

Graduation Season

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Graduation Season is always a good time to reflect on your personal journey. Time to remember when you had first began your academic pursuit to where you are now. That growth that had so many obstacles and challenges causing you to become more refined. Don't be hard on yourself and allow yourself to celebrate those milestones and accomplishments. Take time to recognize all your hard work, your ability to be undeterred in your goals, the highs and lows, all should be celebrated.

Reflect on all that you learned, how much you have grown or changed. Take time to catch up with loved ones and do something you enjoy. Then remember to set yourself new goals and challenges. You are responsible for your own journey. If there is something you want to do, go out and do it! Only you can make that decision.



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2023 Summer & Fall Registration

Registration for Summer and Fall is underway. Courses are filling up so schedule your advisement sessions with Don or Sophia through loboachieve.unm.edu . If you need help scheduling a session, please see your mentor for assistance. Or you may also send Don & Sophia an email of your availability.

Cinco De Mayo

Cinco De Mayo or May 5th is an annual celebration that commemorates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza. The victory over the French army was a morale boost for the Mexicans.

2023 Spring UNM Gallup Graduation

Spring 2023 Graduation will be held May 13 at 10:00 am at Angelo Dipaolo Memorial Stadium formerly Gallup Public Stadium. Attendance is optional, Students whose requirements were completed and degrees conferred in the preceding summer session, fall or spring semester are invited to attend.

International Nurses Day

May 12th is International Nurses Day, it is commemorated on the Birthday of Florence Nightingale to mark contributions that Nurses make to society. A day to recognize important role of Nurses around the world.





Important Dates:

May 4th - Star Wars Day

May 5th- Cinco De Mayo

May 6th - Coronation of King Charles III - London

> UNM Finals Week May 8-12

May 11th - TRIO/SSS Graduation Celebration

May 12- International Nurses' Day

May 13th - UNM Gallup Graduation Commencement

May 20th -World Bee Day





Star Wars Day

Star Wars Day is an informal commemorative day observed annually on May 4 to celebrate the Star Wars media franchise created by George Lucas. The Star Wars fan holiday on May the 4th has no single point of origin or official commemoration. It is a grassroots phenomenon that now transcends the pun that inspired it, "May the 4th Be With You." TRIO Student Support Services enjoys hosting and celebrating with our students.

Congratulations to Our TRIO/SSS Graduates!

FALL 2022

Sonny Gene
Ellison Jones
Geronimo Louie
Leland Benn

SPRING 2023

Christopher Bettelyoun
Rayshawn Chee
Whiteshell Haskie
Cherolynn James
Dwight Leupp
Valdemar Poyer
Elsie Whitehorse
Adrian Yazzie
Micah Zunie

SUMMER 2023

Maryam Fouad Michaela Tsethlikai









TRIO/SSS will be hosting a Graduation Celebration in honor of our TRIO/SSS Participants who have graduated Fall 2022 or will be graduating Spring or Summer 2023.

Celebration is scheduled for May 11th in SSTC 200 at 6:00 pm.

An RSVP will be required.
Participants are encouraged to wear business casual or cultural attire to the ceremony.

TRIO/SSS will be providing hor' devours, cake and refreshments.



2023

Michaela Tsethlikai AAS General Studies

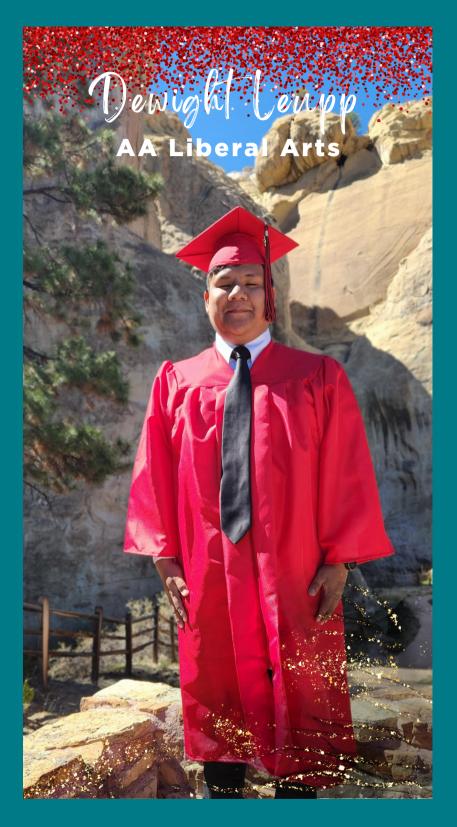
"Graduation day was a milestone. Although it is an achievement it is not the conclusion, but simply the ending of one chapter and the beginning of another. Keep learning, keep trying, keep accomplishing and keep your adventure going" -Michaela "Anything is possible, if you put your mind to it" was what my late Aunty Fannie Begay always told me. Believe in yourself, and never give up. Congratulations to all the Spring 2023 Graduates. To my Family and Friends, I just want to say "Thank you all for encouraging me to be who I am today." Ahe- Cherolynn

