

# Hello OCTOBER

## Welcome Back

Welcome back TRIO/SSS Lobos! As we FALL into this spooky season there is a lot that we can't miss. In this newsletter there are many important workshops that we will be providing along with more scholarship information, just for you. We are halfway through the semester and midterms are arising. But don't be scared, our new TRIO/SSS tutors are here to help! We are also open till 7PM every Tuesday and Wednesday for more study time! If you have any questions, feel free to stop by TRIO/SSS and we will happily be able to assist you!

## Important Dates



**Oct 9th** - Indigenous Day

**Oct 12 & 13** -Fall Break-  
TRIO/SSS Open

**Oct 16-19** - TRIO/SSS  
Workshop Week

**Oct 18** - Scholarship &  
Transfer Fair in Gurley  
Hall

**Oct 23-Nov 3**  
Spring/Summer 2024  
schedule planning

**Oct 26**- Disney's Lion King  
Musical at Popejoy Hall



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# Workshop Series

## WORKSHOP SERIES 10/16 - 10/19

Important College Life workshop series coming your way! We are providing a series of workshops that focus on scholarships and transferring information! During that week there will also be the annual college transfer & scholarship fair held in commons area of Gurley Hall. It is a free event that is open to all. UNM main campus will be visiting along with many other college schools. Don't forget that we will provide lunch and a raffle ticket to those who attend the fair on 10/18! Show us your swag!

**10.16.2023**



2:00PM - 3:00PM  
SCHOLARSHIP  
SEARCH:  
EXPLORE W/  
SOPHIA

3:30PM - 4:30PM  
TRANSFERRING  
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**10.17.2023**



11:00AM - 12:00PM  
SCHOLARSHIP  
WRITING: WITH  
SOPHIA

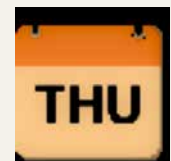


**10.18.2023**



10:00AM - 2:00PM  
ANNUAL COLLEGE  
TRANSFER &  
SCHOLARSHIP FAIR:  
GH COMMONS AREA

**10.19.2023**



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CAREER  
EXPLORATION:  
W/ DONOVAN



# Transfer Fair

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-GALLUP

## College Transfer & Scholarship Fair

**Date:** Weds., Oct. 18    **Location:** Gurley Hall    **Time:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Connect with colleges & universities in one place
- Meet with student success advisors
- Learn about transfer programs
- Meet with scholarship representatives

**Information:**  
Contact Melissa Rodriguez  
at 505-721-4204

### Confirmed Participants:

- American Indian Student Services
  - Central New Mexico Community College
  - National Indian Youth Council
- New Mexico Workforce Connection
  - McKinley Academy
- Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship/Financial Assistance
  - UNM Arts & Sciences
- UNM Center for Native American Health
- UNM College of Ed. & Human Services
  - UNM College of Population Health
  - UNM-Gallup Advisement
    - UNM Veteran & Military Resource Center
- UNM School of Medicine
  - EMS Academy
  - U.S. Army
  - And more

Wednesday 10/18 during Workshop Week! In the Gurley Hall commons area. Attend the College Transfer & Fair, make sure to bring an item or a souvenir to TRIO/SSS to receive a meal ticket for a free lunch. Check out booths for information on colleges and scholarship opportunities coming!

705 Gurley Ave., Gallup, N.M.



505-863-7500 [gallup.unm.edu](http://gallup.unm.edu)





# Scholarships



## BIPOC Scholarship (Oct 19th @ 10:00AM)

The Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) scholarship. BIPOC scholarship eligibility:

- Scholarship recipients must identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) communities and LGBTQ.
- Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited community college, four-year college/university, or graduate program in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. Students in college or universities in a United States territory or post-doctoral program are not eligible.
- Must be enrolled full-time or part-time (six credits) for the funded term.
- Must be "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Apply here:

<https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships/bipoc>

## SMART Scholarship (Aug 1st-Dec 1st)

This opportunity expands the SMART scholarship opportunity to rising college freshmen who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of the 24 SMART STEM disciplines. High school seniors are eligible to apply for the Dellums SMART Scholarship.

Students seeking to attend a Historically Black College and University, Minority Institution, or Minority Serving Institution are particularly encouraged to apply. The Dellums SMART Scholarship is open to all applicants who meet the eligibility requirements.

The application is open annually from August 1 to December 1. Apply here:

[https://smartscholarshipdev.servicenowservices.com/smart?id=smart\\_index](https://smartscholarshipdev.servicenowservices.com/smart?id=smart_index)

## ONNSFA

The application for ONNSFA is now open and below are the deadlines. The sooner the better if you need any financial assistance.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

2023-2024 Fall/Spring (Academic Year): June 26, 2023

2024 Spring/Winter Terms: November 27, 2023

### Online application available:

Fall/Spring Terms (Academic Year): March 15 to June 25

Winter/Spring Terms: September 25 to November 25

Apply here: <https://onnsfa.org/>

# October Events



## INDEGENUS PEOPLES DAY

BY FEDERAL STUDENT AID



In October of 2021, Columbus Day was once remembered as the greatest voyage of when Christopher Columbus discovered the “New World”. Christopher Columbus was celebrated and remembered for several years until 2022. Many people protested and came together to shed light on the indigenous people who were killed and relocated since the discovery of Christopher Columbus. Since the change in October 2022 Columbus Day is now celebrated as Indigenous Peoples Day. In honor of the many native peoples who went through the painful history and to also celebrate the many communities and tribes today.

