



# LOS ALAMOS

## Student Services Newsletter

JUNE 2024

### NATIONAL PARKS TRIFECTA by Lori Tepley



Most of you are aware that UNM-Los Alamos is located in a beautiful and historic setting. The natural beauty has led the National Parks Service to establish three of its parks within 18 miles of campus.

The closest park, at less than a mile and a half from UNM-Los Alamos, is the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. In the early 1940s, Los Alamos was selected—along with Oak Ridge, TN and Hanford, WA—as a top-secret site to design and build the world’s first atomic bomb. This park highlights the history of Los Alamos and its relationship to securing the end of World War II. Visitors can explore some of the remaining structures from that pivotal era and learn about the brilliant minds that contributed to the project.

About 15 miles to the south of campus is Bandelier National Monument. Visitors can explore New Mexico’s Ancestral Pueblo culture on over 33,000 acres, including the beautiful Tsankawi section. Bandelier has cliff dwellings one can climb into and the ruins of Pueblo structures to observe. There are also trails, petroglyphs, and wildlife to captivate your attention. Campers can stay at one of two campgrounds and backpackers can explore the backcountry with a permit.

The third National Park in the area is the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Located about 16 miles west of UNM-Los Alamos, the Valles is an ancient volcano covering around 89,000 acres. Visitors can drive some of the many roads throughout the park and take in the spectacular landscape. Wildlife such as elk, bears, eagles, coyotes, and more can be seen around almost every turn. Activities include ranger programs, hiking, mountain biking, and fishing.

Try to make time to enjoy the benefit of studying in the midst of so many National Parks while you are here. More information can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/mapr/los-alamos.htm>, <https://www.nps.gov/band/index.htm>, and <https://www.nps.gov/vall/index.htm>.



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## CIC SPOTLIGHT - SAM AND ADAM



Meet Sam and Adam. Sam just completed an internship at the Valles Caldera National Preserve with mentor, Adam Dean. Sam spent the semester working on a 3D model and presentation board showing visitors fire damage to the Valles Caldera from the 2011 and 2013 fires. Sam has already signed on to continue their work as a volunteer after completing the required internship hours because they had such a positive experience. Thanks Adam, for being such a great mentor for our student.

The Community Internship Collaboration is a 60-hour per semester internship program for UNM-LA students. [Click here](#) for more information.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 3:** Summer Semester Begins

**June 7:** Late Registration Closes

**June 14:** Last day to change grading options / Last day to drop without "W" grade and 100% tuition refund on LoboWeb

**June 19:** Juneteenth (campus closed/no classes)

**July 4:** Independence Day (campus closed/no classes)

**July 12:** Last day to drop without approval of Student Services

**July 25:** Last day to drop with approval of Student Services (contact an advisor)

**July 30:** Last day of instruction

**August 19:** Fall semester begins

## SHAVUOT - THE FEAST OF WEEKS



This year, the Jewish holiday of Shavuot is to be celebrated on June 12 and 13 (dates vary among some Jewish groups). Shavuot is both an agricultural festival and a celebration of the revelation of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

While Shavuot celebrations can vary quite a bit around the world, some practices--such as reading the Book of Ruth at morning services, decorating the home and synagogue with greenery, and studying Torah all night—are widely practiced.

In some communities, the emphasis is on the agricultural aspect of the holiday, and there are Bikkurim ("first-fruits") celebrated on many kibbutzim (Israeli communes) and elsewhere.

For reasons that are not entirely clear, eating cheese blintzes and other milk-based dishes is an important tradition among many Jewish people.

Regardless of how they celebrate, Shavuot provides an opportunity to connect with family and to reflect on tradition.

## PRIDE MONTH - LOS ALAMOS PRIDE FESTIVAL



June is National LGBT Pride Month. In Los Alamos, Pride Month is celebrated during Pride Week (June 9 – June 17), which culminates with the Los Alamos Pride Festival at Central Park Square on Friday, June 14 from 3 pm to 7 pm. This year will mark the fifth in-person festival sponsored by Friends of Los Alamos Pride (FLAP) since its inception in 2018.

FLAP has its roots in the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos's annual Pride picnic. Some members of the church thought it would be fun to have a parade, but they were not sure if they had the wherewithal to organize one. Also, if they arranged to have the streets closed for a parade and nobody showed up, that would be very embarrassing. They decided it would be better to have a low-key event on the Fuller Lodge lawn so it would be fun regardless of how many people showed up. The festival moved to its current location at Central Park Square in 2019.

The first year the festival drew about 300 people, and it has grown steadily since then. There were 400-500 participants last year. The vibe of the festival is low-key and family-friendly. FLAP founding board member George Marsden describes it as "a small-town, nerdy, family-type thing that reflects what we are as a community." Everybody who supports the LGBTQIA+ community is welcome to come and visit vendors and enjoy the vibe.

The objective of the festival is to increase visibility of LGBTQIA+ people and foster understanding. Marsden says that he has seen Los Alamos become increasingly welcoming over the past few years, and he hopes that the festival and other events during Pride Week will cultivate understanding. He says, "We want everyone to feel wanted, safe, and welcome in our community."



The original supporters of Pride Week were Prism (LANL's LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group), the Family YMCA, and the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos. Now, churches, companies, and other organizations have stepped up for Pride in Los Alamos. If your organization wants to set up a table, please fill out [this form](#). You can connect with FLAP via [Facebook](#) or their [Google Sites](#) page.

When you come to the festival, be sure to drop by the UNM - Los Alamos table to say hi. If you can't make it to the festival, check out the calendar of Pride Week events in this newsletter.

If a spring festival is not enough for you, FLAP is planning something for October. Stay tuned for details!

### 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.

# LOS ALAMOS PRIDE JUNE 2024

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**PRIDE FESTIVAL**

June 14, 3-7 pm,  
Central Park Square

**JUNE 9**

Unitarian Church Service 10:30 am  
"What Pride means to you"

**JUNE 9**

Intergenerational Game Night  
Teen Center 5-9 pm

**JUNE 10**

Tie-dye at the Teen Center  
all ages welcome, 12-3 pm

**JUNE 11**

Flag parade Ashley Pond 5 pm  
Tuesdays at the Square 6-8 pm

**JUNE 12**

Pride painting and picnic  
Los Alamos Art Tunnel 4-6:30 pm

**JUNE 13**

Pride on the Patio  
Pig + Fig Cafe 6-8 pm

**JUNE 14**

Pride Festival  
Central Park Square 3-7 pm

**JUNE 17**

Read Books with Pride  
Mesa Public Library 6:30-7:30 pm

**PRIDE**

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event details on website ---->



# 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](https://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.