



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

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MEET WORK STUDY STUDENT CATEY ROMERO



Student Services welcomes our new work study, Catey Romero.

Catey is a first-year student from Ohkay Owingeh. She intends to study Biochemistry at UNM to prepare for a career working in a pathology lab. She is intrigued by the opportunity to spend hours in solitary work and the challenge of solving scientific puzzles to help people.

When she is not studying, Catey reads, builds with Lego, and plays with her cat, Pedro. Catey reads books in several genres: thriller, fantasy, romance, and science fiction. Of all the things she built with Lego, she is most proud of her Polaroid camera with a working mechanism. Pedro is a fat orange cat who knows how to take care of himself. He loves Catey, but he doesn't have a lot of room in his heart for anybody else. Sorry.

Catey recently visited Minnesota, where she enjoyed touring Paisley Park, the home of Prince. She also enjoyed visiting the Mall of America, an experience that she recommends to anyone.

If you want to talk about science, books, or Prince, come by Building 1 to meet Catey.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



Student Government elections are the week of Labor Day. Be sure to vote in person or by clicking on the link that will be sent out that week. While it is too late to fill out a candidate declaration, you can still write in your own name or the name of a classmate! There are eight open positions, and four declared candidates. Email UNMLAStudentGov@unm.edu with questions.

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WELCOME BACK DAY - SEPT. 5



The University of New Mexico-Los Alamos (UNM-LA) will host its Fall 2024 Welcome Back Day on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students are invited to visit the tent outside of Building 1 to meet staff members, pick up snacks and UNM-LA swag, and access campus resources. They can also vote for new student government representatives during the event.

Additionally, the Community Internship Collaboration (CIC) Business/Student Meet & Greet luncheon will take place the same day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Building 2 lecture hall. Students interested in a paid internship will have the opportunity to network with representatives from local businesses and learn about the available internships. Free pizza will be served.

More information about the CIC program is available on our website: <https://losalamos.unm.edu/cic/>.

UNM-LA is excited to welcome all new and returning Lobos for the fall 2024 semester.



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WELCOME BACK DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10 AM - 2 PM
Look for the tent outside Building 1!

Come for snacks, UNM-LA swag, and helpful resources!

Stop by the tent and vote for your new Student Government representatives!

Be sure to also check out the **CIC MEET & GREET**
Lecture Hall, Room 230, 11:30AM - 12:30PM
Grab some pizza and meet with local businesses offering Fall Internships!

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

September 2: Labor Day, campus closed/no classes

September 6: Last day to drop without a “W” grade and 100% tuition refund. See an advisor.

September 6: Last day to change grading options

October 10-11: Fall Break, campus open/no classes

November 8: Last day to withdraw without approval of Student Services. Contact your advisor.

November 28-30: Thanksgiving Holiday, campus closed/no classes

December 5: Last day to withdraw with approval of Student Services. Contact your advisor.

December 9-14: Final exams

MIGUEL MARQUEZ



September 3 marks the 57th birthday of CNN national correspondent Miguel Marquez, a native of Santa Rosa, NM and a 1991 graduate of The University of New Mexico's Political Science program. He later earned his master's degree from Columbia University.

Before becoming a reporter, Marquez worked as a legislative assistant for US Representative Bill Richardson. As he was traveling to North Korea, two US pilots were shot down north of the DMZ. Because of knowledge of North Korea and international diplomacy, Marquez was given a role in negotiating the return of the hostages.

Marquez has worked at various news desks, but he has been employed by major US networks ABC, CBS and CNN for most of his professional career. Marquez is one of the reporters who will follow stories where other reporters are afraid to go.

Marquez's most memorable moment came when he was calling in a report to his New York office from Bahrain, where he was reporting on anti-government protestors. The protests were getting out of hand, and the military was called in to crack down on them. Some people

with billy clubs, usually identified as police or members of the military, started to beat him as he yelled out, "Journalist! Journalist!" to make it clear that he was not a protestor. Recordings of the attack were disseminated online, and Marquez's name was in the national news for a few days.

It is not entirely clear what the motivation for the attack was, and some have speculated that Marquez was targeted as one of the very few openly gay journalists working in the Middle East.

Marquez is no longer on the Middle East beat, but he works from New York as a senior reporter on the domestic beat. He recently reported on the Titanic-bound submersible that imploded from extreme deep-sea pressure. He followed the story from beginning to end, first reporting on it hours after communications were lost. His most recent story details the US Navy's findings on the cause of the disaster.

UNM is proud to have high-profile New Mexicans like Miguel Marquez representing us on the national stage.



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.

A Better 2024-25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024-25 FAFSA form is now available. We've started sending submitted applications to colleges and states. [Learn more about 2024-25 FAFSA updates.](#)

2024-25 FAFSA® Form

[Start New Form](#) [Access Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Edit a 2023-24 FAFSA Form](#)

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. On the left, there is a white box with the heading 'A Better 2024-25 FAFSA® Form' and a paragraph of text. Below this is a section for '2024-25 FAFSA® Form' with two buttons: 'Start New Form' and 'Access Existing Form'. At the bottom of this section, there is a link: 'Need to access last year's form? Edit a 2023-24 FAFSA Form'. On the right side of the screenshot, there is a large graphic with the word 'FAFSA' in large blue letters, with 'form' in smaller letters below it. The graphic also includes illustrations of students carrying books and a laptop.

Students if you haven't completed your 2024-2025 FAFSA is not too late! Please call the front desk to set up an appointment with Jenny Duran, the Financial Aid Officer. I will be glad to walk you through the process.

Bridge to Success, NM Lottery and Opportunity are being awarded now. Please check your Financial Aid tab on your LoboWeb. If you have questions, contact Jenny Duran at jenduran@unm.edu

Checking Your Financial Aid Step by Step

Access myUNM at my.unm.edu and login using your NetID and Password.

Click on the "Student Life" tab.

*If you don't have this tab, click the + next to the tab with your name on it.

*Then select the circle next to Student Life, and click "Add Tab".

Click on the "Enter LoboWeb" button in the middle of the login screen.

ENTER LOBOWEB

Click on the "Financial Aid" tab.

Click on the blue [Overall Status of your Financial Aid](#) link.

Select your Aid year (2024-2025).

Click on the blue [Awarded](#) link.

Click on "Award Overview".

On the bottom left you will see Financial Aid awarded by term. It will list both fall and spring awards.

If you see a blue [Student Requirements](#) link, click on it. Any verification requirements will be listed. Click on the requirements to submit the required document online or use the PDF version.

Your financial aid will not be disbursed unless all verification requirements are meet.

If you are a first time student and are expecting financial aid, it is very important to check your status. If you are missing the **Authorization to Pay requirement, your financial aid will be held until you submit that form online or by paper version.**

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.