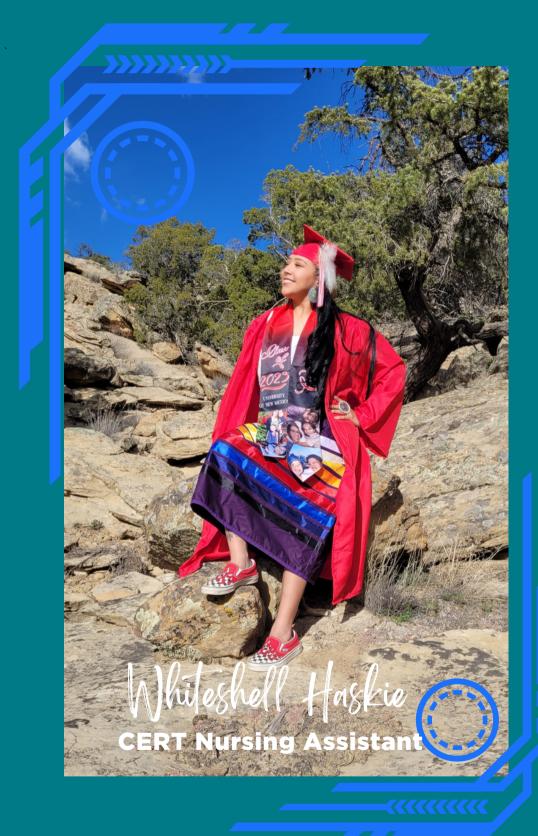
Cherolynn Inmes

Associate of Applied

Science in General Studies

"An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming." Dwight Leupp

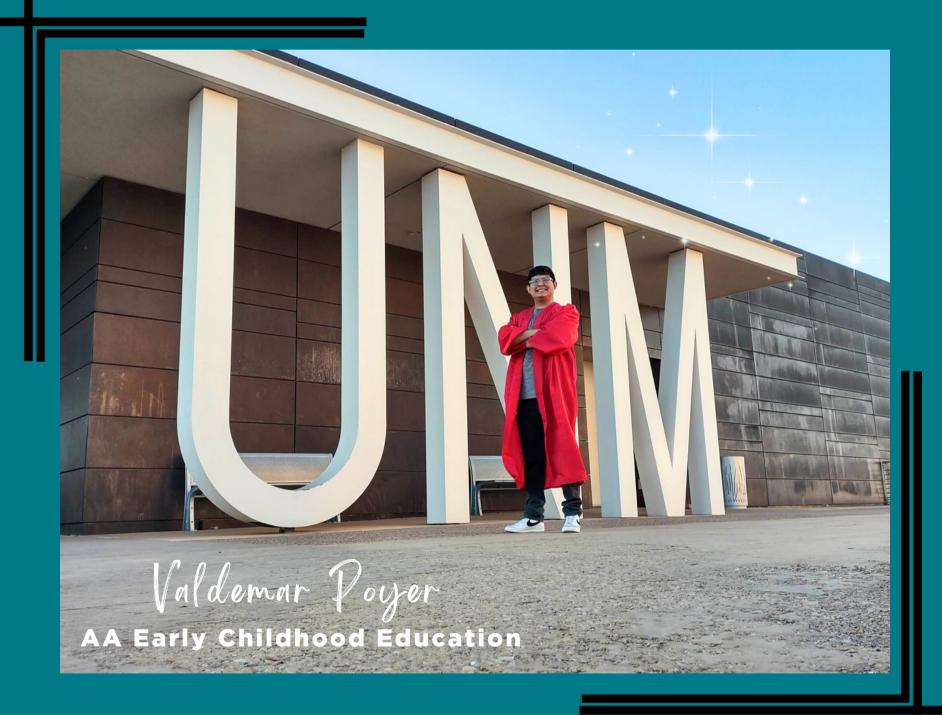




"Success doesn't change you, it reveals you." -Johnny Depp

"Congratulations to the Class of 2023! I am very excited to be graduating this semester with my Associates of Arts in Early Childhood Education. And thanks to all the staff and Instructors at UNM-Gallup. And a special thanks to TRIO for helping us all reach our goals!"

