

Student Services Newsletter

APRIL 2023

ENTERING THE HOME STRETCH

We are entering the last five weeks of the semester before finals week. Consider these four things that you can do to make the most of the upcoming weeks and finish the semester strong.

- First, reflect on your progress up to mid-terms. Did you give yourself enough study time? Do you need to adjust your strategy?
- Second, check in with your instructors. Instructors can help you identify areas to focus on and help you strategize to catch up, improve your grade, or secure that A grade.
- Third, get help from others. Many students are taking advantage of the academic coaches at the ASC. You should too!
- Fourth, work to improve. Pick 1-3 things that you can do better to learn the material and improve your grade. Your advisor in Student Services can help with your strategizing as well.

We are rooting for you. Keep it up!

—Kathryn Vigil, Director of Student Services



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

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

April 10: Registration for Summer and Fall semesters opens.

April 14: Last day to drop via LoboWeb.

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.

August 21: Fall semester begins.

CCSSE SURVEY COMING UP

This spring, students in classes that were randomly selected at UNM-LA and other colleges across the nation will share their college experiences by completing the **Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)**. The CCSSE will be administered the week of April 10. If you are in a class that was chosen to be a part of the survey, we ask you to respond honestly. Your responses will remain confidential. The results from the survey will help us find the best ways to improve programs and services. Students who are enrolled in only online courses will receive an electronic survey invitation. Students who complete the survey will be entered to win prizes, including a **Chrome book, tablets, ear buds, and blue tooth speakers**.

Thank you for helping us learn from your experiences! If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Brooke Parsons, parsons99@unm.edu. To learn more about CCSSE, visit: www.ccsse.org or contact CCCSE at 512-471-6807 or surveyops@cccse.org.

JOB FAIR RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13

Meet over 50 employers who want to recruit you! Join us **Thursday, April 13, from 11:00 am-3:00 pm** in the Student Center. Contact Grace Willerton with questions: gwillert@unm.edu.

Los Alamos JOB FAIR

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Thursday, April 13

11am-3pm
UNM - Los Alamos Campus
Businesses register now at:
LosAlamosChamber.com

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Christopher Franco
Hometown & High School: Las Cruces, Oñate High School
Major: Electro-Mechanical Technology
Favorite Class: Aerial photo interpretation (at NMSU)
Dream Job: Anything remote sensing or space-related
Plans for After Graduation: Continue working for LANL
Hobbies: Vintage motorcycle restoration and racing, and hiking
Favorite Team: New Mexico United
Top of My Playlist: Foo Fighters
Red or Green: Green



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STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY

LET YOUR VOICE
BE HEARD!

Please complete the
UNM Campus Climate Survey
March 1-April 23, 2023
<https://goto.unm.edu/student>

The first 500 students to complete survey
will receive a \$10 gift card.



CAREER SERVICES ADVICE

How do you know you are going to get the job you want when you graduate? Are you going to be competitive in the job market? There are a few important factors in making the best impression on an employer, especially if you are entering a new career field. Here are some tips to start getting ready now:

Look at job descriptions for positions you want

- Identify skills, qualifications, and experiences they all want you to have. Use those as your to-do list.

Gain experience

- Participate in internships, like the CIC program. Apply to internship programs coordinated by your target employers.
- Try to find as many experiences as you can, even if only slightly related to your field. Most entry-level positions want at least two years of experience.
- Volunteer with causes that are related to your career interests. Show your personal commitment to the field while making new network connections.

Get involved

- Leadership always looks good on a resume. Participate in Student Government. Hold an office for a club or volunteer organization.
- Contribute to the body of knowledge about your field. Write or share articles about current news/projects through your social media, such as LinkedIn.
- This kind of participation also demonstrates collaboration, communication, problem-solving, and other soft skills that every employer wants to see.

SHAC ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Student Health & Counseling (SHAC) continues to offer Zoom workshops for UNM Branch campus students on a variety of topics, including therapy assistance, suicide prevention, dealing with stress and anxiety, anger management, money management, coping with endings, and resilience. All workshops are free but registration is required. For questions and more details, visit the SHAC Workshop webpage at shac.unm.edu/health-promotion/events/workshops.html.



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.

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.

ABQ COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Albuquerque Community Foundation has over 25 separate scholarship and student aid programs to help New Mexico residents attain their educational goals. Each scholarship program was established by a donor with individual interests and priority areas. They represent the broad diversity of the generous individuals who care about education and believe it is the best way to give back to future generations. Requirements and deadlines vary for each program. For more information and to apply, visit: abqcf.org/scholarships-for-current-and-returning-college-students/.

SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 10

Summer & Fall classes have been announced, and **registration begins April 10!** Make an appointment with your advisor today to pick classes and get your holds lifted. Book now via LoboAchieve or call 505-662-5919. View the class schedule here: losalamos.unm.edu/academics/class-schedule.

COHORT MEETINGS COMING UP

Students! Cohort meetings are a great opportunity to meet with the division chair and faculty in your major, learn about career and internship opportunities, and engage with fellow students. Plan to drop by, enjoy some snacks, and connect with faculty, staff, and students.

- Liberal Arts and General Studies majors: **April 17, 12:00-3:00 pm**. Room location TBD.
- Mechanical Engineering majors: **April 27, 3:00-5:00 pm**. Dr. Yu-Lin Shen, ME department chair, and LANL representatives will join us along with faculty and staff. Room location TBD.

ATTENTION GRADUATING STUDENTS

If you are a Summer 2022, Fall 2022, or Spring 2023 graduating student, you are eligible to participate in UNM-LA's Commencement Ceremony on May 11. Check your email for details regarding caps & gowns, invitations, and more. We hope to see you and your families at the celebration! If you have questions, contact Lori Tepley in Student Services: 505-662-0332 or ltepley@unm.edu.

MEET CIC INTERN THALIA MORAGA

Thalia Moraga is a Community Internship Collaboration (CIC) intern working with Zia Credit Union this semester. Here she is helping out at Zia's Rebranding Event held in February. Thalia will be spending this semester working with Zia Credit Union's Marketing Department to develop marketing campaigns, conduct marketing research, and contribute to the company's social media strategy. She will finish her internship with a professional portfolio that she can carry with her and add to throughout her education and career.

Offered every Spring and Fall semesters, CIC internships can significantly enhance your resume and give you practical,



professional experience in a positive learning environment. For more information, contact Internship Coordinator Brittany Carpenter: brcarpenter@unm.edu. Or stop by Student Services in Building 1 to meet with her in person!

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.