

Student Services Newsletter

JULY 2023

SUMMER BREAK

With warm weather and blue skies, summer in New Mexico is a great time to rest and recharge after all the work you put into spring semester. Enjoy the mountain trails, go fishing with friends, ride a bike, or have a picnic with family. Go to some of the many community events and activities that take place over the summer, from Science Fest to the County Fair and everything in between. Take the opportunity to do the things you enjoy, and make time to take care of your mind and body. Even if you're taking a class or two this summer to catch up on credits or get ahead, be sure to give yourself permission to relax, too.

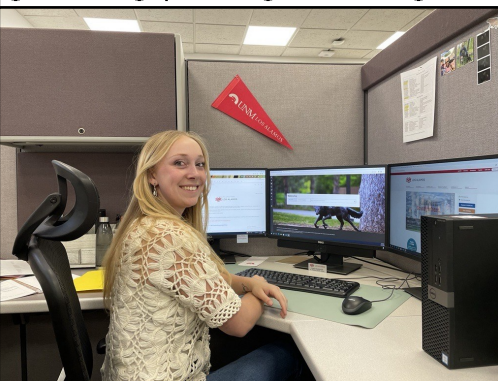
Most importantly, take some time to reflect on the past semester: did you accomplish everything you wanted? What challenges did you face and overcome? What might have gone better? How did your support network—family, friends, faculty, and staff—help you succeed? Celebrate your strengths, set some goals for yourself, and use the summer to help you start strong and refreshed this fall.

—Coco Rae, Student Success Manager



MEET OUR NEW STUDENT SERVICES STAFF MEMBER

The UNM-Los Alamos Student Services Office would like to welcome **Ingrid Goldsmith** as our new **Senior Student Enrollment Specialist**. Ingrid is an alumna of both UNM-LA and Northern New Mexico College. She received a degree in Business at UNM-LA and Business and Management at NNMC. As a student at UNM-LA, Ingrid was a Work Study in the Student Services Office, so she already has a broad understanding of what it takes to care for the Lobos here on our campus. In her free time, Ingrid enjoys hiking, camping, gardening, painting, and fixing her sweet vintage Ford Bronco.



Ingrid will be focused on admissions as well as registration in her new role. If you have questions about your application, Ingrid is the one to call. Stop by our offices in Building 1 and say "Hi" to our newest team member when you get a chance.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER & FALL

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

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.

NEW CASHIER HOURS

Beginning July 1, the Cashier's Office has new in-person hours:

Mondays: 8:30 am–3:00 pm
Tuesdays: 8:00 am–4:00 pm
Wednesdays: 8:00 am–4:00 pm
Thursdays: 8:00 am–4:00 pm
Fridays: Closed

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Roxanne Yoakam

Hometown & High School: Española and Santa Fe,

attended both Española Valley High School and Capital High School

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Favorite Class: ME160L Mechanical Engineering Design I (I love to draft!)

Dream Job: Designing mechanical components for infrastructure

Plans for After Graduation: Getting a job at LANL so I can buy a winter home on the beach

Top of My Playlist: All things 90s, especially alternative rock

Hobbies: Genealogy and reading

Favorite Team: Not a sports person

Red or Green: Christmas please!



SOFT SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY WORK SUCCESS

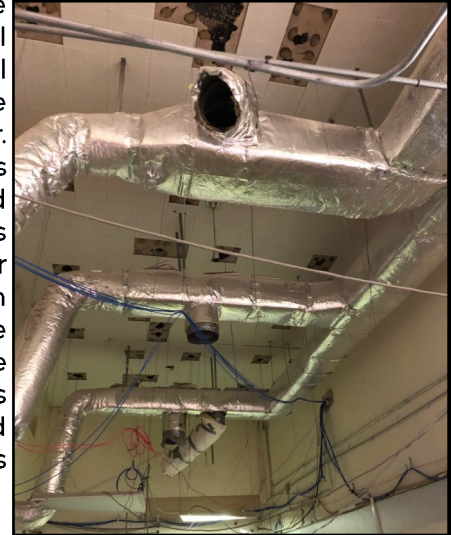
Every employer expects to see a certain set of skills that show that their employees are ready to perform professionally. These skills are often called **soft skills**—not the technical skills that most classes are specifically designed to teach you, but the more general skills that every class helps you build. Job postings in almost every industry often include skills such as work ethic, teamwork, and problem-solving. UNM has identified five overarching skills, called the [UNM 5](#), that will help prepare you to be career-ready.

- **Critical Thinking:** Define the idea in front of you clearly, determine the quality of evidence supporting that idea, and understand its implications or consequences.
- **Communication:** Receive and convey information, ideas, and messages in ways that are powerful and appropriate to the situation.
- **Collaboration:** Work with others to achieve shared goals.
- **Research & Assessment:** Understand and explain the world around you.
- **Professionalism:** Gain career and workplace knowledge through a variety of in-and out-of-classroom activities.

This summer, take some time to consider what your strongest soft skills are. How have you used them? Add more examples of them to your resume. Which soft skills can you develop further? Look for classes this fall that can help you develop these skills and build your employability!

BUILDING 6 RENOVATION UNDERWAY

With ceilings and flooring removed, wires dangling, and walls torn down, the renovation of Building 6 has begun! Some classrooms, offices, and bathrooms have been enlarged, and the entire building will have a beautiful new look in time for fall semester. UNM-Los Alamos is looking forward to the results of this facelift for our primary classroom building, and we can't wait to share it with you once it's done! Stay tuned for more updates over the summer.



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.

COMING SOON....

UNM LOS ALAMOS

FINANCIAL LITERACY 101

Fully customized courses and content to serve UNM-LA's and Los Alamos' financial wellness goals. Free to students and the Los Alamos community!

LEARN MORE HERE:



CAREER CENTER OPENING SOON

We are pleased to announce that the Career Center, located in the Learning Resource Center in Building 7, will be opening soon! Student Services is excited to offer you everything from career exploration to resume building and interview skills, and many other resources to help you find a career path that's right for you! You can drop by to pick up materials, use online resources, or schedule an individual consultation with our trained career advisors. Check your email for more details soon!



RURAL STUDENT PROJECT

The Rural Student Project (RSP) was established to identify, recruit, and support students from rural New Mexico communities.

To qualify student must have graduated high school or lived in a community with a population of 50,000 people or less

RSP will provide:

- **A financial stipend** - \$1000/semester
- **Volunteer in Albuquerque** - Attain a min. of 40 hours of service/semester
- **Meet community members** - Create/Expand your network
- **Civic Engagement** - Create change in New Mexico, learn valuable lessons and create resume.

If you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to apply for the Rural Student Project please submit your application for consideration by:

August 04, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY, VISIT [HTTP://UNMCAMP.UNM.EDU/RURAL-STUDENT-PROJECT/INDEX.HTML](http://unmcamp.unm.edu/rural-student-project/index.html)

Contact:

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CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP THIS FALL

Have you ever bought a car? If so, perhaps you started by researching a few options online and then decided which cars you wanted to test drive. A test drive helps you know how the car feels on the road and if you're comfortable in the driver's seat. You don't want to spend a lot of money on a car you're not going to love or that won't get the job done. Careers are a little like cars. You don't want to spend a lot of time and money on studying something that isn't going to provide your desired results. Internships are the perfect way to "test drive" a career in your educational field of study. Let the Internship Coordinator help you find the right internship for you and ensure you're on the right path. For more information, contact Brittany Carpenter: brcarpenter@unm.edu.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SEMESTER

We may just be starting July, 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!

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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.