

# Student Services Newsletter

MARCH 2023

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT A JOB FAIR

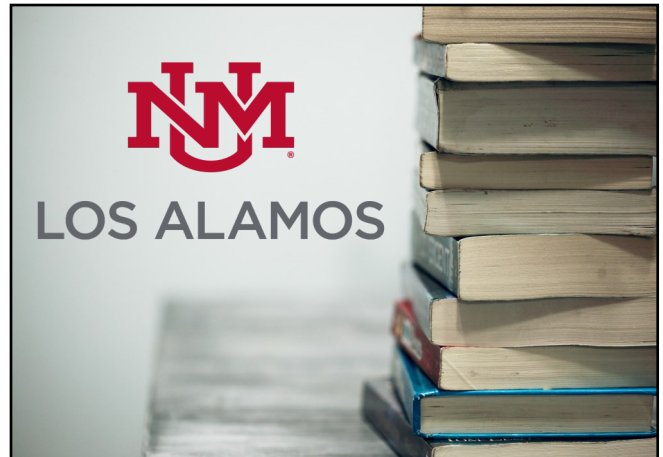
Have you been to a job fair before? If so, how long has it been? For most of us, it has at least been a few years, likely prior to COVID. Some things have returned to normal. Some things have not. Here are some things you should expect and some tips to prepare.

- Review the list of attending businesses in advance, if possible. Identify some fields you may want to target based on your strengths, interests, and previous experience.
- When you first arrive, the number of visitors and employers may seem overwhelming. Stay focused on your target fields and look for employers in those areas.
- It is always nice to be friendly and greet employers, even if you were not initially interested in them. You never know where opportunities may arise.
- On the other hand, an event like this is not a place to socialize. People have a goal when they attend: either find an employer or find an employee. Leave socializing outside the fair area.
- Employers may not want to shake hands post-COVID. If you're comfortable offering, it is acceptable to ask, "Do you shake hands?" If not, a warm, confident greeting and a smile may do just as well to make a good first impression.
- Job fairs are a great way to make connections and practice for interviews, too. You can have low-pressure conversations with employers to learn about their work and share about yourself, whether or not you are actively looking for a job right now.

Don't forget to come to the **Los Alamos Job Fair in person at UNM-LA on March 2 from 11:00–3:00**. Nearly 50 employers from a huge variety of career fields have registered! If you have questions, contact Grace Willerton, [gwillert@unm.edu](mailto:gwillert@unm.edu).

## CIC OFF AND RUNNING

Our Spring 2023 CIC cohort is underway! Eight UNM-LA students are participating in internships with Zia Credit Union, Digs Construction, LA Arts Council, LA Makers, LA Historical Society, Hartway & Breshears CPA, and Samizdat Bookstore & Teahouse. We're excited to see what they'll accomplish this semester! We also want to welcome our new instructor Montana Walsh. She brings years of experience from a variety of businesses, and we're excited to have her join us. Now is the time to think about summer internships. There are incredible opportunities waiting for you in every possible field of study. To learn more, stop by Student Services and speak with Internship Coordinator Brittany Carpenter.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

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

**March 13-17:** Spring Break; campus open.

**April 14:** Last day to drop via LoboWeb.

**Mid-April:** Registration for Summer and Fall semesters opens.

**May 5:** Last day to drop a course with permission (contact an advisor).

**May 8-13:** Final exams.

**May 11:** Commencement.

**May 29:** Memorial Day; campus closed.

**June 5:** Summer semester begins.

**June 19:** Juneteenth; campus closed.

**July 4:** Independence Day; campus closed.

**August 1:** Summer semester ends.



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Madison Morris  
**Hometown & High School:** White Rock, NM & Los Alamos High School  
**Major:** Information Technology & Cybersecurity and Robotics  
**Favorite Class:** I love my robotics courses!  
**Dream Job:** Work as a robotics designer for NASA. I would love to help with the exploration of our galaxy.  
**Plans for After Graduation:** I would love to work for LANL in their robotics division.  
**Hobbies:** I like to knit, read, and train in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.  
**Favorite Team:** Raiders  
**Top of My Playlist:** "When I Grow Up" by the Pussycat Dolls  
**Red or Green:** Definitely green



## EVENTS ON CAMPUS ON MARCH 23

Help celebrate **National Puppy Day on March 23** with an adoption event brought to you by the Española Valley Humane Society! Stop by the **Student Center in Building 2 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm** to meet some furry friends. Adoption fees are only \$10 for puppies and kittens, two-for-one kittens are also \$10, and adult dogs have no adoption fee. Each adopted animal will go home with a small bag of dry kibble and toys.



Be sure to also check out UNM-LA's new **Food Pantry and Clothes Closet**, located in **room 502** in Building 5. These resources are available to all students in need. Contact Student Services with questions or to connect with other crisis resources.

**Transfer Day:** Thinking about transferring to Main campus to continue in a bachelor's program? Stop by the Student Center to visit with representatives from the following groups: Arts & Sciences, Admissions, Anderson School of Management, and more!

**Virtual Stress Management Workshop, 1:00-1:45 pm**, presented by Traye Holland, Mental Health Training & Development Specialist at SHAC. Register using the QR code and Zoom details will be sent to you.



