

Student Services Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

FALL GREETINGS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Now that Fall semester is underway and September has arrived, all of us in Student Services would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you, whether you are just starting your educational journey with us or you are returning to continue working toward your goals. Over the summer we gained a new advisor, Jef Bateman, and a new enrollment coordinator, Ingrid Goldsmith, and all of us are thrilled to be able to support you in bigger and better ways. Keep an eye out for upcoming campus events, workshops, and programming sponsored by our department. Additionally, we encourage you to look for opportunities to get involved with the UNM-Los Alamos community, whether it's serving as a member of Student Government, participating in College Council, applying for an internship with the Community Internship Collaboration, attending workshops offered by the Career Center—the possibilities are many! More importantly, these opportunities can enrich your college experience and provide valuable experience and connections to help you achieve your educational and career goals. Student Services is here for you—stop by our offices in building 1 any time and we'd be happy to help you find ways to connect.

—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.

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.

SCENES FROM NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On August 10 and August 17, UNM-Los Alamos welcomed nearly four dozen of our many new Lobos to our campus during New Student Orientation. We're excited to have you start your educational journey with us, and we can't wait to get to know you!



NEW CASHIER HOURS STARTING 9/1

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

You can always access your bill and make payments through the Bursar Account Suite in LoboWeb. Questions? Contact unmlacashier@unm.edu.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Amber Ferree
Hometown & High School: Los Alamos & LAHS
Major: Nursing
Favorite Class: Psychology
Dream Job: Being a nurse in a retirement home
Plans for After Graduation: Getting a nursing job and buying a home
Top of My Playlist: "Cover Me Up" by Morgan Wallen
Favorite Team: Dallas Cowboys
Hobbies: Going on walks with my daughter
Red or Green: Both



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID UPDATES

There are big changes coming to the FAFSA for the 2024–2025 school year! The Better FAFSA will translate to a shorter and simpler form, increased eligibility for Pell Grants, and a reduction in verification, granting more students access to the financial aid they need to attend college. **The application will open in December 2023.**

For more information, visit: www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA-FAQs#:~:text=The%20Better%20FAFSA%20will%20translate,they%20need%20to%20attend%20college.

If you have not completed your FAFSA for the 2023–2024 school year, there is still time. Go to studentaid.gov and select "Complete FAFSA form". If you would like assistance filling it out, please call Student Services to set up an appointment with Jenny Duran: 505-662-5919.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Have you ever had a job that you really disliked, or do you know someone who has? Almost all of us can say yes. Before you pick a career to pursue for the next 10–40 years, there are many important things to consider for you to be satisfied and successful in it. First, look at yourself. Explore your personality, interests, values, priorities, skills, and other traits. What is your preferred work environment, your desired level of independence, your biggest motivator? What kind of activities do you enjoy so much that they don't feel like work? What area of work is most meaningful to you, worth investing your time and energy? Come find free surveys and other self-reflection tools in **our new Career Center in the Learning Resource Center (Bldg. 7)**. Next, find occupations that match you! Which ones include those enjoyable activities or give you opportunities for independence, or get you excited about the work? Make use of the occupation info tools in the Career Center. Then discuss options with your advisor to make a plan and start pursuing the best one for you. When you graduate, you will be ready to get a job that you really enjoy.

NASA Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee... presents **Virtual Pathways Internships and Career Fair** college students internships and career opportunities in **Accounting and Finance** **September 6, 2023** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time **NASA OCFO Career Opportunities**

- Accountant
- Budget Analyst
- Resource Analyst
- Program Analyst
- Operations Research Analyst

Webex Link: [NASA Agency OCFO/DEIA Virtual Pathways Internships & Career Fair](https://nasa-ocfo-deia1-outreach@mail.nasa.gov)
Point of Contact: LeeAnn Murphy - lq-masa-ocfo-deia1-outreach@mail.nasa.gov

www.nasa.gov

Engineering and Science Job & Internship Fair

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
10-2pm in the SUB Ballrooms



Scan the QR code to register and see what employers will be attending the 2023 UNM Engineering & Science Job & Internship Fair (in person on Main campus in ABQ).

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.

Career and Professional Development Event



Interviewing Basics

WIN a gift card*.
GAIN experience.
BUILD your skill set.
ENHANCE your resume.

*School of Engineering students only



Wednesday, September 6, 2023
3 - 4 PM

Synchronous in-person (in the ESS suite - CENT 2080)
and virtual via Zoom (<https://goto.unm.edu/esszoom>)



Learn more or RSVP
(preferred but not required) at
ess.unm.edu/events > September
or through our web-app - succESS



WELCOME BACK DAY SCENES

On August 30, Student Services hosted Welcome Back Day for all of our students, with opportunities to pick up resources, snacks, and swag, as well as chat with advisors and other staff. We also proudly launched our new Career Center in the library, and hosted the Community Internship Collaboration (CIC) Meet-and-Greet internship fair. It was great to see all of you!



CONSIDER A CIC INTERNSHIP THIS FALL

What benefits come from participating in the Community Internship Collaboration?

- Professional experience
- Networking opportunities
- Paid stipend
- References for future jobs
- A chance to try out a career field

Internships give you the freedom to explore what's available with only a semester-long commitment. Fall 2023 internships include positions in marketing, community development, project management, videography, and more! Make an appointment with Internship Coordinator Brittany Carpenter in Student Services to learn about the range of opportunities.

RSVP is preferred
(get 1 week and day before reminders)
but not required



ess.unm.edu/events
or through our web-app - succESS

FREE



HAZARDOUS WASTE

Every Other Tuesday.
3:30 - 4:30 PM.
via Zoom
(Meeting ID:
945 4519 6176)



Lab Safety Matters! Series

Join us for a 3 part series that will prepare you for lab work,
or make you a more valuable lab mate.

WIN a gift card*.
GAIN experience.
BUILD your skill set.
ENHANCE your resume.

Attend, one, two, or all three*.
Fall 2023
8/29 or 10/17: Hazard Communication & Evaluation
9/12 or 10/31: Hierarchy of Controls & Basics of PPE
9/26 or 11/14: Chemical Waste Management

*Attend all 3 and earn a Lab Safety Certificate from EH&S

Engineering Student Success Center
Environmental Health & Safety



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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 online 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 Director of Student Affairs 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.