



LOS ALAMOS

Student Services Newsletter

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MEET MARKETING MANAGER BETH RUE



UNM-Los Alamos is thrilled to welcome Beth Rue as our marketing manager. Beth recently moved from Anchorage, Alaska, where she worked for an Alaska Native corporation. She is happy to be in Los Alamos, where she enjoys outdoor activities like skiing and hiking. She also spends some time on her family's Colorado ranch, and she likes trying out her skills at managing cattle.

Beth listens to all sorts of music. She prefers country and indie rock, but she cites Usher as the artist who put on the best live show she has seen. She also appreciates Chris Stapleton's live performance skills; he puts on a more elaborate show than most country artists.

Beth's goal here is to leave UNM-Los Alamos a better place than she found. Many of you know that we are working to develop a strategic plan for the upcoming years, and Beth is hoping to make her mark by implementing the plan in a way that "meets the needs of the students, of the college, and of the community at large."

Beth's greatest asset in her role as marketing manager is her facility with written communication. "I'm not actually much of an artist. I have a good sense of what good art looks like, but I don't create much art. That's why I appreciate working with a talented person like Tracy; our skills dovetail nicely."

Tracy Bailey is the other half of the marketing and communications department. Tracy designs most of the marketing material you see around campus and in the community.

We are excited to see what comes out of the marketing and communications team in the coming years!

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

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

December 9-14: Final exams

January 21: Spring classes begin

January 31: Last day to add sections and change credit hours on LoboWEB

February 7: Last day to drop a full-term class without a "W" grade and receive a full refund on LoboWEB

April 18: Last day to drop without dean's permission on LoboWEB

PRACTICE TESTING FOR FINALS



For the past decade and a half, a growing body of research has shown that the best way to re-view for a test is to take practice tests.

In 2011, the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition* published an article by Robert Bjork (UCLA) and H.L. Roediger (Washington University) that compared self-testing with more conventional methods of review. The researchers demonstrated that taking practice tests exceeded all other methods, particularly when you have a week or more to review. They also showed that the more the practice test resembles the actual test, the better this method is.

Their findings have since been replicated in numerous studies, some utilizing automatically generated tests, others using professionally developed ones. They all show that taking several practice tests will provide better results than other approaches, such as re-reading chapters or looking at returned homework.

There are many different ways to find practice tests, but the most common ways are: to use online test generators offered by Quizlet, Kahoot!, and similar review websites; use professionally made practice tests included in your textbook or online resources; and have your classmates compile and share questions with each other.

The first method is the easiest, but the automatically generated material often is quite different than the exams given by your professor. Regardless, any form of self-testing seems to be effective.

As you prepare for finals, take some time to do some practice tests.



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JOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT



If you are enrolled in at least six credit hours at UNM-LA and have a 2.5 GPA or better, you are qualified to run for UNM-LA Student Government!

Contact Grace Willerton or Jef Bateman for information about how to apply:

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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.

PAJARITO MOUNTAIN FRESHMAN PASS



Did you get your high school diploma or GED in 2024? Are you currently taking at least 12 credits at UNM-LA? Do you love the mountains? If you answered, "YES" to these questions, there is a perk waiting for you just 10 minutes from campus.

Pajarito Mountain Ski Area is offering UNM-Los Alamos freshmen a free ski pass for the 2024/2025 winter season. Why? Because they're awesome and they think you are too.

You will need to go to the Pajarito Mountain Business Office at the ski area to pick up your pass. Before you head up there, you can check in with the Student Services office to make sure you qualify.

So, get your stoke on and join your friends, new and old, up on the mountain this winter. See you there!



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.