**NM STUDENT HEALTH & COUNSELING**

## SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS IN STEM

The Heinlein Society is offering **four \$4,000 scholarships** to undergraduate students of accredited 4-year colleges and universities. The "Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship" is dedicated to a female candidate majoring in engineering, math, or biological or physical sciences. The Robert A. Heinlein, Dr. Yoji Kondo, and Dr. Jerry Pournelle scholarships may be awarded to a candidate of any gender. Winners will be announced on July 7, 2023. **Applications are due April 1, 2023 at 11:59 pm.** Visit: [www.heinleinsociety.org/scholarship-program](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/scholarship-program) to apply.

Lockheed Martin's STEM Scholarship Program awards **\$10,000 to 200 recipients** studying engineering or computer science at a 4-year college or university. Recipients may renew the scholarship up to three times for a total potential value of \$40,000 per student. **Applications are due on March 31, 2023 at 3:00 pm Central Time.** Visit: [learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lockheedmartin/](http://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/lockheedmartin/) to apply.

The STEM Advancement Program (STEMAP) engages students from New Mexico's regional universities, community colleges, and tribal colleges in the research funded by the New Mexico SMART Grid Center at UNM, NMSU, and NMT. Up to 12 students are selected to participate each summer; benefits include a \$4,000 stipend, housing, and meal allowance. Academic year opportunities include support to present at state, regional, and national conferences, a webinar series, and continued research activities back at your home campus with a faculty mentor. **Applications are due March 10, 2023.** Visit: [www.nmepscor.org/what-we-do/programs/stemap](http://www.nmepscor.org/what-we-do/programs/stemap) to apply.

The LANL Career Pathways Scholarship awards **up to \$3,000.** **Applications are due April 1, 2023.** Visit: [lanl.foundation.org/scholarship/career-pathways-scholarships](http://lanl.foundation.org/scholarship/career-pathways-scholarships) for details.

## Los Alamos JOB FAIR

Brought to you by:



Thursday, March 2,  
11am-3pm

UNM - Los Alamos Campus  
Businesses register now at:  
[LosAlamosChamber.com](http://LosAlamosChamber.com)

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## Career and Professional Development Event

UNM ENGINEERING STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

# Landing an Internship

### WHY

WIN a gift card\*.  
GAIN experience.  
BUILD your skill set.  
ENHANCE your resume.

### WHEN

Thursday  
March 9, 2023  
4 - 5 PM  
Food Provided

### WHERE

Synchronous  
in-person  
(ESS suite - CENT 2080)  
and  
virtual via Zoom  
(<https://goto.unm.edu/esszoom>)



Learn more or RSVP  
(preferred but not required)

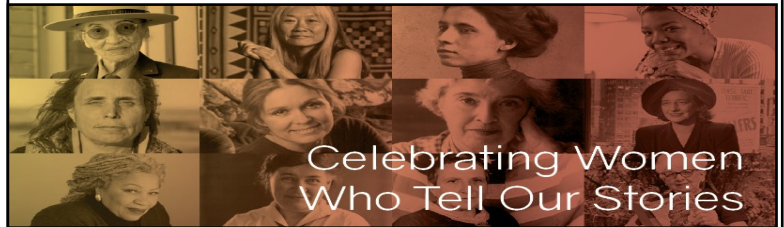
[ess.unm.edu/events](https://ess.unm.edu/events) > March

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## CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is National Women's History Month! According to the National Women's History Alliance, which helped establish this celebration in 1980, "Women's history is a veritable treasure-trove of unknown stories. While March is Women's History month, there are far too many people who don't know that, let alone celebrate it. What is history other than our collective stories? Our story-telling sisters in the media are essential in making history visible for themselves and their foremothers. Together, we can change the story landscape finally and forever. As the late Ursula LeGuin said, 'We are volcanoes. When we women offer our experience as our truth, all the maps change. There are new mountains. That's what I want—to hear you erupting. You Mount Saint Helens-es who don't know the power in you—I want to hear you... If we don't tell our truth, who will?'" To learn more, visit: [nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/](https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/).



## 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](https://cvaccine.nmhealth.org).

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

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

NM Department of Health: [cv.nmhealth.org](https://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](mailto:kaguilar@unm.edu).

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

## N3B SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

N3B, a key contractor for LANL, is pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Danny Nichols and Dennis Huddleston Memorial Scholarship is **Christal Valdez!** This scholarship is meant to encourage talented students to explore the environmental remediation, radioactive waste management, and energy industries. Christal will receive a \$9000 scholarship as well as the opportunity to attend an industry conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Additionally, **Alisabela Montoya** was awarded a \$1000 scholarship, and **James Bourguet** was awarded a \$750 scholarship. Congratulations to all of you! For more information on this and other scholarships, contact Jenny Duran: [jenduran@unm.edu](mailto:jenduran@unm.edu).

## HACU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) offers a wide range of scholarships, internships, and other programs to students with demonstrated financial need attending a HACU member college, which includes UNM-LA. Students must be enrolled during the Spring 2023 semester and have at least completed their first semester of freshman year. For a complete list of scholarships and to apply, visit: [www.hacu.net/assnfe/StudentInfo.asp?RD=1](https://www.hacu.net/assnfe/StudentInfo.asp?RD=1).

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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 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.