



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

April 2024

CIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Class registration begins soon! As you think about fall classes, consider participating in UNM-LA's Community Internship Collaboration (CIC). Next semester you could be helping manage Exit Realty's annual toy drive, planning an event for young entrepreneurs with the Small Business Development Center, or welcoming tourists at the Manhattan Project National Historic Park. These are just a few of the opportunities waiting for you next semester. Along the way, you'll earn a course credit and a \$900 stipend. Speak with Internship Coordinator, Brittany Carpenter (brcarpenter@unm.edu), or your academic advisor today!



UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2: College Council Meeting, Wallace Hall in Building 5 and on Zoom: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/95057703657>

Thursday, April 4: Los Alamos Spring Job Fair. Come to the UNM-LA Student Center between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm to meet with prospective employers. Check out the flier at the end of this newsletter.

Monday, April 8: Registration for summer and fall opens! Some classes fill up within days, so make an appointment to speak with your advisor to come up with a schedule. The best way to make an appointment is through LoboAchieve. You can also call Student Services at (505)662-5919.

Tuesday, April 9: Transfer Advising. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm you can meet with an Albuquerque advisor via Zoom. There will be representatives from Anderson School of Management, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Engineering. Call Student Services to schedule, (505)662-5919.

Tuesday, April 23: Liberal Arts Cohort meeting. From 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, come meet other Liberal Arts majors, get some snacks, and learn about programs at UNM-LA. Email Peninah Wolpo: peninah@unm.edu

Wednesday, May 1: Fine Arts and Art Studio Faculty/Student/Staff Show. The gallery will be open all day, and there will be a special reception in the evening from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Email peninah@unm.edu.

GRADUATION IS APPROACHING!



UNM - Los Alamos will hold our graduation on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 pm at Crossroads Bible Church, 97 East Road

in Los Alamos. If you are planning to graduate this spring, contact your advisor to guide you through the graduation petition process. If you are not sure whether you qualify for graduation, your advisor can guide you through interpreting your degree audit. Graduation regalia will be loaned by the college.

If you have any questions about graduation, contact Lori Tepley at ltepley@unm.edu.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT PROFILE:

KRISTIAN GODT



Kristian describes himself as an outgoing person, and there is little that he enjoys more than lively discussion. He thrives on debate, but tries to avoid flat-out arguing: "I actually don't like arguing; I like debate," Kristian explains. "Debate is a controlled argument. In

an all-out argument, people will only defend themselves, which prevents you from changing anybody's mind." If somebody insists on arguing with Kristian, he will keep talking only to help them think through their assumptions.

Kristian doesn't usually like movies, and he has a discerning taste in music. He says that most movies feature people doing foolish things or violating the laws of physics. He is particularly critical of the movie *Speed*, in which Keanu Reeves does things that are so unscientific that "you should not be allowed to imagine them, much less feature them in a movie."

Regarding music, Kristian finds that most modern hits have lyrics that are too hard to understand. He mostly listens to Boy with Uke or "music from 2012." "I want to know what the musician is saying; otherwise, what's the point?"

Kristian is proud of the work he has done with the student government, particularly in planning the student lounge. He hopes to stay at UNM-LA for two more semesters so he can see his efforts come to fruition.

Kristian enjoys talking to people, so don't be shy about approaching him after class or when you see him at Ashley Pond. His favorite topic is current events, and he is planning for a future in national politics. Don't worry about not having much to say, because Kristian has a gift for filling silences.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 8: Summer / Fall Registration Opens

April 12: Last day to withdraw without approval of Student Services

May 2: Last day to withdraw with approval of Student Services

May 6 -11: Final Examinations

May 7: CIC Graduation, 4 pm

May 9: UNM-Los Alamos Commencement

June 3: Summer Session Begins

August 19: Fall Session Begins

PHI THETA KAPPA - INTERNATIONAL HONOR FRATERNITY

Written by Ethan Pierce



Are you a current or future UNMLA student looking to be recognized for your academic achievement? Do you like scholarship opportunities? Do you fancy having a way to connect to others on campus, or have a positive impact? Well, PTK is the honor society for you! With PTK you can be as involved as you'd like to be.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honors society for two-year degree programs! To get in, you need to be enrolled at UNMLA, have at least a cumulative 3.5 grade point average, and have completed at least 12 hours toward an associate or bachelor's degree, or at least 6 hours toward a certificate.

If you are not sure where to start, then ask!

For more information, contact: Ivette Jimenez – Chapter Advisor. yrdiaz@unm.edu.

PTK website: <https://www.ptk.org/join/>.

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



From the 2023 Presidential Declaration: “This month, we join together to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Arab Americans to our Nation and recommit ourselves to the timeless work of making sure that all people have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream.”



This year, we would like to honor artist Dr. Wafaa Bilal, who earned his BFA from UNM in 1999. A native of Iraq, Dr. Bilal is best known for his piece *Domestic Tension*, which he created in response to the Iraq War. Dr. Bilal isolated

himself for 30 days in a room in a Chicago gallery. Also in the room was a remote-controlled paintball gun that viewers of the 24-hour livestream could use to shoot foul-smelling paintballs at Dr. Bilal at any time. The gun was also fitted out to make an extremely loud bang every time it was fired. He wanted to replicate the constant threat and lack of security experienced by people in a warzone. He was shot at 60,000 times, and he experienced post-traumatic stress as a result.

