

# Student Services Newsletter

AUGUST 2023

## WELCOME BACK FROM THE DEAN AND FACULTY

Greetings from the Dean and Faculty! If you're new here, we're so glad to see you, and if you're returning, it's our great pleasure to have you back!

We have some big changes in store this coming year, starting with the change of our title from the "Office of Instruction" to "Academic Affairs." We'll still be responsible for all aspects of your classroom instruction, face-to-face, online, continuing education, and specialized training.

The second major change has to do with the closure of Building 6 for extensive renovations. We'll be updating almost all of our classrooms, the hallways/common spaces, and the bathrooms, with new carpets, ceiling tiles, lighting, and more, all designed to make your learning environment more inviting. Already, this past year, we replaced all of the heating and cooling in the building, and we'll soon be updating the roof. We hope to have the much-improved building completed and back in service in time for Spring 2024. In the meantime, you'll find our offices in the library, so if you need anything, feel free to stop by. And please excuse the dust, the inconvenience of redirection around building 6, and the location changes for your classrooms in the fall. We think you'll love the result!

Also in the fall, we'll be launching a brand-new Elementary Education program on the Continuing Education side (soon to be a credit-bearing program as well), relaunching our Certified Nurse Assistant program, and hiring new faculty to teach Physics, English, Engineering, Welding, and Math. We hope all this will add to the vibrancy of community! We look forward to seeing you all on campus!

—Dr. Paul Allen, Dean of Academic Affairs



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER & FALL

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

- August 1:** Summer semester ends.
- August 21:** Fall semester begins.
- September 1:** Last day to add a class and/or change grade mode on LoboWeb.
- 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.

## WELCOME NEW ADVISOR JEF BATEMAN

Student Services is pleased to welcome our **new academic advisor, Jef Bateman!** Jef is a Los Alamos native who has joined UNM-LA after 16 years teaching history and literature at Chandler Prep in Mesa, Arizona. He is excited to begin working with students soon, and will be advising all majors except Pre-Engineering and Fire Science. You can reach him at [jefbateman1@unm.edu](mailto:jefbateman1@unm.edu) or stop by Building 1 to say hi!



## AUGUST EVENTS ON CAMPUS

**New Student Orientation** New to UNM-LA this summer or fall? Join us for in-person New Student Orientation, either **August 10, 12-4 pm** or **August 17, 10 am-2 pm**. Register at [tinyurl.com/4eypv39k](https://tinyurl.com/4eypv39k).  
**Welcome Back Day** Stop by the tent outside Building 1 for swag, snacks, and resources on **August 30, 10 am-2 pm**. Don't miss the grand opening of the Career Center in the library, too!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Eric Martinez  
**Hometown & High School:** Medanales, attended Española Valley High School

**Major:** Business with a concentration in Management

**Favorite Class:** All of them!

**Dream Job:** Not sure yet

**Plans for After**

**Graduation:** Thinking about continuing my education

**Top of My Playlist:** "County Line" by Chase Matthews

**Favorite Team:** UNM Lobos football, Las Vegas Raiders, and Los Angeles Lakers

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, outdoor life, horseback riding, ranching

**Red or Green:** Depends on the meal, but usually Christmas



## WHO IS IN YOUR NETWORK?

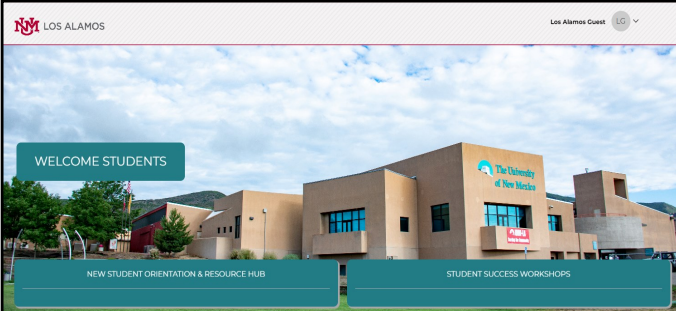
Networking does not have to be scary! It is simply about relationship-building. You don't have to know all the right people to find the right job. Talking to the people you already know may help you identify new connections to the hidden job market. Who is in your network? Anyone you know, who cares about you or shares something in common with you. Write down your list, in ever-widening circles:

- Family and friends
- Teachers, co-workers, classmates, advisors, etc.
- Acquaintances from your volunteering experience, church, club, coffee shop, etc.
- Fellow association members, LinkedIn connections, Facebook groups, etc.

