

## Student Services Newsletter

JUNE 2023

### LOOKING FORWARD

As we celebrate the achievements of our graduates from the past year, UNM–Los Alamos is also looking forward to new changes and additions to our campus community. This month the first of several construction projects on campus begins with the **renovation of Building 6**, which promises to update and refresh one of our primary classroom buildings. We are also preparing to officially launch our **Career Center**, located in the library in Building 7, in time for Fall semester. This will be a hub for job and internship postings, career resources, and individualized career advising, as well as providing workshops on resume writing, interview skills and more. Additionally, we are excited to open the **Lobo Pantry and Clothes Closet**, located in Building 5, which offers free non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and free professional clothing for students in need. Keep an eye out for **UNM–LA at community events** all summer, too—from ChamberFest to Los Alamos Pride to ScienceFest and the LA County Fair, we'll be out and about representing everything we love about our campus and our students. The next few months promise to bring exciting things to UNM-Los Alamos, and we can't wait to share them with you! Here's to a great summer.

—Coco Rae, Student Success Manager



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER & FALL

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

- 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.
- September 4:** Labor Day; campus closed.
- September 8:** Last day to drop without a “W” and receive a 100% tuition refund.
- October 12-13:** Fall Break; campus open.
- November 10:** Last day to drop without permission on LoboWeb.
- November 23-24:** Thanksgiving Break; campus closed.
- December 7:** Last day to drop with permission (contact an advisor).
- December 11-16:** Final Exams.
- December 22-January 1:** Winter Break; campus closed.

### COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

On Thursday, May 11, UNM–Los Alamos held its 42nd Commencement ceremony, celebrating graduates from Fall 2022, Spring 2023, and Summer 2023. Ninety-six students received certificates or associate degrees, and nine students received their high school equivalency (HSE) credential. New Mexico State Senator Leo Jaramillo gave the keynote speech, Frances Chadwick of LANL was guest speaker, and graduate Donovan Price gave a moving speech to her fellow students. Congratulations to all of our graduates! We are all very proud of you and can't wait to see where you go next!



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Helen Milenski  
**Hometown & High School:** Columbus, Kansas & Los Alamos High School  
**Major:** Pre-Business Administration and NEST  
**Favorite Class:** I have loved all my classes, but my math classes and teachers inspired me to pursue a career in science  
**Dream Job:** A job that merges my love of science and my experience in business  
**Plans for After Graduation:** Pursue a BA in Business through UNM Anderson School of Management  
**Top of My Playlist:** Florence and the Machine's new album, "Dance Fever"  
**Hobbies:** Genealogy and reading  
**Favorite Team:** Always LOBOS!  
**Red or Green:** Green



## CIC GRADUATION

On May 9, 2023 we celebrated another successful CIC semester and heard from our 9 CIC interns. They presented their work at SALA event center in front of mentors, family, and friends. Semester projects included social media marketing, accounting, data management, a 3D printing class, and historical artifact archival. If you see any of these students on campus, ask them about their projects. Congratulations on a job well done!



## VIRTUAL STUDENT FEDERAL SERVICE

Federal internships are rewarding and beneficial for anyone thinking about working with the government. However, with Washington D.C. almost 2000 miles away, it can feel a little daunting. However, through the Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) program, students from anywhere in the country now have this opportunity. VSFS internships are available for all majors, are unpaid, and require only 10 hours a week through the academic calendar. Internships are posted and applications accepted from July 1 to July 28. The website has all of the details on how to apply, including instructional videos. To learn more, visit: [careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/virtual-student-federal-service/](https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/virtual-student-federal-service/).



## SHORT-TERM EXPERIENCE, LONG-TERM SUCCESS

What do you really get out of a summer or part-time job? Sure, money is helpful. But can it also serve a long-term purpose, even if it's not in your field of interest? Yes! There are many skills you may develop that are useful in any job setting. These are called transferrable skills—skills such as professional communication, teamwork, reliability, customer service, work ethic and self-motivation, problem-solving, and more. To show the value of these experiences on your resume, focus on adding specific examples of how you demonstrated these skills at your job. For example, if you are working the morning shift at a coffee shop:

- Perhaps you processed an average of 50 customer orders without a mistake
- Perhaps you offered every customer a smile and earned recognition from your supervisor (because those customers will become regulars)
- Perhaps you resolved an incorrect order for an irate customer and defused the situation (that customer will come back happy, too)
- Perhaps you handled sensitive customer data or closed out the registers

If your work aligns more closely with your long-term goals, make sure to add more of the field-specific or technical activities you did, too. With transferrable and technical skills, always try to include quantitative results (numbers) to add context and help show employers in any field how you can make an impact for their business.

