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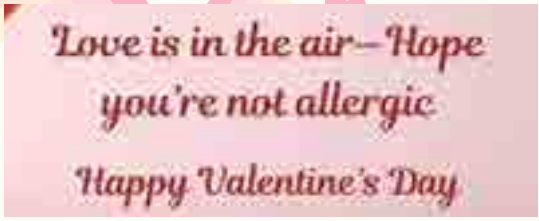
February Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb. 11: Love Bug Workshop
- Feb. 13: NMSU Open House
- Feb. 16: President's Day (Campus Open)
- Feb 18: "Study Smarter, Not Harder" Workshop
- Feb. 24: English Workshop
- Feb. 25: Math Workshop

Hello, TRIO/SSS Lobos!
The second month of the Spring 26 semester has officially begun! We at TRIO/SSS hope you are managing your semester smoothly. Be sure to explore the events happening in February, look into available scholarships, obtain your parking pass, and take a moment to read about Hominy Hosteen, our TRIO/SSS Student of the Month.



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February *Events*

Join Us for a Creative Activity!

Wednesday, February 11th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Participate with TRIO/SSS peer mentors in a creative session centered around encouragement, goal setting, and cultivating supportive connections.

TRIO Student Support Services

We are excited to announce our extended hours!

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Our regular schedule is as follows:

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays

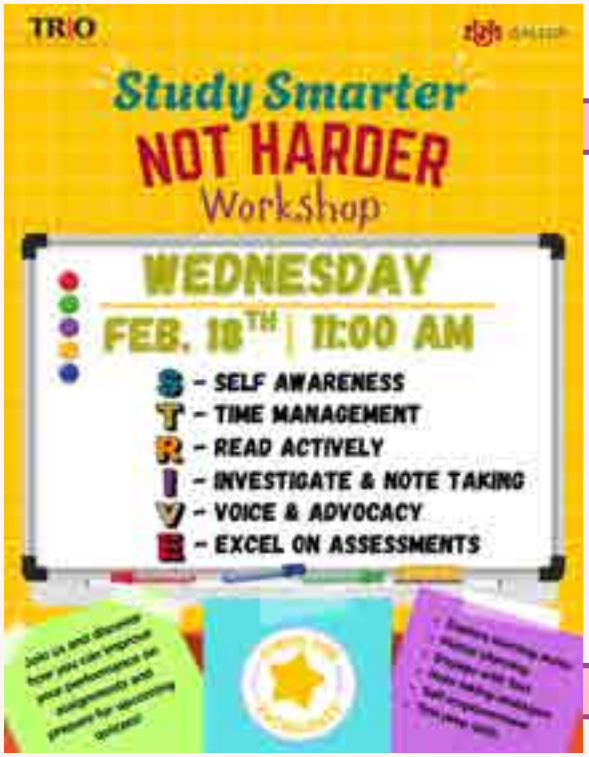
- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

February *Events*

Attend our upcoming workshops aimed at fostering community connections, engaging with mentors, and receiving support from TRIO/SSS. Each session is thoughtfully designed to promote your academic and personal development, addressing topics such as:

- Study Skills
- Stress Management
- Financial Literacy
- English and Math Workshops

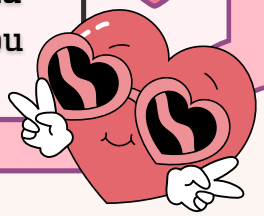
Don't miss out on these valuable opportunities for growth!



TRIO/SSS

Study Smarter, Not Harder Workshop is scheduled for February 11th at 11:00 am.

We invite you to attend this workshop where you'll acquire valuable skills to effectively prepare for your upcoming exams. We're here to assist you in your preparation and encourage you to bring any questions you may have.



SCHOLARSHIPS

AISES Scholarships

AISES supports Indigenous students pursuing STEM degrees by offering scholarships funded through generous donors and partners. These awards empower students through educational opportunity and help strengthen Indigenous representation in STEM fields.

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Indian Health Services (IHS) Scholarship Program

IHS Scholarship Program funding plays a vital role in reducing the financial burden of health professions educational costs for tribal members, while increasing the number of Native health care professionals. These scholarships are essential to expanding access to care and addressing clinical shortages within our communities.

Deadline: February 28, 2026

Cobell Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Scholarships

The Cobell Undergraduate Scholarship supports enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations pursuing associate or bachelor's degrees at nonprofit institutions. This award is designed for high-achieving, community-involved Native students and offers meaningful financial support to help scholars succeed in higher education.

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Catching the Dream Scholarship

Catching the Dream offers three scholarship programs supporting Native students in STEM, business, and education. Awards range from $500–$5,000, with a 95% award rate and a 100% employment rate among graduates, most of whom work in Tribal communities.

Deadline: March 15, 2026

Black History Month

Harriet Tubman

Black History Month is a time to honor the achievements, resilience, and contributions of African Americans throughout history. This occasion encourages us to reflect on the struggles and victories of individuals who have shaped our nation and continue to inspire future generations.

From trailblazers like Harriet Tubman, who courageously risked her life to lead others to freedom, to key figures in science, arts, and politics, Black History Month showcases the rich cultural heritage and enduring spirit of a community that has profoundly influenced the world we live in today. This month promotes learning and appreciation, fostering understanding and unity among diverse communities.

