



Student Services Newsletter

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MEET MATH INSTRUCTOR TIM HAMLIN



Originally from Boulder, Colorado, Tim Hamlin earned his B.S. in physics, with a minor in mathematics, from The University of New Mexico. Later, after earning his master's and Ph.D. in physics from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (New Mexico Tech),

Tim worked for over 20 years at LANL, where he applied his background in instrumentation and the remote sensing of lightning and atmospheric electrification processes to the nation's nuclear non-proliferation and detonation detection program. While there, he contributed to the design, construction, launch, and on-orbit deployment and verification of radio frequency sensor payloads aboard the GPS satellites used to monitor nuclear test ban treaty compliance.

Between undergraduate and graduate school, Tim did a stint as a graduate research assistant at LANL, where he first felt drawn to Los Alamos. He was glad to find a place that still had the small-mountain-town charm that the city of Boulder had when he was growing up.

Tim retired from the lab about two and a half years ago, and has been teaching foundational math, intermediate algebra, and trigonometry here at UNM-LA since then. He wants his students to know that he started out taking these very same remedial classes but worked his way up from there and was able to succeed in a scientific research field that relies heavily on mathematics. "I tell them: I started from the

absolute bottom. If you put in the work, you can make it too!"

When he's not teaching or grading assignments, Tim can frequently be found playing disc golf at the course on North Mesa, hacking in Linux, learning to play piano and guitar, or tinkering on his classic car.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

November 26-29: Thanksgiving. Campus Closed. No classes.

December 3: Last day to drop with Dean's Permission (talk to your advisor)

December 7-12: Final Exams

December 24 - January 2: Winter break, campus closed.

FOLLOW US



WELCOME FACILITIES MANAGER MASON TIETJEN



The University of New Mexico-Los Alamos welcomes Mason Tietjen as our new facilities manager.

Mason grew up in White Rock, and he earned his bachelor's degree in statistics from UNM. He held a variety of restaurant jobs and spent a winter at Beaver Creek as a lift operator —before getting a job at main campus in

Utilities about four and a half years ago. Mason is glad to be back at Los Alamos. His goal in his new position is “to work as part of a team with faculty and staff to maintain an excellent campus environment.”

When he's at home, Mason spends time with his dog — a beagle/Australian shepherd mix — and two box turtles. He has always been interested in reptiles, and he has been called on several times to relocate snakes.

Mason's favorite outdoor activities include camping, fishing, rock hounding, and hiking. He particularly enjoys visiting nearby hot springs.

When he is not outdoors, Mason sings karaoke, attends poetry slams, and does woodworking. He recently began work on a cajon so he can perform percussion with a local band.

Say “hi” to Mason when you see him around campus. If you need to reach him, come to Building 2 or email him at mtietjen@unm.edu.



LOS ALAMOS

College Council

Inviting students, faculty, and staff to share ideas, concerns, needs, and other feedback.
Let's make a positive impact together!



Oct. 6



12:45 -
2:00 P.M.



Room 230
& Zoom



Scan for more
information!



Want to practice
improvisational acting?

JOIN OUR IMPROV CLUB!

New Time!

**MONDAYS
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

BUILDING 7, ROOM B-20

Minors need a signed permission form to participate. Contact Jef Bateman for a form.

Contact: jbateman1@unm.edu

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MEET WORK STUDY JUSTIN JURNEY



Justin was raised in Los Alamos, where he was homeschooled. Justin's first experience at UNM-LA was through a LEGO robotics class when he was in elementary. Later, he did math and biology as a dual credit student. He is currently studying computer science.

His goal is to work in I.T. at Los Alamos County, where he had some internships.

Several of Justin's hobbies align with his career objectives. He likes to code in JAVA and Python, and he plays several video games and likes to create digital art. Recently, he has added videogame design and digital music to his pursuits.

Justin also likes to spend time walking and hanging out with his dog, a chihuahua/pug mix.



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.

MEET WORK STUDY ERIC CARNEY



Eric grew up in Hawaii but moved to Los Alamos in 2015. He graduated from Los Alamos High School in 2020, and he is currently a junior studying mechanical engineering.

When he is not studying, Eric pursues a number of hobbies, including furniture making, archery, hunting, sculpting, and other artistic pursuits. Eric lives in Los Alamos, and he likes to spend time with his three cats and his dog, a red heeler/pit bull mix.

CAREER CORNER



Career Services is here to help you turn your time at UNM-LA into a career you actually love.

Here are four ways we can help you get there:

Career Exploration

— With a few simple assessments, we'll help you identify your strengths and interests, narrowing down the thousands of careers out there to the ones that are actually right for you.

Resume Review — No resume yet? We'll help you build one from scratch. Already have one? We'll help you strengthen it and make it work harder for you.

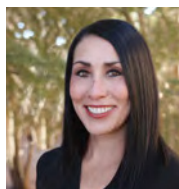
Interview Skills — Interviewing is stressful for most of us. We'll help you practice and give you practical tips to make it feel less intimidating.

Find Internships & Jobs — The search can be overwhelming. We can point you toward local opportunities or show you the best places to look on your own.

Stop by the Office of Student Services in the basement of Building 2 to schedule an appointment, or just ask for Brittany Carpenter.

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.



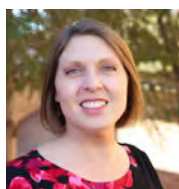
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Admissions

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.