you start the fall semester at UNM –Los Alamos. I want to start out by saying that I share in that excitement since this is my first semester at UNM–LA as well. I am looking forward to meeting many of you during our Welcome Back Day on September 1.

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to the campus community. I just started in my new role as Chancellor on July 18. I was most recently at the College of San Mateo in San Mateo, California, where I served as the Vice President of Instruction. I have been working in higher education for nearly 28 years in Oregon, California and now New Mexico. When I finished my Ph.D. in geography at the Ohio State University, I knew I wanted to go teach at a community college. I was fortunate to get a full-time teaching position at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. After 13 years teaching geography, I knew I wanted to have a greater impact on students than just the ones in my classroom, so I chose to move into administration. While I still miss being in the classroom, I know I made the right decision because I have been able to create better systems and opportunities for students in my administrative roles.

As you begin this semester, I want to provide you with a bit of advice. Do not be afraid to reach out to others if you are struggling in your classes or have life challenges. We are all here to help you succeed, but we just need to know that you need support. I also want to encourage you to take some risks in your education by getting involved on campus, whether in student government, as a student worker, or by taking advantage of our great paid internship program, the Community Internship Collaboration. Sometimes we feel like we do not have time to do these extra things, but I promise you that you will be rewarded by being exposed to opportunities that exist outside of the classroom. My last piece of advice is that you take the time to get to know your professors. They are here to help you learn the material, but they are also able to help you learn more about where your career path may take you.

With that, I wish you a successful and enjoyable semester!

All my best,

Mike, UNM–LA Chancellor



IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL

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

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, campus open.

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.

January 17: Spring semester begins.

WELCOME BACK DAY SEPTEMBER 1

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!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Seth Heatherly
Hometown: Abilene, Texas
High School: Los Alamos High School
Major: Pre-Professional Health Sciences
Favorite Class: Psychology
Dream Job: Something that lets me give joy and happiness to the people I am serving
Plans for After Graduation: Try and find a job in the health care field or continue my education
Hobbies: Making beaded jewelry, video games, and playing Dungeons & Dragons
Favorite Team: Detroit Red Wings
Top of My Playlist: "Sleeping in the Cold Below"
Red or Green: Green



SMART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) sponsors the **Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART)** scholarship program, which is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for STEM students. Students must be pursuing a STEM discipline with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and be willing to commit to working for the DoD as a civilian employee for one year for every year of degree funding. Scholarships are awarded for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 5 years. **Awards of up to \$38,000 per year are available.** Applications are due **December 1, 2022**. For more information and to apply, visit: www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=smart_index.



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**Internship
Opportunities**

Gain experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting.

Internships give you the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience while making connections in professional fields you are considering for career paths.

Internships also provide employers the opportunity to guide and evaluate talent.

Students should begin thinking about internships during their junior year. Our programs will admit Sopomors and above, including graduate. Consultants are available to freshmen to help find internships on their own.



Visit us at goto.unm.edu/internships

Contact **Nada Abdelhack, MA**
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Call: (505) 277-1403
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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

On August 11 and August 18, UNM-LA was pleased to welcome many of our new students during New Student Orientation. Students and their families met Chancellor Dr. Mike Holtzclaw and Dean of Instruction Dr. Paul Allen, as well as many faculty and staff members. They toured the campus, learned about the many resources and opportunities for involvement available to them, and enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Secret City Kitchen. We're excited to welcome them all to UNM-Los Alamos and hope they have a great year!



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.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS?

The New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship is being automatically awarded to eligible students:

- NM resident, 18 or older, enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours at a public or Tribal college in NM; recent HS grads must enroll full time (12+ credits)
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA beginning with the first semester you receive the scholarship
- The scholarship covers up to 90 attempted credit hours for an associate's degree, and 160 attempted credit hours for a bachelor's degree, with no semester limit

If you haven't completed the FAFSA for the 2022–2023 school year, there is still time. Please look at your financial aid tab to check your financial aid package.

How to check your financial aid:

- Log into my.unm.edu
- Click on the Enter Loboweb logo in the middle of the login screen
- Click on the Financial Aid tab
- Click on the blue Overall Status of Your Financial Aid
- Select your Aid Year (2022–2023)
- Click on the blue Awarded link
- Click on Award Overview
- On the bottom left you will see Financial Aid Awarded by term—it will list both fall and spring awards

If you have questions, please contact Jenny Duran, jenduran@unm.edu or 505-662-0341.

NEED ASSISTANCE PAYING FOR CHILDCARE?

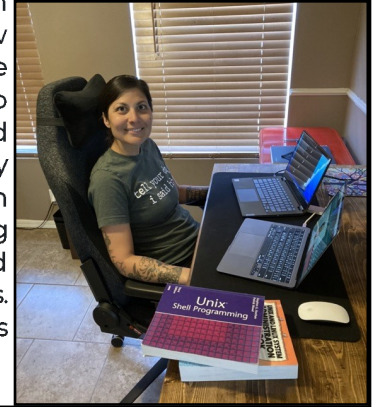
The New Mexico Department of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECECD) subsidizes the cost of child care for families at or below 400% of the federal poverty level that are working, in school, or searching for employment. Additionally, since May 1, 2022, ECECD will waive child care assistance copayments for any family that qualifies for the program. The department has released videos dubbed in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and soon Diné, that offer step-by-step instructions for applying for **free child care, early intervention services, and more**. Visit ECECD's website to learn more and to apply: www.nmeccd.org/child-care-assistance.

NEED HELP WITH ONLINE CLASSES?

Students! Kevin Rosenberger, our online coordinator, is offering **open Zoom hours** to assist you. If you are having trouble with your courses this semester, whether it's navigating your online programs or getting registered, please feel free to visit **Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 10–11 am, or Tuesday/Thursday: 12–1 pm**. Visit: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/95136136380>. Don't wait to get the help you need!

WANT A PAID INTERNSHIP THIS FALL?

The famous French sculptor Auguste Rodin once said, "Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely." UNM-LA student Julie Shearer took this to heart last spring when she chose to participate in the Community Internship Collaboration (CIC). Even though she was in the early stages of her computer science degree, she saw an internship with Attack Research, a local cyber security firm, and decided to apply. Reflecting on her experience, she said, "Working with Attack Research helped me learn new coding skills, focus my interests, and plan my next steps. The knowledge I gained in my internship also helps me now because it feeds back into the classroom. I'm better able to understand abstract and theoretical knowledge as my practical experiences grow." With over 20 local businesses offering internships this fall, we'll find something that fits your interests. Come by the Student Services office to learn more!



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: 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 Kathryn Vigil, kaguilar@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.