

Student Services Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2022

GRACE WILLERTON IS BACK IN THE OFFICE

Hey Lobos! It does my heart good to see many familiar faces, and a whole bunch that I look forward to meeting. I took a break from work in July to spend time with my new baby and came back to UNM-LA with a renewed perspective on being an advisor. As a mom, I pray for the brightest possible future for my baby. I believe she can do anything she sets her mind to. She can overcome any obstacle. She deserves the world and all the opportunities it has to offer, and I want to do everything in my power to give her those.

Now more than ever, when I look at students on our campus, I see the possibilities for each of you. You are capable of anything you set as your goal. You deserve all the opportunities in the world. As an academic and career advisor, I am here to do everything in my power to help you along the way. You are the reason I came back to work at UNM-LA.

What is your reason for coming here? How can I support you?

—Grace Willerton, Academic & Career Advisor



IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL & SPRING

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

November 7: Spring registration begins.

November 11: Last day to drop classes on LoboWeb.

November 24-25: Thanksgiving Break, campus closed.

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.

NEW MEXICO RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 5

The New Mexico Research Symposium, collaboratively hosted with the New Mexico Academy of Science, is an annual conference with oral presentations, a poster competition, and a keynote address. The conference is geared to undergraduate and graduate students from all New Mexico colleges and universities. This is a great opportunity for students in STEM fields to learn from and network with their peers. Presentation and poster abstracts are published in the New Mexico Journal of Science. **The 2022 Symposium will be in person in Albuquerque at UNM's Student Union Building on November 5,** and travel assistance is available! For more information, contact Sara Pichette (sarapichette@epscor.unm.edu) or go to www.nmepscor.org/what-we-do/programs/NM-Research-Symposium.



AHSIE Seed to Tree Student Scholarship

Now Accepting Applicants!

Deadline: November 7 at 5 PM (PST)



Scan or apply at:
<https://bit.ly/3BMW5i7>

@ahsieducators



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Brianna Valdez
Hometown: Española, NM
High School: Los Alamos High School
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Favorite Class: Right now, my favorite class is Calculus-Based Physics I. If I had to choose an all-time favorite, it would probably be Energy Environment & Society. It was a very challenging class, but I learned so much!
Dream Job: To do something I truly cannot complain about.
Plans for After Graduation: Keep enjoying life (minus the school).
Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family. I really like to go on vacations too!
Favorite Team: No favorites.
Top of My Playlist: "More Than Life" by Machine Gun Kelly (featuring Glaive)
Red or Green: Green



DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Students! Want to learn about current research in your field? Many departments offer regular seminars showcasing faculty or invited guests who discuss their current work. UNM-Albuquerque offers many of these seminars virtually, so check out your department's website to learn more!

- **School of Engineering Engineering in Action Series.** Select Fridays at 3 pm. unmevents.unm.edu/site/soe/.
- **Chemical & Biological Engineering.** Wednesdays at 4 pm. cbe.unm.edu/events/index.html.
- **Mechanical Engineering.** Fridays at 3:30 pm. me.unm.edu/seminars/graduate-seminars.html.
- **Nuclear Engineering.** Tuesdays at 2 pm. ne.unm.edu/events/index.html.
- **Anthropology.** Fridays at 10 am. anthropology.unm.edu/news-events/events/index.html.
- **Biology.** Thursdays at 3:30 pm. biology.unm.edu/.
- **Chemistry and Chemical Biology.** Fridays at 4 pm. chemistry.unm.edu/news-events/seminars/index.html.
- **Physics and Astronomy.** Fridays at 3:30 pm. physics.unm.edu/pandaweb/events/index.php

STUDENT SERVICES AT HACU CONFERENCE

In early October, several members of Student Services, along with other UNM-LA faculty and staff, attended the annual national conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in San Diego. HACU represents over 500 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success. Attendees learned about the latest research, initiatives, and opportunities for students and academic institutions. It was exciting to learn so much and we look forward to putting these ideas into action on our campus!



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.

 LOS ALAMOS
ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER
(ASC)

We are
Open!

THE ASC IS NOW OPEN IN-PERSON
AND ONLINE!

Find out more about what the ASC can do for you at:
losalamos.unm.edu/asc/index.html

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEEDS YOU!

This year, Student Government will assist in creating a relax-and-hang-out space for students on campus, design new student planners and t-shirts for next year, and more. We need new members—we need you!

Benefits for members include:

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

Interested in joining? Contact Grace Willerton, gwillert@unm.edu, for more information or fill out an application in Student Services.

CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November honors Native Americans and their contributions to American culture and society. As a Native, I can attest to the beauty and richness of our culture, and I encourage people to learn more about it and what it means to us. There are still a lot of stereotypes that do not accurately describe how Natives live and practice their beliefs today. I am a Pueblo Native from Ohkay Owingeh who speaks Tewa and participates in our traditional activities that include dancing and feasting. There are eight northern Pueblos that are closely “related” to each other: Picuris, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, and Taos. They are close in distance and in their spoken

languages, practices, and beliefs. They are also really close to Los Alamos, so this month take some time to learn a little bit more about your neighboring Pueblos. And don't forget to Rock Your Mocs!

—Melissa Torres,
Academic Advisor
and Recruiter



CIC INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Check out UNM-LA student Jose Ortega leading a game night at Samizdat Bookstore and Teahouse as part of his CIC internship. We are very proud of all the work our CIC interns are doing this semester! Other opportunities for internships are also available: for example, LANL's Robotics & Automation Summer School will start accepting applications November 7. There are also opportunities with the Department of Energy and the National Park Service. Interested? Stop by Building 1 to speak with Brittany Carpenter, Internship Coordinator, to learn more about incredible opportunities that await you.



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 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.

REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 7

Registration for Spring semester begins **November 7**. You can check out the Spring class schedule here: losalamos.unm.edu/academics/class-schedule.html. Beat the rush in January and ensure you get the classes you need by making an appointment with your advisor today. Book your appointment via LoboAchieve, or call Student Services at 505-662-5919. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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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.