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.

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month is celebrated to honor the Stonewall riots of June 1969, which helped launch the gay rights movement. It celebrates the achievements and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and the push for equality and civil rights. To learn more, visit: [hrc.org/campaigns/celebrate-pride-with-us](https://hrc.org/campaigns/celebrate-pride-with-us).

Pride Month celebrations are for everybody! Los Alamos is having its Sixth Annual Pride Week, June 10–18, 2023! The Pride Festival will be held Friday, June 16, from 3:00 –7:00 pm on the lawn in Central Park Square (adjacent to Boese Brothers). This family-friendly event will have lots of fun activities and will feature booths from a wide range of community organizations. For more information or to get involved, visit [www.facebook.com/losalamospride](https://www.facebook.com/losalamospride).



## GET INVOLVED WITH STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students who get involved on their college campuses have been shown to have better academic performance, cognitive development, psychological wellbeing, leadership skills, and multicultural awareness. Students are also considered “more career-ready” by employers. How can you get involved at UNM-LA? Join Student Government! You will build experience for your resume, earn \$100 for each semester of service, and form relationships with other students, staff and faculty. This year, StuGov supplied funding for the online catalog tool for the library databases, provided refreshments to support degree cohort meetings, represented the student body on several administrative committees, and purchased larger Academic Planners. Next year, we are working on creating a more inviting, student hang-out space on campus! Want to join? Contact Grace Willerton at [gwillert@unm.edu](mailto:gwillert@unm.edu) for more information.

## REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SEMESTER

Summer semester may just be getting started, but it's not too early to begin thinking about Fall semester classes! Make an appointment with your advisor today to discuss your next steps and see what's available for your major. Classes are filling up fast, so don't delay! You can book an appointment via LoboAchieve, or call Student Services at 505-662-5919. Hope to see you soon!

## COMMUNITY & CRISIS RESOURCES

If you need assistance with business services, clothing, food, shelter, family/health services, LGBTQ+ resources, senior services, financial assistance, mental health, domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse, or veterans' services, there is help! Scan the QR code or visit: [losalamos.unm.edu/community/community-crisis-resources](https://losalamos.unm.edu/community/community-crisis-resources).



# Build a Strong Foundation for your Bridge to Success

## Engineering Your Future Summer Bridge Sessions

*FREE. Mix & Match.*

**Engineering a Bridge to Success Stand-Alone Prep Series**  
**Hybrid. Mon - Fri. 10 - 11:15 am MST (unless otherwise noted\*)**  
**July 24 - August 11, 2023**  
**In-person (in the ESS suite - CENT 2080)**  
**and virtual via Zoom (<https://goto.unm.edu/esszoom>)**

Mon. 7/24. UNM Resources & Advisement	Thurs.8/3. Impostor Syndrome
Tues. 7/25. Career Readiness	Fri. 8/4. Critical Thinking & Pop-Science
Wed. 7/26. Career Pathways & Sci. Method	Mon. 8/7. Learning & Studying
Thurs.7/27. Eng. & Comp. in the Real World & Spatial Reasoning	Tues. 8/8. Tutoring Team Work, Study Groups
Fri. 7/28. Tech. Reading & Writing (w/cite)*	Wed. 8/9. Basic Excel*
Mon. 7/31. Growth, Development, & Goals	Thurs.8/10. Metrics & Scientific Notation
Tues. 8/1. Time Management	Fri. 8/11. How to get into a research lab & Ethics
Wed. 8/2. How to talk to Instructors	<small>Content order is subject to change</small>

**Questions? Visit <https://goto.unm.edu/summerbridge> or contact Yadeeh Sawyer, PhD - Co-Instructor @ [yadeeh@unm.edu](mailto:yadeeh@unm.edu) or (505) 277-9151.**

**RSVP for reminders at [ess.unm.edu/events](https://ess.unm.edu/events) or our [success.unm.edu](https://success.unm.edu) web-app**

*The goal of these sessions are to provide students with foundational skills to better support them as they enter their courses. Mastering these skills will equip students to handle challenges they may face in the University setting.*

**ENGINEERING STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER**

**@UNMESSCENTER**

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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.