

# Student Services Newsletter

MAY 2023

## A NOTE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Hello students! It is nearly the end of the semester and, for some, your time at UNM-LA is coming to an end. With graduation scheduled for May 11, many of you will be off on your next adventure to continue your education or enter the workforce. It is no doubt an exciting and bittersweet time. For those of you who are graduating—congratulations! You have worked hard and you should take time to celebrate what you have accomplished.

I came to UNM-LA last July and I cannot believe that my first year is almost complete. So much has happened this year and I feel I still have so much to learn about our campus, our community, and our region. I have quickly learned, however, that this is truly a special place to live and work. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to lead this institution and work with such talented and dedicated faculty and staff.

I wish you all the best as you move into finals week. The semester is almost over, so finish strong. I look forward to celebrating with the graduates on May 11. For the rest of you, I look forward to seeing you back on campus during the summer or fall.

—Dr. Mike Holtzclaw, UNM-Los Alamos Chancellor

## COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE LIFTED

After evaluating current public health guidance, and in consultation with our own medical and public health experts, The University of New Mexico **will no longer require** the COVID-19 primary vaccine series for students and employees. UNM Health and Health Sciences programs and clinical areas will continue to maintain their COVID-19 vaccine requirements. We continue to strongly recommend that the entire Lobo community should keep up to date with vaccinations, stay at home if sick, and follow [CDC guidelines](#) for all COVID-19 matters. What this means in practice is:

- Individuals with a hire date of March 13, 2023, or later are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination or apply for an exemption
- Students enrolling in classes after March 13, 2023, are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination or apply for an exemption
- UNM will no longer require students, faculty, and staff to report COVID-19-positive tests through the online portal or upload COVID-19 vaccination records

We have also retired the Bring Back the Pack website and instead are linking to [COVID-19 Updates and Answers](#) from the home page banner. Here you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and be able to submit your own questions.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

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

**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.

## MEET CIC INTERN YAPING HUANG

Congratulations to Yaping Huang, who was recently hired for a part-time position with Hartway & Breshears, CPA. As a UNM-LA student studying accounting, Yaping attended the Meet & Greet in January and applied for the internship with Hartway & Breshears. As part of her internship, she performed a variety of tasks including entering payments, account reconciliation, filing invoices, and processing tax documents. She joins two other past CIC interns who are still employed with Hartway and Breshears after their internships!



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Roxanne Lutz  
**Hometown & High School:** Longmont, Colorado & Longmont High School  
**Major:** Computer Science  
**Favorite Class:** Anything CS or mathematics, really  
**Dream Job:** The guy who shows up, solves all your problems, then ceases to exist  
**Plans for After Graduation:** Disappear into the woods  
**Hobbies:** Hiking, puzzles, and cigars  
**Favorite Team:** Madrid Miners  
**Top of My Playlist:** Waylon Jennings on the weekday, Merle Haggard on the weekend  
**Red or Green:** Green if it's flavorful, Red in a pinch



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## WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

Women continue to be underrepresented in STEM and tend to face more obstacles in their education and career. This scholarship is designed to assist and encourage young women pursuing a STEM career. This year NMOST will be awarding scholarships between **\$500 and \$1000**. NMOST does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry, disability, national or ethnic origin, religious belief, gender expression and identity, marital or veteran status.

Applicants for the Advancing Young Women in STEM scholarship must:

- Be a young woman (25 or younger) pursuing a STEM education/career
- Be a resident of New Mexico **OR** currently enrolled in a New Mexico college/university
- Be a high school junior/senior applying for college/university in STEM, **OR** a current undergraduate in STEM
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA based on a 4.0 scale
- Repeat applications are welcome, but previous awardees are ineligible

Applications are due **May 30**. For more information and to apply, visit: [nmost.org/nmost-aywistem-scholarships](https://nmost.org/nmost-aywistem-scholarships)



**VIRTUAL WILDFIRE SIMULATION & VISUALIZATION CAMP**

STUDENTS:  
Interested in ParaView? Want to learn how to code in Python? Check out this fully virtual camp hosted by Los Alamos National Laboratory!