## FAFSA DELAY

BY FEDERAL STUDENT AID



Launch of the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. As a result, the new form will be available in December 2023, not Oct. 1.

The launch date will apply only for the 2024-25 FAFSA form.

The changes to the FAFSA form for the 2024-25 aid year include

- expanded eligibility for federal student aid and
- a more streamlined application process.

Remember to be on the lookout for your FAFSA opening in December 2023.

DECEMBER 2023						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



# October Events



## REACH YOUR PEAK

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023  
12:00PM - 5:00PM**

### **TEAM BUILDING: ROCK CLIMBING IN MENTMORE WITH FRANK SANCHEZ**

Come along to this awesome experience! All gear and Transportation will be provided. Open to all TRIO/SSS participants!

We are going rock climbing in Mentmore, NM with Frank Sanchez to build great teamwork skills. Not only that you get the opportunity to go rock climbing with your peers!

# TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

# October Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR STUDENTS!





# Scholar of the Month

## How does it feel to be student of the month?

Really Surprised and shocked! One of my sons also received student of the month award too! I am very excited to share this news with him.

## Do you have any student habits you would recommend?

Having great time management skills to balance out life, work, and school. Keeping a planner with you can help keep track of all your deadlines, special events, or family activities. If you have the space get a white board so you can write down any important notes or activities to keep track of.

## RONDA HOSTEEN



## What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

I like that it is a very comfortable place to that is very helpful and accepting. It makes me feel at home. I like that the people here are so welcoming and available to assist. I like the many resources that they provide like the computers and printing. I love how they hold special events and workshops to bring students in and how they sometimes have food out for students.

## Who are you thankful for?

My grandpa who is 83 years old. He pushed me to continue my education because it does not matter how old you are you can still go to school.

## Where do you Plan to transfer after graduation?

I want to continue my education to obtain my Bachelor's degree in business administration and maybe accounting or CPA. I possibly want to do this at the Fort Lewis College.

## 5 fun facts about you?

1. Sometimes, I do bead work and love arts and crafts
2. I am apart of A program called EPICS (Educating Parents of Indigenous Children with Special needs)
3. I like listening to R&B & Hip Pop Music or Crime Junkie Podcast
4. I love the 49ers!
5. I like doing some spiritual things like manifesting and self-encouraging moments



# Featured Alumni

## *Kristen* ✨ ✨ *Platero*

Tell us about yourself?

Yá'át'ééh (Hello),  
My name is Kristin Platero. I am Diné  
(Navajo), born and raised on the Navajo  
Reservation in Window Rock, AZ.

What did you study and  
graduate with at UNM Gallup?

I attended UNM-Gallup branch and  
graduated with an Associate's  
Degree in Medical Laboratory  
Technology (MLT) in May 2020.

Where did you transfer to, for what  
degree, have you graduated?

After I graduated, I transferred to UNM - Main  
campus in Albuquerque, NM, where I began  
to study for my Bachelor's degree in MLS at  
the end of summer 2023, I completed the  
program and will be graduating in December  
2023 with a Bachelor's degree with a minor  
in Psychology.



**NM**  
CLASS OF 2023

What are your plans after  
graduation and/or have you started  
working in your career?

My plan after graduation is to work  
at UNMH as a Lab tech and gain  
experience in my field of study. In  
the near future, I hope to get into  
graduate school and obtain a  
Master's Degree.



# Featured Alumni

## Kristen ✨ Platero

How did you pay for schooling, any advice for scholarships/ aid?

Education is expensive in the medical field, but I was fortunate to receive various tribal scholarships and federal grants to help pay for school. My advice for future transfer students is to study and work hard to get good grades, learn how to budget and save money to help yourself get through school.



Any advice for studying, transferring, adapting?

It can be challenging and difficult. I had to learn how to manage my budget and expenses. After my first year at Main campus, I adjusted to the demands of college life by managing my time and expenses, living in a dorm with 3 other roommates, and working while going to school. Working on campus was convenient for me. Time management is essential for students to be successful, keeping a calendar of assignments and exams is beneficial for college. Building a network with other students and instructors is good for references, expanding knowledge, and as a support system. Overall, college can be stressful yet fun and worthwhile as you earn your degree.

Who would you like to thank?

College was possible with the help from family, friends, instructors, and TRIO/SS. This new chapter in my life is a huge milestone to what my future holds. A'hee'hee! (Thank you!)

