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Hello Fall

By McKayla Yazzie

The air is crisp, and nights are getting colder. Hello Fall! Hello November! And hello TRIO/SSS Lobos! We are almost close to the end of our Fall Semester and many holidays are just around the corner. With that in mind there is so much happening for this month. In this month's newsletter we touch on many of the important events happening. We have our annual Friendsgiving and our First Gen Celebration Day! Keep each date in mind and along the way we will also remind you what is coming up!

2023						
NOVEMBER						
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26	27	28	29	30		

Important Dates:

- Nov. 6th -Registration Opens
- Nov. 15th Friendsgiving
- Nov. 16th New Student Orientation
- Nov. 20th First Gen Day
- Nov. 23rd-24th Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28th Writing Workshop
- Nov. 29th Math Workshop

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Spring 2024 Registration

November 6th -February 3rd, 2024

Spring Registration had opened and classes are filling up! The last day to register for classes, add, or change is February 3rd. Make sure you have met with your advisor before registering for classes. Our advisors have their schedules open in Lobo Achieve. If you need to speak with Donovan or Sophia you can schedule your appointment. If at any point you need any assistance with making an appointment or registering for classes come by and we will be happy to help!

Friendsgiving

November 15th, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Just like every year we are doing our annual TRIO/SSS Friendsgiving feast! We are very excited to come together with everyone this fall and share some delicious food. If you would like to bring a side dish to this event we have a sign-up sheet in our office at the front desk. There is no limit to what you can bring. If you can't bring anything its no problem you can invite your favorite instructor, professor, or teacher! Look out for more information about our Friendsgiving Feast!

Final Math and Writing Workshops for Fall

November 28th & 29th at 5:00 PM

This month we are approaching our very last Math and Writing Workshops for the fall semester. We had a fun time with our tutors in the last workshops at the beginning of the month. If you are available we have a Writing workshop happening on Nov. 28th at 4pm, given by Elizabeth, writing tutor. And on Nov. 29th at 4pm, a Math workshop given by, Suraya and Tara, math tutors. So, mark your calendars and come join us!



FIRST GEN DAY

Monday, November 20th, 2023

By Suraya Nurudeen and McKayla Yazzie

First-generation college students are those who are the first in their families to pursue higher education. Financial restrictions, a lack of academic preparation, cultural disparities, and poor self-confidence are among the numerous problems and impediments that first-generation students experience in obtaining and completing college. Despite these challenges, first-generation students exhibit tremendous perseverance, determination, and variety. First-generation Day is celebrated to promote awareness of the first-generation identity and the institutional impediments to achievement. It is also a

moment to acknowledge and honor first-generation students, instructors, staff, alumni, and professionals for their accomplishments and efforts. Many institutions and organizations around the country hold events, activities, and campaigns to honor first-generation Americans while advocating for increased support and resources for this resilient demographic. We are proud to be First Gen!

On November 20th we will be celebrating First Gen Day in the Gurley Hall Commons area around noon. So be on the look out for more information!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tiffany
Armijo

Anissa
Benally

Happy
Birthday

Meagan
Brown

Tanya
Marshall

Libertini
Teengar

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Nathan Sweeten

Interviewed by McKayla Yazzie

How does it feel to be scholar of the month?

I am very surprised and amazed that we had a scholar of the month feature, but I am very honored.

Do you have any study habits you would recommend to other students? What are they?

Staying organized and being goal oriented is what would really help you. Knowing that you have a goal to reach every time is a great motivation to get accomplish them.

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

Well, I am 32 years old and education for me in the beginning was not a big thing for me. I had gone off to the military and served as a marine because I disliked school. But after coming back and attending school TRIO has changed that for me. TRIO helped me get into the entry level classes through attending Lobo Academy and from there I saw education differently. I attended the entry level classes and connected with all my instructors of those classes. After passing them it made me feel confident and showed that I am capable of continuing my education.

Where do you plan to transfer to after graduation?

I don't exactly know what I want to do yet but I do know I want to obtain my Bachelors in either political or psychology. I am also interested in attending a law school but still deciding on graduating in lawyering or attorney.



5 Fun Facts about you?

1. Discharged Combat Veteran
2. Decade serving Retired Police Officer
3. First in family to graduate High school and attend College
4. Heavily influenced by art and music
5. Adrenaline Junkie

I am thankful for...

The people that have helped me in my education this far. First being my wife, Cristina Sweeten. I would also like to thank Trio staff, Donovan, Kim, Sophia, Suraya, Sonny, Brittany, Tiffany, Dr. Burke, and Dr. Lassiter.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Lucas Lucio

By Tara Platero and McKayla Yazzie

Hello fellow Lobos,

I hope your semester is going great. Last month a very creative student of ours designed a very amazing costume for Halloween. I would like to introduce you to Lucas Lucio.

The first time I talked to Lucas was on Halloween. He walked into TRIO dressed in the most macabre and sinister-looking mask, a wooden cane, and a black cloak. To complete his costume, he had a plague doctor syringe that reminded me of getting

my first Covid shot, but the size was nothing compared to the needles we use today. The amount of work he puts into his character is remarkable and astonishing.

The day I interviewed Lucas, he had an item on the table sitting next to him with a black-rich fabric covering the top of his art, only showing a small glimpse of the metal on the bottom of the crown, and I automatically knew right away it was the helmet to the Witch-king of Angmar. Being there holding the helmet felt like the piece of the book, the movie, was real. The amount of work he put into the helmet is impressive.

Lucas has been creating live cosplay characters since he was young. He started his talent with paper, cardboard boxes, and clothes he took from his father's wardrobe. Now Lucas works with a program called Cura. Cura is a 3-D printing software that translates your 3-D printing file into G-code and is free to use. His fondest memory of the beginning of his talent was inspired by Phantom of the Opera. When he was a child, he only had paper to help him bring the character he liked to life, and thus an artist was created.

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McKayla and I continued to ask Lucas what his next project would be. Lucas didn't hesitate for a minute and replied, "There are two projects I am working on currently. "The first project is Enoch a character from Starwars, and my second project is Springtrap from Five Nights at Freddy's."

Lucas has shown his work on Halloween, comic con convention centers in Phoenix, and his social media on Facebook. Practice makes perfect. The more effort you spend creating something that interests you, the more it will turn it into something magnificent. Lucas started from pieces of paper when he was very young.



Now he can create characters that inspire him to bring to life. Seeing how Lucas finds joy and determination creating these figures shows that you can also perceive passion doing what you love. Soon Lucas will be graduating from The University of New Mexico this coming Spring. Congratulations Lucas, I wish you nothing but the best and continue practicing the beautiful craftsmanship. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to speak with McKayla and I about your accomplishments.

VETERAN STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Darrel Watchman

As featured in UNM Gallup News article, Darrel Watchman is also a TRIO/SSS participant, and we would like to feature him for his creativity. We are proud of Darrel and would like to congratulate him on this exciting feature. If you would like to read more about this article there is a link provided below.

"As he continues to work on figuring out his path as a first-generation college student, the services at UNM-Gallup have helped him a lot so far, particularly the tutoring from TRIO Student Support Services and the Center for Academic Learning."

Article Link Below:

<https://www.gallup.unm.edu/news/november-2023/watchman-weaves-unm-into-his-life.php>

HONORING OUR VETERAN STUDENTS AND STAFF



DONOVAN CHEE



CHRISTOPHER
BETTELYOUN

**“WE MAY NOT KNOW
THEM ALL, BUT WE
OWE THEM ALL”**



NATHAN
SWEETEN



DARREL
WATCHMAN

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VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

