

August Newsletter

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Welcome Back TRIO/SSS Lobos!



Dates to Remember

- * 08/09 - UNM NSO SSTC 200
- * 08/15 - TRIO New Student Intake
- * 08/18 - FALL 2025 Semester Begins
- * 08/18-08/21 - TRIO Welcome Back Week
- * 08/25-08/28 - UNM Welcome Back Week (Gurley Hall)



We hope you had a wonderful summer! Whether you spent it in classes or simply relaxing, we hope that you're feeling refreshed for the upcoming fall semester. We are thrilled to see you again and can't wait for you to share your summer experiences with us. Remember, TRIO/SSS is here to support you, if you need any assistance, please reach out to your advisor or mentor. This fall semester promises to be fantastic! Check out our exciting events and we hope you join us for activities for our Welcome Back Week.

Message from TRIO/SSS Program Director Kimimila Simms



Welcome Back TRIO/SSS Lobos! We're going to have an amazing fall semester, we've already planned out many fun and beneficial workshops, a trip to the Albuquerque campus and all the holiday events. We have fantastic news; I want to share that we received word from the Department of Education that we were funded our TRIO grant for another 5 years!! I am extremely happy and honored that we were funded through this competitive grant competition because it's not always guaranteed that we will get the grant. So, thank you for all your hard work participating in TRIO. We also have some makeover changes happening in the next few weeks so look out for those notices! We're excited to be here for you and make this an amazing college experience at UNM Gallup!

August Events

Welcome Back TRIO/SSS Lobos to Fall 2025 Semester!

Join us during
Welcome Back week
to catch up with us!
There will be snacks to
help you get through
the day. Also pick up
the New 2025-26
planner when you
meet with your
mentors: McKayla,
NaKeisha or Colton.



TRIO NMI GALLUP

Welcome Back TRIO/SSS Lobos!

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES HAPPENING THIS WEEK,
DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH INTO THE FALL
SEMESTER!

- 18** Kick off the new semester stylishly with a fun bracelet-making session and fresh fruit to start your week, well!
- 19** Join us to meet the TRIO staff, including mentors, tutors, and advisors, who will assist you with your syllabus and help you find necessary books and resources.
- 20** Gather your syllabi and grab your 2025/26 planner. Organize and prepare for your semester while enjoying a delicious burrito to keep your energy up as you take on the day ahead!
- 21** Join us for a fun sugar rush featuring delicious donuts, stickers, and your planner! We can't wait to hear about your classes!



"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." —Unknown

TRIO NMI GALLUP

CANVAS & LOBOWEB NAVIGATION WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, AUG. 26
10:00 - 11:00 AM
&
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27
2:00 - 3:00 PM

JOIN US!

360-468-1181

TRIO NMI GALLUP

SCHOLARSHIP WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 3rd

TIME: 2:00 PM

360-468-1181

August Events

Welcome Back Week at the University of New Mexico-Gallup

From August 25th to 28th, the University of New Mexico-Gallup will celebrate Welcome Back Week on campus. TRIO will have a presence at the Discovery Fair, where we look forward to connecting with new students interested in joining our student club.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-GALLUP

Fall 2025 Discovery Fair



Get involved this Fall with the UNM-Gallup Discovery Fair!

Explore student organizations, clubs, and resources to help you get involved and achieve success on campus.

It's the perfect opportunity to meet new friends and discover opportunities that match your interests.

**10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday
Aug. 27, 2025
Gurley Hall**

INFORMATION
Open House 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Gurley Hall Commons

PRESENTED BY
Student Affairs & Student Activities
www.unm.edu/gallup

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WELCOME BACK WEEK

AUG. 25-28, 2025
GURLEY HALL COMMONS



**Monday
Aug. 25**

**Student Activity Booth
+ Coffee & Donuts**

10 a.m.-3 p.m. | First come, first served

**Tuesday
Aug. 26**

**Student Activity Booth
+ Meet & Greet Executive Team
+ Shaved Ice**

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Wednesday
Aug. 27**

Discovery Fair + Nachos

10 a.m.-3 p.m. | First come, first served

**Thursday
Aug. 28**

Movie Night: "Lilo & Stitch"

5:30 p.m. | Calvin Hall Center Auditorium
Free admission + popcorn + sodas
Attendees must present LoboCard

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact: TRIO Student Support Services

TRIO Student Support Services Student Club



Join Our TRIO/SSS Student Club This Semester!

Enhance Your College Resume:

Being a member of the student club will make your Academic resume stand out when applying for scholarships.

Develop Leadership Skills:

Participating in the club will help you cultivate valuable leadership abilities while exposing you to exciting new experiences.

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JOIN THE TRIO/SSS STUDENT CLUB

We welcome all UNM-Gallup active students, and alumni who believe in our mission and purpose to join TRIO/SSS club.

All Officer Positions Open, Apply Today

Taking applications for TRIO Club membership!
Drop by TRIO/SSS in GH 1137 or apply online
Let your voice be heard and let your creativity shine!

Scan the QR code to apply
online application



Scholar of the Month

How does it feel to feel scholar of the month?

