



# LOS ALAMOS

## Student Services Newsletter

February 2025

### CIC INTERNSHIP - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



It's not too late to apply for a Spring 2025 internship through CIC!

We have over a dozen local employers looking for UNM-LA students. Come to Room 230 on February 5th from 11:30-12:30pm to meet them, find out more about their positions, and have a pizza lunch on us!

If you can't attend the Meet and Greet, please join us for Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 pm. Email [cic@unm.edu](mailto:cic@unm.edu) for the Zoom link.

Positions come with a \$900 stipend upon completion.

Email your questions to Brittany Carpenter: [bcarpenter@unm.edu](mailto:bcarpenter@unm.edu). You can access the CIC application by clicking [here](#).

### JOIN UNM - LOS ALAMOS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

What do these celebrities have in common: George W. Bush, Halle Berry, Hillary Clinton, Will Ferrell, and Bill Clinton? If you said, "They have all been elected president," then you are right! While they have not all been the President of the United States, they all were elected class or student-body president in high school or college.

Don't miss your opportunity to make a positive difference on your campus. If you act now, you can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with these greats in the annals of history! Our student government has been involved with providing funding for the library, purchasing equipment for science class, and organizing a food drive for UNM-LA students in need.

UNM-LA is looking for new members for our student government. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information about filling out a candidate declaration. The deadline is February 7.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**February 7:** Last day to drop with a "W" grade and receive 100% tuition refund on LoboWEB

**March 16 - 23:** Spring break. No classes, but the campus is open

**March 24:** Start of second-half-semester classes

**April 18:** Last day to drop without Dean's permission on LoboWEB. See an advisor

**May 8:** Last day to drop with Dean's permission. See an advisor

**May 12 - 17:** Final exams

**May 15:** Commencement!

## MEET SBDC DIRECTOR JANICE KRISH



Janice is the new director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), located on the lower level of Building 7 of the UNM-Los Alamos campus. The purpose of the SBDC is to guide entrepreneurs who are planning to start businesses in Los Alamos County.

We often meet people who appreciate the land and people of Northern New Mexico, but Janice is one of those rare individuals who pulled up her roots and moved to New Mexico without a job or connections because she fell in love with the blue skies, adobes, and culture of Santa Fe. Originally from Connecticut and educated at the University of Vermont (BA) and Wesleyan University (MA), she started and eventually sold a laser printer business, then decided to take a road trip to see the American Southwest.

She had never given much thought about Santa Fe: "All I knew was that Santa Fe was the capital of New Mexico." But once she saw the piñons and the open skies she was captivated. "I'm an East Coast girl but have a Southwest soul," she explains. "I love hiking to mountain vistas and being free."

Janice moved to Santa Fe, taking with her only what could fit in her old BMW: her basset hound, computer, and some camping equipment. Her condo was originally fitted out with camping furniture.

Janice worked for a time for New Mexico State Parks, and her favorite way to enjoy the state is to take her camper van to a local lake or river. Her travel companions are her dog, Cannoli, and her bunny, Bebob. This trio is drawn to the water, and you can find them camping at Cochiti Lake, Abiquiu Lake, or one of the local hot springs.

When camping season ends, Janice enjoys skiing at Pajarito Mountain or snowshoeing in the wilderness and the epic mountain views of Los Alamos.

When she isn't exploring, Janice focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities that a person aspiring to start a business in Los Alamos faces. She has a compelling vision of the future of our county and wholeheartedly believes it can once again enjoy a vibrant commercial life. There are creative, dedicated people focusing their efforts to make it happen.

Do you have a business idea for a retail or food service you'd like to see here in Los Alamos? Maybe an innovation or a technological breakthrough? If so, Janice is available to listen and discuss what is possible and if you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur. Contact her at [jkrish@unm.edu](mailto:jkrish@unm.edu).

"If you really have a vision, I can provide a plan to make your dream become a reality."



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HERBERT LEE WRIGHT



February is Black History Month in the United States. This year, we want to recognize a true pioneer in civil rights – Herbert Lee Wright.

Wright was born in Houston on October 3, 1927. He was a promising student, but he decided to support his country by enlisting in the US Army during World War II. He was trained in the skills necessary to become a smokejumper and paratrooper. He was eventually recruited into the elite, all-Black 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, known as “The Triple Nickels.” He served with distinction, and he returned to the United States ready to continue his education. Wright selected The University of New Mexico because he knew it offered opportunities for student leadership. He double majored in biology and political science.

Wright was elected as the first Black student body president in New Mexico history. While running, he learned that several local businesses would not serve Black students. When he read that a restaurant called Oklahoma Joe’s refused service to George Long, he contacted the NAACP for help in organizing a boycott. He later called for boycotts of several more businesses. His actions soon inspired the Albuquerque City Council to pass an ordinance, drafted by Wright and Long, guaranteeing access for all to places of public accommodation. Passed in 1952, this was one of the earliest laws of this kind in the country.

Upon graduating, Wright was named the NAACP’s National Youth Leader. In this role, he supported many of the early actions of the national Civil Rights Movement, such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott the desegregation efforts of the Little Rock Nine. Wright advocated a national law modeled on the one he helped draft for the City of Albuquerque.

Wright left the NAACP in 1962, possibly because he had been radicalized by his friend Malcolm X and had started to see it as too cautious and institutional. He did, however, continue to speak out for civil rights.

Wright died in 2020 due to complication of COVID 19. He will always be remembered as one of UNM’s most influential voices for the neglected and oppressed.



### 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.

### Follow Us



# WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

Ring in the new semester with us!

**Wednesday, February 5**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Building 2, Student Center



Enjoy a **FREE** hot chocolate bar, UNM-LA T-shirts,  
and snacks! We hope to see you all there!

**BE SURE TO ALSO CHECK OUT THE  
CIC MEET & GREET**

Building 2, Room 230



11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Grab some pizza and meet with local  
businesses offering Spring Internships!

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# Student Government



**You must apply to run for any open positions.**

Candidate Declaration Forms are available online at [losalamos.unm.edu/student-government](https://losalamos.unm.edu/student-government).

Scan the QR Code below for more information!

**Submit to [jbateman1@unm.edu](mailto:jbateman1@unm.edu) by February 7.**

## QUALIFICATIONS:

Enrolled in at least 6 credits at UNM-LA

Minimum 2.5 GPA and in good academic standing

## QUESTIONS?

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# 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](http://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.