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery in 1822, escaped to Philadelphia, where she embraced her newfound freedom. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery, guiding approximately 70 enslaved African Americans to freedom through the Underground Railroad, which earned her the nickname “Moses.”

During the Civil War, Tubman also served as a spy and nurse, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to justice and equality. Her legacy continues to inspire generations to champion freedom and human rights, illustrating how individual resilience can change the course of history.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we honor Tubman and others whose bravery has advanced progress and equality, reminding us that unity and courage can overcome adversity.

- A lesser-known fact about Tubman is that she worked as a professional cook to fund her efforts toward freedom. Growing up as the daughter of a cook, Tubman developed the skills that enabled her to feed countless individuals on the Underground Railroad.

Corn Bread Recipe

Ingredients

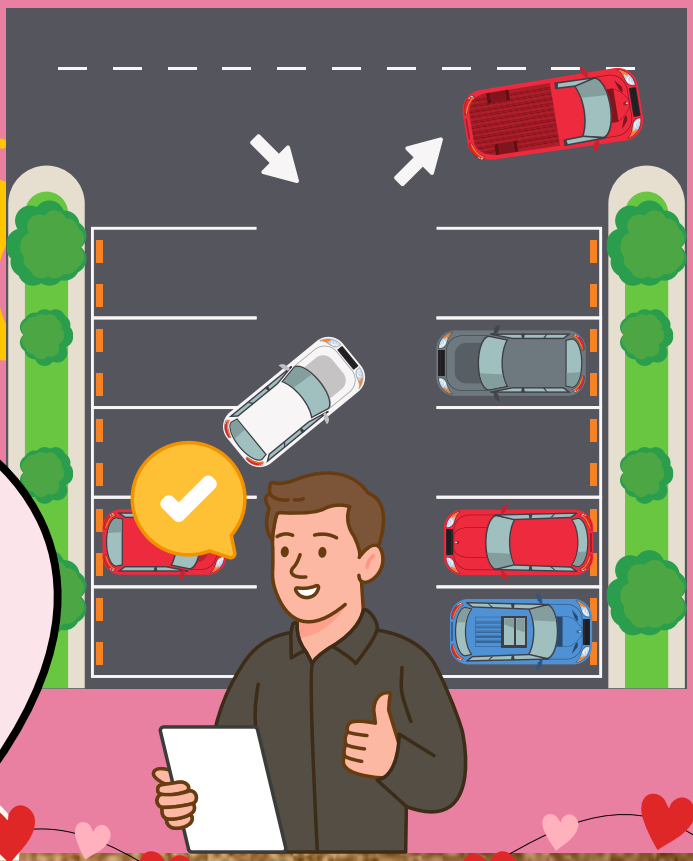
- ☐1 cup all-purpose flour, not self rising flour
- ☐1 cup yellow cornmeal, fine ground, not cornmeal mix
- ☐2/3 cup granulated sugar
- ☐1 teaspoon salt
- ☐1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, see notes for recent changes
- ☐1/3 cup neutral oil or melted butter
- ☐1 large egg
- ☐1 cup milk, or milk substitute like almond milk

Directions

- Grease a 9-inch round cake pan or square baking dish or cast iron skillet well and set aside. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. See notes for other pan sizes.
- In a medium mixing bowl, add the flour, cornmeal, sugar, salt, and baking powder. Whisk to combine well.
- Make a well in the center of your dry ingredients and add your oil or butter, milk, and egg. Stir just until the mixture comes together and there are only a few lumps remaining.
- Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 25 minutes until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- Serve hot.

UNM-Gallup Parking Pass

UNM-Gallup has announced that students and staff must obtain a Parking Permit before the Fall 2026 semester.
You can pick up the application at the Mail Room.



Required Documents:

- *Driver's License*
- *Insurance*
- *Registration*

ENGLISH WORKSHOP

- **February 24 → 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**
- **March 24 → Time: TBA**
- **April 14 → Time: TBA**
- **April 28 → Time: TBA**

MATH WORKSHOP

- **February 25 → 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**
- **March 25 → Time: TBA**
- **April 15 → Time: TBA**
- **April 29 → Time: TBA**

Student of the Month

Hominy Hosteen
AA Criminal Justice

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"It was very unexpected and it took me by surprise. I feel excited and honored to be Scholar of the Month."

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

"Keep going to class as much as you can and stay motivated. Also, always do your homework on time and assignments. If you don't understand, ask for help from your professors, mentors and tutors."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"Every time I come in, I feel welcomed. Also, the resources that are provided such as the computers, and tutors if you need help."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"I do not plan to transfer, but I plan to start work after I graduate."

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

"My mom for brining me to school and my sister as well, especially with pursing me to finish my degree."

What are 5 fun facts about you?

- *I like painting*
- *I like listening to music*
- *I like running*
- *I like hiking*
- *I like collecting LEGO's*

Happy Birthday

Wilbert Sandoval
Feb. 01

Cynthia Benally
Feb. 03

Daniel Romero
Feb. 04

Savanna Largo
Feb. 04

Desiree Livingston
Feb. 13

Halley Becenti
Feb. 14

Deanna Sims
Feb. 14

Vannah Teller
Feb. 15

Kimimila Simms
Feb. 16

Joshua Lee
Feb. 17

Bridgette Silva
Feb. 20

Eric Edsitty
Feb. 26

Delinda Notah
Feb. 29

Faith Nells
Feb. 23