"It feels amazing! I never been so blessed with such great news. I feel like a star."

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

"I like doing everything I can to keep myself organized by using my planner and sticking to the deadlines, which you can't miss because that is how you end up falling behind. I use a recorder and back track what the professor said. Also, I color code a lot of the time, and taking good notes, even if you have a lab top that will help you translate your notes."

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

"I have a positive experience with TRIO because they are very helpful in navigating college, accessing resources, which is helping me through my academia. Like, tutoring because it is one on one, they help me through my financial aid assistance making sure we get all the scholarships we are able to apply for, mentoring with McKayla, Tara, Liz, Colton, Antoinette and Brannon. Traveling to different Universities and planning to transfer to my 4-year college here in TRIO... I really enjoyed myself on fun group activities and community service at the pantry and the Angel Tree Gift outreach. It is comfortable in here, and never fails, we get snacks sometimes Pizza, Chinese food, and so much more. I enjoyed all the experiences."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"I plan on staying a Lobo. This is where my heart and my compassion lays here. My plan is to continue on to my bachelor's degree at the main campus."

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

"I personally would like to thank is that one person, who I connected so well is McKayla. She has A+ energy, she is laid back, and I love that she knows a lot more than I do in digital media and helping me to write my resume and can't forget the math."

What are some fun facts about you?

- I love running
- Hanging with my sisters at the casino
- Spending time with my girls
- Helping people
- Dancing



Tara Ashley



Celebrating Birthdays in August

**Tyanna
Yazzie**

**Colton
Begay**

**Arlene
Halona**

**Myla
Lee**

**Cynthia
Livingston**

**Donald
Haswood**

**Mallory
Montano**

**Mitchell
Skeets**

**Jodie
Tsosie**

**Aleija
Nasafotie**

**Keera
Bettelyoun**

**Jade
Thompson**

**Shellmarie
Spencer**

**Tara
Ashley**

**Tomegopa
Willie**

**Kaitlyn
Begay**



Upcoming Scholarships



As scholarships become available throughout the semester, we will keep you updated. Please check the 2025 fall TRIO/SSS Canvas page for updates.

If you require assistance with the application process or need help with your academic resume, please reach out to us.

Additionally, be on the lookout for our upcoming Resume Workshop!



Catching the Dream Scholarship

Spring 2026 Semester
DEADLINE: September 15, 2025

American Indian Services



Application Opens: September 1, 2025
Deadline: November 1, 2025



ONNSFA

2026 Spring/Winter Application
Opens: September 25, 2025
DEADLINE: November 25, 2025

UNM-Gallup Endowment Open

Deadline: September 12, 2025

UNM Financial Aid Office




Make Your Resume Shine!

Each resume should be:

- tailored to a particular career opportunity.
- brief, concise, and easy to read.
- free of grammatical and spelling errors.

- Format & Layout**
 - One or two full pages in length.
 - Plain, readable font such as Arial, Cambria, or Times New Roman, size 10 to 12.
 - Easy to scan for information with clear sections and subsections.
 - Single-spaced with a good balance between characters and white space.
 - Margins - 1" or 0.5" margins.
 - Avoid the use of the first person (no "I" or "my").
 - Avoid templates, unusual fonts, or distracting colors.
 - Standard Sections: Summary, Education, Experience.
 - Other Suggested Sections:
 - Skills (particularly technical/software, languages), Volunteer Experience, Selected Projects, Research Experience, Awards and Honors, Student Associations, Professional Associations, Certifications, Licenses, Publications.
 - References are usually requested in a separate document.
 - Federal government resumes and CVs can have different requirements and be longer/more comprehensive.
- Header**
 - Name, phone number, email, city, state, and zip code at top of resume.
 - Names should be larger font and bold. Underlines or borders can be used for emphasis.
 - Include links to LinkedIn, professional social profiles or online portfolios.
- Summary**
 - The Summary or Relevant Qualifications section is a powerful tool connecting YOUR OWN OPPORTUNITY at top of a resume.
 - Use bullets to highlight and summarize education, experience, skills, and individual characteristics that match particular position or career goal.
 - Include keywords from the job description/requirements.
 - Target your career focus and goals.
 - The summary can often take the place of an objective statement or skills section.
- Education**
 - Major, minor, concentration, institution, city, state, and date of graduation (okay to list expected graduation date).
 - Spell out degree (e.g. Bachelor of Arts).
 - Consider including coursework, academic projects, student organizations, or research, and study abroad if relevant to opportunity.
 - GPA is optional but can be included if above 3.5.
 - Highlight any awards or scholarships received.
- Experience**
 - Experience should be listed in reverse chronological order which is most recent job first and can include paid, volunteer, and internship experience.
 - Include your job title, company name, city, state, and dates of employment.
 - Explain your duties and experience using the accomplishment statement formula: **ACTION VERB + EXAMPLE = RESULT.** (see Accomplishment Statements Guide).
 - Provide quantitative information when applicable, such as number of customers served or percentage increase in sales.
- Personal Information (U.S. Standards)**
 - The only required personal information is your name, telephone number, and email address.
 - Include other information (street address, work authorization) only if specifically requested.
 - Most personal information (hobbies, birth date, etc.) should not be included.
 - Do not include a photo of yourself.
 - Disclosing personal identities (such as age, culture, pronouns) or disabilities is a personal decision. Consider your values and the values of the organization you are applying for and reach out to mentors or Career Services for support while making these decisions.