**LEARN MORE**

**JULY 17, 2023**

**JULY 28, 2023**

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**BENEFITS**

- \$1,000 honorarium for camp participants
- Real-world data analysis and simulation to aid in wildfire suppression
- Access to professional and career development

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
- Computing skills like programming, AutoCAD, GIS, etc. Preference given to programming
- Completed course in College Algebra, Statistics, Calculus, or other higher level mathematics class

**HOW TO APPLY**

Interested students should complete the [2023 Wildfire Camp application](#) by **Thursday, May 18, 2023**

Applicants must upload a resume and current unofficial transcript to their application.

**LET'S GROW WITH US**

## NATIVE FORWARD SCHOLARS FUND

Throughout its 50-year history, Native Forward has empowered over 20,000 students from over 500 Tribes in all 50 states by providing scholarship dollars and support for services for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. Native Forward believes higher education deepens our transformative impact on every part of society. Knowledge and experience are powerful tools that can advance and preserve our way of life. Scholarships range from **\$500-\$5000**, and most scholarships have a **June 1 deadline**. For more information, visit: [www.nativeforward.org/native-forward-student-center](https://www.nativeforward.org/native-forward-student-center).

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.


## MAY IS ASIAN-AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed annually in May to celebrate the contributions that generations of AAPIs have made to American history, society, and culture. Originating with Congress in 1977, the month of May was chosen for AAPI Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. The theme for 2023 is **Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity**. This year's theme is the start of the new theme series for 2021–2024 highlighting the Federal Asian Pacific American Council's efforts in advancing leaders. To learn more, visit: [fapac.org/AAPI-Resources](http://fapac.org/AAPI-Resources) or [asianpacificheritage.gov/about](http://asianpacificheritage.gov/about). Also, be sure to check out UNM's AAPI Resource Center: [aapirc.unm.edu](http://aapirc.unm.edu).

*Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month*


# Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity

May 2023 | #AAPIHeritageMonth



**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES** **DID YOU KNOW?**

Use **LoboVirtualDesktop** to Securely Access UNM Desktop Applications from Your Personal Device



Run applications like Adobe Creative Cloud, ArcGIS, Matlab, M365, PTC Creo and SPSS from your PC, Mac, iOS, or Android device.

Go to [lobovirtualdesktop.unm.edu](http://lobovirtualdesktop.unm.edu) for more information and to request access.

## FINALS FUEL MAY 8–12

Finals Week is fast approaching! To help get you past this last hurdle, Student Services is once again sponsoring Finals Fuel, **May 8–May 12 from 9:00 am–3:00 pm in the hallway of Building 6**. Grab-and-go snacks and beverages will be available all week to help fuel your body and your brain so that you can be successful and rock your exams. You've worked hard all semester—you're almost done and we know you can do it!

## CAREER SERVICES ADVICE FOR SUMMER

Whatever your summer plans are, you can continue building skills, experience, and connections to keep moving toward your ultimate career goal! Create a Handshake account Search for employers, internships, positions, events. Build your online profile, so employers can search for you. Get involved in opportunities that build your resume. Volunteer with an organization that means something to you. Ask a business to let you shadow someone working in the career you want. Get an internship—any internship. Start your own project that might meet a need in your career field. Participate in community events to discover new opportunities, gather information, and meet new connections. Take some time for activities you enjoy. Remind yourself what you like about your future career field. Look for ways to tie them together, so your work becomes your passion.

# JOIN US FOR LUNCH

BEFORE THE EXPO

**Noon-1 p.m.**

CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER COURTYARD

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

# ENGINEERING EXPO VIII

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023**  
CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER  
**1-4 p.m.**

ELEVATOR PITCH CONTEST  
POSTER COMPETITION  
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

**QUESTIONS?**  
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ENGINEERING EXPO IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT SHOWCASES OUR OUTSTANDING SENIOR STUDENT CAPSTONE PROJECTS TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS AND OTHER STUDENTS AND FACULTY. MEET SOME OF OUR BRIGHTEST STUDENTS WHO ARE POISED TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD OF ENGINEERING.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

<p>unmlosalamos</p>  <p>Twitter</p>	<p>unm_los_alamos</p>  <p>Instagram</p>	<p>UNM-Los Alamos</p>  <p>Facebook</p>	<p>lobo-la</p>  <p>Snapchat</p>
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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.