Courageous artists like Dr. Bilal help us bridge the imaginative gap between our comfortable lives and the vulnerable existence of people in war.

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.

EID AL FITR



Eid al-Fitr – the “feast of fast-breaking” - is one of two official holidays in Islam, the other being Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. The specific date of Eid al-Fitr depends on observations of the moon, but it is expected to start at sunset of April 9 this year.

Islam is the second largest religion in the world, and the fastest growing of the major world religions. Almost a quarter of the world’s population call themselves Muslims (followers of Islam). There is not a country in which Eid al-Fitr is not celebrated. There is even a celebration at McMurdo Station in Antarctica!

Eid al-Fitr is celebrated differently in different countries, but typical celebrations include feasting and buying new clothes. After the drab days of fasting, Muslims often celebrate in their most colorful clothes. In the United States, Muslims often gather in restaurants or family homes. Many restaurants offer a special buffet and, where weather permits, set up tables outside.



THE HISTORY OF ARAB AMERICAN MONTH"

In 1527, a Moroccan man by the name of Mustafa Azemmouri landed in the US as a slave, possibly becoming the first Arab individual to move to the US. Then in 1854, Antonio Bishallany immigrated from Lebanon to the United States and became the first official Arab American. Since then, there have been multiple waves of immigration from the Arab World into the US, and the number of Arab Americans is estimated to be over 3.5 million people today. Check out the [Arab American Institute map](#) to learn more about how this population is distributed among the different states.

NAAHM first began to be celebrated in the 1990s, primarily sporadically in school districts. Gradually, it came to be recognized by more and more organizations in more and more states. In 2017, an organization called Arab America began the initiative to recognize the month nationally. In 2021, April was federally recognized for the first time as [National Arab American Heritage Month](#).

MEET GREGORY SCARGALL - BRANCH RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST



Student Services would like to welcome our new Branch Recruitment Specialist, Gregory Scargall. Gregory is originally from Santa Fe, and he has deep and broad New Mexico roots. He has traced his New Mexico heritage back to Spanish explorers

of the late 16th century!

Gregory started his adult life as a US Navy medical corpsman for the Marines. After five years of service, he settled in California and started a product promotion company. He was very successful for years, but the economic

downturn of 2008-2009 led his company into hard times. Gregory wants UNM-LA families to know that he has experienced success and failure, and he knows the steps to take to recover from failure. "I know what it means to suffer, but also what it means to heal."

Gregory's road to healing included the courageous step of giving up alcohol. This summer he will mark his twelfth year of sobriety!

Gregory earned three college degrees in his thirties: an associate degree in Business from Santa Fe Community College, a bachelor's degree and MBA from Highlands University. Gregory wants families to know that higher education is not just for recent high school graduates, but for adults as well.

While he was working on his own education, he built the Veterans Resource Center at Santa Fe Community College, which came to be ranked first in the nation. Military Times chose Santa Fe Community College as "Best for Veterans" when the Center was under Gregory's leadership.

Gregory's goal at UNM-LA is to let families know that college is accessible for many people who think it will be too expensive. "The image people have of college as something that is really expensive is old news. New Mexico has programs that allow New Mexicans of all ages to go to college at little or no cost." Gregory has an authentic passion for higher education, and we are lucky to have him on our team.

MAIN CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

International Festival

April 18, 2024

UNM Cornell Mall

Vendors:	Performances:
Chamoy Bar	12:00 PM South Indian Dance
Le Paris Bakery	12:20 PM Flamenco Dance
Taste of the Caribbean	12:45 PM African Dummies
El Mariachi	1:00 PM Argentinian Tango
Unami Moto	
Sandia Fashion Art	
Menchie's	
Lujaqui	
Boba Tea	
and many more!	

Performances times are subject to change



LOS ALAMOS SPRING
Job Fair

April 4, 2024

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

UNM-LA Student Center, Building 2

DISCOVER YOUR NEXT CAREER STEP!



Join us for our highly anticipated Job Fair! This event presents an incredible opportunity for job seekers to connect with local businesses and non-profits to explore a wide range of career options.

Employers are **HIRING** and have current job openings now!

Why attend?

- Apply for jobs with local businesses
- Explore diverse career options
- Hear from various industry leaders
- Get your resume reviewed
- Grow your professional network

Participating Businesses Include Leaders In:


- Science & Technology
- Education
- Child Care
- Entrepreneurship
- Health Care

...and many more!

Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to kick-start your professional journey!

This event is proudly supported by:





Is transfer in your future?

TRANSFER ADVISING



What

- Admission Information
- Transition Information
- Academic Advisement

Who

Schedule an appointment in Student Services to meet with:

- Anderson School of Management
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Engineering

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Schedule time to meet with a UNM-ABQ advisor on Zoom!

For More Info, Contact Student Services

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.