Student Highlight: Carol Lallo



How long have you been in the Zuni Marching Band?

"The Zuni Pueblo Band has been playing before I was born, and they've been playing for a long time. They were once known as the Million Dollar Band. My oldest daughter has been playing in the band since she was 14, she plays the flute, and she went with them to various places. In 2013 my daughter told me to come and join, and I was not good at it. I started playing in mid school and in 9th grade I stopped playing, but since 2013 I've been playing in the band."

How much do you practice?

"We start practicing around 2 months before ceremonial and this year was different since the Navajo Nation band invited us to join them in playing at the parade. Yesterday (8/15) we had practice to play for the Zuni Fair coming up on Sept 11th-14th. For the Zuni parade we have a trailer, so we don't have to march, and we invited the Navajo Nation to play with us there."

What do you enjoy most about being in the marching band?

"I enjoy going on trips, and we use to play for Flagstaff at their museum. Back in 2014 we would go over there and play but we have not been able to do that since then. We usually play military music and various music we enjoy."

What are some of the most memorable performances you've been a part of?

"I love playing for the Flagstaff, and we played in Las Vegas, New Mexico at Highland College. We used to play over there and in Zuni we would play a concert for our people in Zuni. I love putting on my uniform and just being a part of the band and my daughter really enjoys playing as well. "

What instrument do you play and how long have you played that instrument?

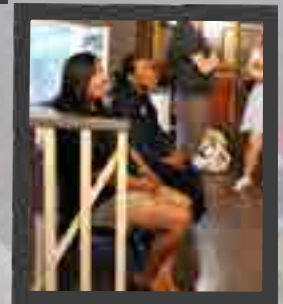
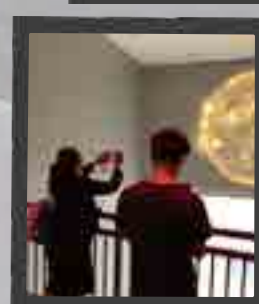
"I played saxophone in middle school and that's all I've played. It was interesting how to play the saxophone, and I've tried the flute and the clarinet however they did not feel right to me."

Is there anything else you would like for people to know?

"We try to encourage all the young people to play in the band and we try to get anyone to come over and play with us. We want the young people to come and play but it's hard because the new generation has no band teacher to teach them even though they want to learn. We want to keep the band going and since there are a lot of older people who have been playing for a long time."

Discovering beyond....

Being a part of TRIO/SSS empowers our participants to explore the vast opportunities that exist in the universe. The four-year university trips, like the one to NAU, broaden their perspectives on different campuses. TRIO is dedicated to helping you achieve your goals, and we genuinely care about every student.





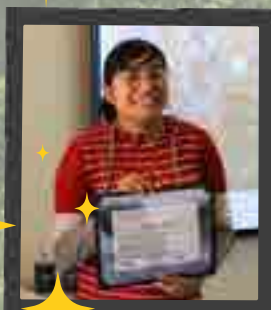
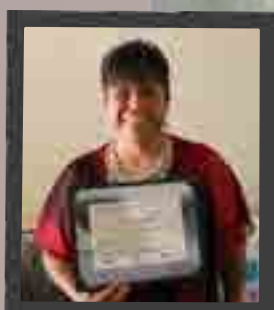
**TRIO/SSS
exploring the
Northern
Arizona
University
Campus this
summer.**



Celebrating our Lobo Academy Students



During the summer semester, TRIO/SSS hosted a bridge program designed to assist new students transitioning to college, known as Lobo Academy. This semester, we had the pleasure of working with some incredible students, and we are truly grateful for their participation. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the instructors who devoted their time to support their students.



Lobos at the U



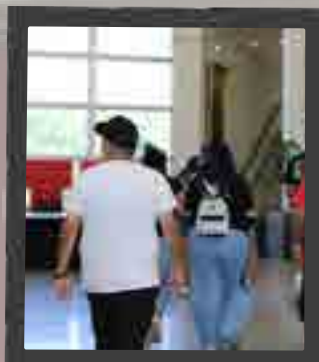
*Say "Utah!"
Taken: 07/10/2025*

Participants in the TRIO program had the opportunity to visit the University of Utah for a four-year transfer trip. This initiative was designed to assist students in understanding the diverse options available for continuing their college education.

TRIO's Visit to Utah TRIO



TRIO/SSS Gallup successfully connected with the TRIO program at the University of Utah to discuss their initiatives and the support they offer to students.



Thank you for an amazing summer Lobos!



Participation in TRIO Student Support Services offers our members valuable opportunities to visit universities and discover the diverse offerings of different colleges.

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We would like to extend our gratitude to all of our TRIO/SSS Lobos for the enjoyable trips. We are eagerly looking forward to witnessing the incredible things you will accomplish this fall.