



Student Services Newsletter

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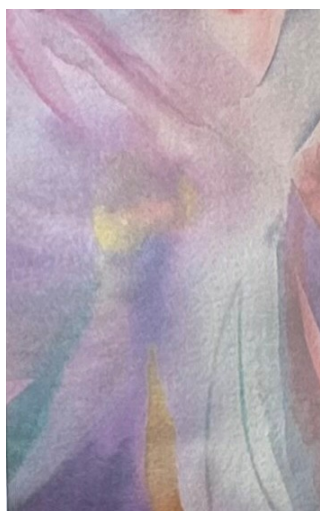
WELCOME KAREN BOISE: DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS



University of New Mexico–Los Alamos welcomes our new Director of Business Operations, Karen Boise, who recently returned to Los Alamos, her hometown. She most recently worked for the City of Albuquerque in the Albuquerque Community Safety Department and brings 14 years of higher education experience, having worked at Central New Mexico Community College. She also continues to serve as a Coach Trainer/Facilitator for CNM Ingenuity.

Her most important goal at University of New Mexico–Los Alamos for the first year is focused on learning what makes this campus unique so she can help preserve its identity while working to align processes with UNM Main Campus.

Karen graduated from Los Alamos High School and attended University of New Mexico, where she earned a BA in psychology and sociology.



Dancing Angel

Karen enjoys many outdoor activities and is happy to be back on the Hill. Her favorite outdoor activity is skiing, and she knows all the slopes at Pajarito Mountain Ski Area. She also enjoys hiking, spending time with her husband and two dogs, and soaking up family time with her two grown sons who live in Albuquerque. She has

an art studio in the back of her Albuquerque home where she creates watercolor and acrylic paintings. She also took up golf during COVID and has continued to enjoy the hobby.

We are lucky to have Karen leading our business office. You can reach her at ktubb1@unm.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1: Summer session begins.

June 12: Last day to drop without a “W” grade and full refund

June 19: Juneteenth, campus closed

July 3: Independence Day (observed) campus closed

July 12: Last day to drop via LoboWeb

July 24: Last day to drop with permission. See an advisor

July 28: Summer session ends

August 17: Fall semester begins

PRIDE MONTH: ROGER MONTOYA AND TIM STRUCK



Courtesy Moving Arts Española

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, and this year we are honoring two people who contribute to Northern New Mexico in different ways: Roger Montoya of Moving Arts Española and Tim Struck, Vice President of the Human Rights Alliance in Santa Fe. Both Roger and Tim demonstrate how creativity, advocacy, and resilience shape LGBTQ+ life in Northern New Mexico.

Roger Montoya

Roger Montoya was born in Colorado, but his family has deep roots in Peñasco. His early training was in gymnastics, and he earned an athletic scholarship to attend California State University, Long Beach. While there, he suffered a concussion, which inspired him to focus on visual arts and dance.

Roger was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 1984. He says, "I lost many friends, and I moved back to New Mexico to prepare to die." While here, though, he started teaching people gymnastics, then expanded to an in-school enrichment program in Española Public Schools. "Art is medicine. Working with people has given me motivation for my life work."

Roger believes that creative expression helps the students he works with reflect on meaningful work. People should ask, "Why does this pathway bring me joy and purpose? Is it



just a job?" Roger says that it took catastrophic events to lead him to reassess his life and to dedicate himself to his passion, but he sees that education can help young people find meaning in their lives. Roger says, "Joy does matter. It is so beautiful to be fed by joy and purpose."

In 2008, Roger founded Moving Arts Española with Salvador Ruiz Esquivel. Among his objectives was to cultivate an appreciation for the art and culture of Española and the surrounding region. He tells us, "I am here for the beauty of the people and the place. The quality of the students I've had is astounding. I would not serve anywhere else."

Moving Arts Española offers classes, in-school programs, and one free meal per day. It is a very successful program, serving about 700 students per year. This extraordinary program has helped many young people discover the cultural richness and beauty of the Española region.

Moving Arts Española is located at 368 Eagle Drive in Ohkay Owingeh. There is a short documentary about their work that you can access using this QR code.



Courtesy Moving Arts Española

Tim Struck



Tim Struck, a native of El Guique, New Mexico and a former UNM-Los Alamos student, currently serves as Vice President of the Board at the Human Rights Alliance in Santa Fe.

Tim was drawn to work in human rights in college. He says, “I didn’t come out until I left New Mexico. I was afraid of what people would think—of how my family would react. It turns out my family was very supportive.” He attended the University of Arizona, taking classes at UNM-LA in the summers, but did not really connect with the LGBTQIA+ community until he moved to San Diego. “We had a whole area there. I joined the San Diego Gay Men’s Chorus and attended events. I saw the benefit of an active, supporting community.”

When he came back to New Mexico, he settled in Santa Fe because of the availability of government-related jobs and the reputation of the city as a haven for LGBTQIA+ people. When he attended his first Pride Parade, however, he found both the level of attendance and the enthusiasm of the participants to be disappointing. According to Tim, “This was far from what I was used to in San Diego. This city has this great reputation and is seen as a place of safety to a lot of people, but there is not

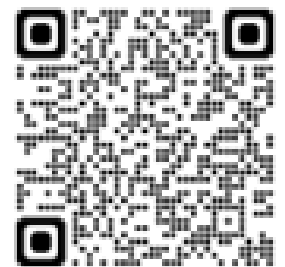
much being done to provide safe spaces and activities.”

In 2019, he reached out to the Human Rights Alliance to see what he could do. COVID-19 delayed plans, but when things started to open back up in 2020, he started to focus on safe spaces. The PRIDE Center was officially opened May 3, 2025.

Tim’s focus is on expanding efforts to create safe spaces, and on acknowledging diversity within the community. He says, “New Mexico is one of the safest for queer people, but we need to expand outside of Santa Fe. Our work is important not only to the queer community, but to other under-represented populations.” Tim encourages other people to get involved in activism: “I feel that this work needs to be done. You can’t just say, ‘I want it to be different.’ You need to do the work.”

In addition to his day job as IT Administrator for the 1st Judicial District Attorney and his work for the Human Rights Alliance, Tim keeps busy by fishing, camping, hiking, mountain biking, and running. He is most passionate about running, and he is preparing for his first full marathon in the upcoming Albuquerque Running Fiesta.

You can find out more about the Human Rights Alliance by using this QR code.



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.

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.