Reach out to these people for both educational resources and career connections. How do you start a networking conversation? Start by just catching up and talking about life, particularly if you haven't done so in a while. Then, when it is natural, bring the conversation around to your career goals. It is good to share some of your relevant skills and experience, if they don't already know: "I have done \_\_\_ and \_\_\_, but I'd like to get into \_\_\_." That knowledge can make them an advocate for you with their network connections down the road. It's also ok to ask for names of people they know or ask to keep an eye out for openings that might fit you. Remember that networking is actually building relationships. Don't forget to reciprocate—offer resources or connections of your own to support their goals. Maintain these relationships as regularly as possible, especially when job-searching. Then let them know when their connections pay off!

## ONLINE ORIENTATION & RESOURCE HUB

Student Services is pleased to announce the launch of our new **Online Orientation and Resource Hub**, available to both new and returning students. This platform is full of useful information you can return to whenever you need it, and it offers over 30 free Student Success workshops on a variety of topics. Check your UNM email for details and log on to explore!



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### Start Your Semester Off Right

Join us for a **FREE**

### Pre-Semester Prep Workshop Series

These interactive workshops will review all foundational material leading up to the specified course so you are better equipped to hit the ground running.

Synchronous in-person in the ESS suite & virtual via Zoom

*Pre-Calc/Trig Prep	Monday, August 14, 2023	10 AM - 12 PM
*Calc 1 Prep	Tuesday, August 15, 2023	10 AM - 12 PM
*Calc 2 Prep	Wednesday, August 16, 2023	10 AM - 12 PM
Calc 3 Prep	Thursday, August 17, 2023	10 AM - 12 PM
Math working session	Thursday, August 17, 2023	1 - 3 PM
*Physics 1 Prep	Friday, August 18, 2023	10 AM - 12 PM
Chem 1 Prep	Friday, August 18, 2023	1 - 3 PM

Attend these sessions & give feedback for access to a general knowledge exam.

RSVP is preferred but not required

[ess.unm.edu/events](https://ess.unm.edu/events) > August  
or through our web-app - succESS

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 WANTS YOU!

This year, Student Government will assist in creating a 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! Student Government members earn \$100 for each semester of service, form relationships with other students, staff, and faculty, build leadership experience, and collaborate on important decisions for campus. Interested? Contact Grace Willerton, [gwillert@unm.edu](mailto:gwillert@unm.edu), for more information, or fill out an application in Student Services.

## CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP THIS FALL



At the end of her Spring semester internship, UNM–Los Alamos student Isabelle Romero said, “I chose to participate in CIC because I wanted to be a part of something. Before my internship, all I did was go to class and do my homework. I wanted to contribute my spare time towards something more meaningful!” This is just one of many reasons why an internship can be beneficial. If you have ever thought of participating in the Community Internship Collaboration (CIC), there

are a lot of opportunities this month to learn more.

**Information Sessions:** Thursday, Aug. 24 at 3:00 pm in Room 639 or Monday, Aug. 28 at 11:30 am Room 639.

**Business Meet & Greet:** Wednesday, Aug. 30. Stop by Room 505 in Wallace Hall any time from 11:30 am–12:30 pm to speak with businesses interested in hiring UNM–LA interns. We will provide a pizza lunch to students, and you can ask questions without no commitment.

**Questions?** Contact Internship Coordinator Brittany Carpenter, [brcarpenter@unm.edu](mailto:brcarpenter@unm.edu), or visit the CIC webpage at [losalamos.unm.edu/cic](http://losalamos.unm.edu/cic).

## CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 21

Fall semester is just around the corner—classes begin in a mere three weeks! If you haven't registered for classes yet, make an appointment with your advisor to review your degree plan 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!

## PAJARITO SKI PASS FOR NEW FRESHMEN

Hey freshmen! Pajarito Mountain is offering a **free season pass** to all full-time freshmen (2023 High School and GED graduates). Stop by Student Services in Building 1 if you have questions or want to learn more. Visit: [pajarito.ski](http://pajarito.ski) for the latest on the mountain.



## UNM LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP COLLABORTION



## SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY  
AUG. 30, 2023  
11:30AM - 12:30PM

## MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON ON CAMPUS

Connect with prospective interns among UNM-LA students. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit [losalamos.unm.edu/cic](http://losalamos.unm.edu/cic) or email [cic@unm.edu](mailto:cic@unm.edu).

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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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.