



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

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WELCOME AUBREY LANHAM, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



UNM-Los Alamos Student Services welcomes Aubrey Lanham as the executive assistant to the chancellor. She coordinates the activities of the chancellor and organizes other essential campus functions.

Aubrey comes from Carlsbad, and she earned her BA from

New Mexico State University in history. She was drawn to the study of history because of her commitment to public history, which she describes as a way “to create human connection by exposing people to cultures and people they might not be exposed to otherwise.”

She came to Los Alamos because her husband, whom she met at NMSU, lives here and wanted to start a contracting business. She has lived here for about 10 years.

Aubrey participates in outdoor activities like hiking in nearby Acid and School Canyons and gardening, but her passion is taking care of her houseplants. She identifies her monstera “Thai constellation” as her particular favorite, although it is hard for her to commit. She mostly lived in apartments before coming to Los Alamos, and she appreciates the opportunity to fill her home with plants and sculptures.

Please join us in welcoming Aubrey to our campus. You can reach her at alanham@unm.edu.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 15 - 22: Spring break. No classes, but the campus is open.

March 23: Start of second-half-semester classes

April 6: Registration begins

April 17: Last day to drop without dean’s permission on LoboWEB

May 8: Last day to drop with Dean’s permission. See an advisor.

May 11 - 16: Final exams

May 15: Commencement!



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: KIMBERLY PRUETT, M.D.



Kimberly Pruett, MD is an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at The University of New Mexico.

A native of Albuquerque, Kimberly knew that she wanted to work in emergency medicine since she was two or three years old, when

she would see the ambulances and dream of working inside one of them.

When it was time to choose a college, however, Kimberly decided that the most economical decision was to accept an offer to play volleyball for the Airforce Academy and major in engineering. It looked like she was going to have to abandon her dreams.

After college, Kimberly was a newly commissioned lieutenant when 9/11 happened. During the response, she ended up stationed in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey, working for military intelligence.

Upon returning to the US, Kimberly found herself a captain stationed in central Georgia. As she was trying to stake out what her future was going to look like, she decided to sign up for an EMS class at a community college, mostly as a means to meet people and familiarize herself with the community. She did her ambulance rides with Grady Hospital, and when she first placed an IV, she says, "I knew that this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Kimberly decided to return to Albuquerque to study medicine. Since her engineering major was outside of her primary interests, her grades had suffered, and she wasn't able to get accepted to medical school. She worked as an EMT while taking pre-requisites to improve her academic standing.

She earned her MD from UNM in four years, then did her residency at Vanderbilt for three. Her intention at this time was to serve in a place with great need, and her eye was set on an assignment in Africa. Not receiving that placement, she went into a period of soul searching. She came out of this time realizing, "I didn't have to go to Africa to make a difference. I could do that from home." In fact, she concluded that her training and expertise were more suited to working among underserved communities here.

As a woman, Kimberly is grateful to those pioneers who made it possible for her to work in a field that is traditionally male. "I feel that when I am on a call, people don't see me as someone different, but as someone who is there to do a job. That's something that wouldn't be possible in the past."

When she is not working, Kimberly likes to spend as much time outside as she can. She spends time with her dog Sanka, and also hikes, kayaks, paddleboards, bikes, and camps.



MEET ADAM PADILLA, CERAMICS INSTRUCTOR



Please welcome our new ceramics instructor, Adam Padilla, to our campus.

Adam is a native of Albuquerque, and he earned his MFA at UNM. He travels from Albuquerque twice a week to teach at Los Alamos.

Adam's objective in his classes is to provide students with the tools and skills necessary to ensure that each piece they create matches the vision they had for that work.

One of Adam's fondest memories is studying in Akita, Japan. He chose Japan because he wanted to improve his ability to speak the language, but he also had time to participate in other activities.



One highlight was participating in a charity sumo contest, which he won! Adam also had an opportunity to visit Arita, which is the home of a ceramic style he studied at UNM.

Adam's own works have been featured in several shows, and he has a piece on permanent display in the Wheels Museum in Albuquerque.

When he is not teaching or working on new pieces, Adam spends his time lifting weights, playing sand volleyball, and playing video games. He also likes to spend time with his two pit bulls, Saya and Fantasia.

We are lucky to have a talented artist like Adam teaching at our school. You can reach Adam at adam12@unm.edu.



ADA STATEMENT

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.

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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 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.