



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR - MIKE HOLTZCLAW



A SEASON OF CONTINUED PROGRESS

With the fall semester on the horizon, our campus is building on a period of significant progress and improvement. Following the successful completion of phase one—highlighted by the updates to our

front entrance—we are continuing to enhance our spaces to better serve students, employees and visitors. You may notice some changes as you arrive, as offices and teams shift locations as part of this ongoing effort. If someone isn't where you remember them, they are still here — just in a new space. Temporary detours will be in place, with clear signage to help guide you.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

We are beginning a dramatic redesign of our central courtyard, which will include new seating areas and shade structures to create a more inviting and functional gathering space. If you appreciate the recent improvements viewed from Diamond Drive, you can look forward to what's next. Pending the outcome of the General Obligation Bonds this November, we anticipate moving forward with a complete remodel of Building 1 next year as well.

In addition, Student Services is now located on the lower level of Building 2, in the space formerly occupied by business operations. This

relocation will help centralize key resources for potential and current students as we remodel.

WELCOMING NEW TALENT

This fall also brings a wave of new talent to our campus. We are thrilled to welcome a number of outstanding faculty and staff who have joined us over the past year, including Karen Boise, Camilla Martin and Gopinath Subramanian, Ph.D. Their expertise and passion strengthen our institution and enhance the experience we provide to our students. We are confident they will make meaningful contributions from day one.

A NEW DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

I'm also pleased to share that our new website has officially been launched. Designed with users in mind, it offers improved navigation, updated content and a more engaging digital experience for everyone.

Together, these changes reflect our ongoing commitment to meaningful progress. Thank you for your flexibility during this time of change — and for being part of what makes our campus such a dynamic and inspiring place.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 17: Fall semester begins

August 28: Late registration closes

September 4: Last day to drop without a "W" grade and 100% tuition refund

September 7: Labor Day (Campus closed)

October 8-9: Fall Break (Campus open/no classes)

November 6: Last day to withdraw without permission of Student Services

WELCOME PROJECT MANAGER TINA PICKETT



Monkey World in Dorset UK

We would like to welcome Tina Pickett as the new continuing education program manager at UNM-Los Alamos. She brings years of experience working in the non-profit sector and higher education.

Tina has lived in Los Alamos for about a year, but only recently came to UNM-LA. Originally from Wyoming, Tina has family connections in New Mexico, and she is glad to finally live here after years of visiting to connect with family and to pick up volumes of chile and piñon.

Tina's goals at UNM-LA include building out the program, reviving the Summer Program for Youth (SPY), and to institute a mobile-classroom program to engage rural populations, including at the nearby Pueblos.

When she is not working, Tina enjoys fishing, reading, traveling, and doing yoga. She is currently earning certification in Breathe for Change, a private educational company. She has also started to bake sourdough since coming to the Hill and is enjoying the challenges of high altitude baking!



River Ness, Scotland

You can reach Tina at tpickett1@unm.edu.

CAMILLA MARTIN: ART HISTORY AND STUDIO ART

UNM-Los Alamos would like to welcome Camilla Martin, who was recently hired to teach art history and studio art full time after teaching on an adjunct basis for several years. She also has been teaching art at McCurdy Charter School, where she has been for 17 years.



Camilla and Ozzy

Camilla is originally from a suburb of Denver called Wheat Ridge, and she studied at the Colorado Institute of Art. Camilla was first introduced to horses by the Westernaires, a non-profit organization that teaches horsemanship, precision drill riding and leadership to kids 9-19. Horses were the first inspiration for her art, and she continues to

ride horses today. "If you know anything about me, you know it's all about horses," Camilla tells us. She admires all types of horses, but her focus has been Arabian horses since she first met one in Colorado.

Camilla first came to New Mexico with her then-husband, who is from Santa Clara. She now lives in Abiquiu, and she has a few acres where her horses can roam.



Roses and Columbines

Camilla works in multiple media, but her specialty is painting in oils and watercolors. In addition to horses, she paints florals, landscapes, other animals, and architecture. In addition to fine art for sale, she also creates custom pet portraits in colored pencils and pastels.

At UNM-Los Alamos, Camilla's goal is to expand the program to have more students studying art. She says, "We have a reputation for focusing on math and science, but I have had students who fell in love with art while taking a class, and they have decided to major in the history of art or studio art." She dreams of having at least one end-of-year art show where students can show their work.

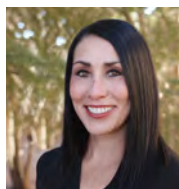
While teaching, Camilla is working towards her Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh.



Scan the code for Camilla's website. You can reach Camilla at cmarti10@unm.edu.

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.



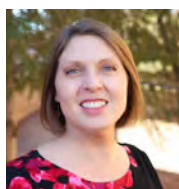
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Admissions

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.