-Valdemar Poyer



"Never say never. Never give up and go the distance." - Micah





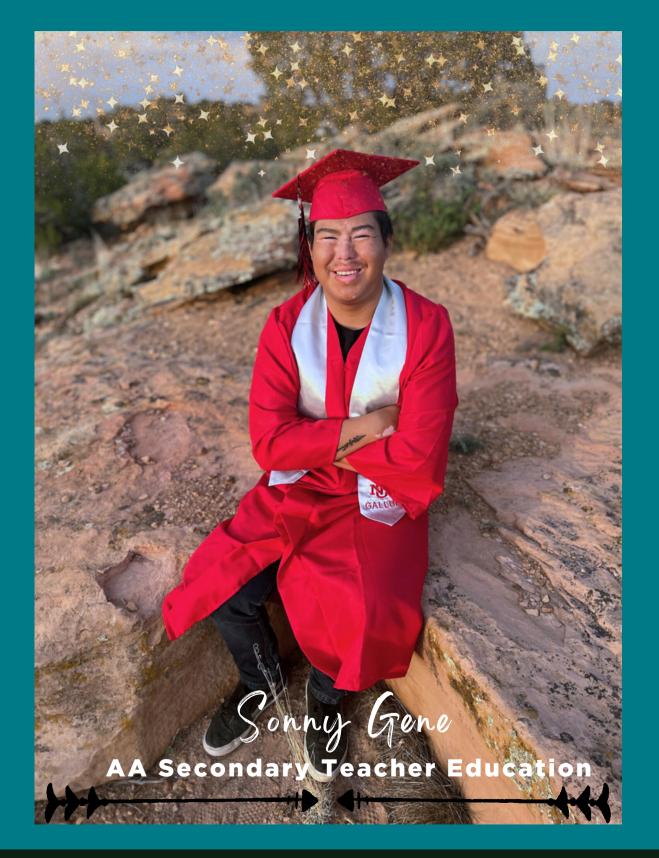
"I'm really happy I'm going to graduate! My goal when I become a teacher is to help students achieve their goals. I want to make my mom proud of me!" -Maryam



Chief Manuelito once said, "Education is a ladder". I believe in his words and I have experienced it first hand. Studying can be difficult, but it's a hell of a view once you've learned every detail. -Geronimo Louie



"Just because someone stumbles and loses their path, doesn't mean they're lost forever." Charles Xavier (X-men)



May 1210 Scholar of the Month



Tanya Marshall
AS Elementary Teacher Education

How does it feel to be student of the month?

I feel shocked and scared, what did I do to earn this? Last semester I pushed hard, this semester has been challenging but I have been pushing hard to get it done. Lots more research paper with back to back essays. I've been studying in TRIO and more in the study room in ARC.

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

If you're struggling it does help to ask for

help even if you're scared like an introvert like me. I print out my lectures, 4 slides to a page. I tab my books with the page # and dates that need to be read for assignment for the whole semester. Workshops help with writing, before I didn't know how to write an APA paper correctly. Sonny showed me how to use the Libraries database for additional resources for research papers. Brittany helped to elaborate what my instructor was wanting and explained in ways that I understood.

What are your plans after your graduate?

I plan to work as a teachers assistant for experience with K - 4th grade. But I really want to continue my education so I can run my own classroom one day. I want to stay in Gallup and work while obtaining my Bachelor's degree.

Is there someone you are particularly thankful for or would like to acknowledge?

My sisters, my dad and my boyfriend. When I have a bad day and can't get through my assignments they really support me. Ms. Yati when she sees me makes sure I'm doing OK and give me ideas for classes. Donovan Chee motivates me to tackle English, he says I have a new mindset about English from when I first started college and now I am taking another English course.

5 fun facts about you?

- Really like to crochet
- make centerpieces for weddings, showers, etc
- Enjoy math outside of school
- Love to do yardwork
- Like to pretend my home is a school, teach my kids and print out lessons to help them learn at home

May Highlights



Donovan Chee

TRIO/SSS Student Success Specialist/ Tutor Coordinator



2023 TRIO NM annual conference in April Donovan Chee was awarded five year service award with UNM Gallup TRIO/SSS.

We would like to extend our Congratulations on achieving five years of exemplary service. We are proud and honored to have Donovan on our TRIO/SSS team!



May Birthdays



Desiree Michaela Adrian Danielle Ukia Rachel