

June Newsletter

Welcome Back Lobos!

We trust you all had a fantastic break and are recharged for the summer semester beginning on June 2nd!
TRIO/SSS is fully prepared and eager to help you with anything you require.

- Stay Hydrated: Remember, drinking plenty of water is key, especially during those scorching days.
- Have a Wonderful Semester: We wish you a successful semester and a sun-filled summer! You've got this!
- Stay Informed: Don't forget to check out the newsletter and the scholarships available for Fall 2025.

We're here, cheering for you every step of the way!

SUMMER

Important Dates

- June 2 - Summer Semester Begins
- June 2 - Lobo Academy Begins
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 19 - Juneteenth (Campus Closed)
- June 21 - TRIO Works Day of Service
- June 25 - ONNFSA Deadline
- June 27 & 28 - Navajo Nation Pride



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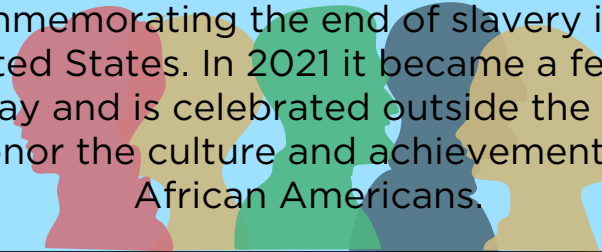
Welcome Back Day – June 2nd

Join us on June 2nd for some snacks and refreshments! We look forward to seeing you as we kick off the first day of the Summer Semester 2025!



Juneteenth

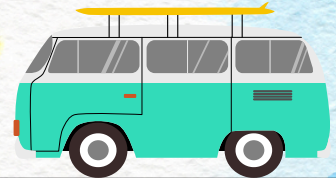
Juneteenth became a holiday in 1980, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. In 2021 it became a federal holiday and is celebrated outside the U.S. to honor the culture and achievements of African Americans.



Father's Day

A few ways to celebrate Father's are by:

- Baking him a cake
- Assist him in chores
- Cook dinner for him
- Having him relax
- Take him fishing



UNM Gallup – New Student Orientation

The sessions are usually two hours in length and cover such topics as: how to become a successful college student, how to get my textbooks, LoboRESPECT, code of conduct, FERPA, understanding bursar, TRIO, tutoring and other available services, facilities, and more.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO - GALLUP

New Student Orientation

SUMMER & FALL 2025

Come learn about UNM-Gallup and the campus resources that can help you succeed. New Student Orientation is for all incoming freshmen, including transfer students with 24 or fewer credits.

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SESSION 1	Friday, April 25	10 a.m.-Noon	SBTC 200
SESSION 2	Friday, May 23	10 a.m.-Noon	SBTC 200
SESSION 3	Friday, June 21	10 a.m.-Noon	SBTC 200
SESSION 4	Friday, July 25	10 a.m.-Noon	SBTC 200
SESSION 5	Friday, Aug. 8	10 a.m.-Noon	SBTC 200

NMMU GALLUP INFORMATIONAL Contact: Admissions at 505.626.7700



Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance

The ONNSFA serves eligible Navajo people and provides students the opportunity to achieve their educational goals. This opportunity is provided as a privilege with the intent that recipients, upon graduation, will return to the Navajo Nation to apply their learning to benefit the continuing development of the Navajo Nation.

Deadline:

Fall: June 25, 2025

Spring: November 25, 2025



American Indian Services

The AIS create programs and generate funding that will help Native Americans receive a quality education, while still preserving the culture and honoring the heritage of Native Americans.

Deadline:

Fall: July 1, 2025

Spring: November 1, 2025



AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICES
scholarships for Native Americans

RMCHCS Auxiliary Scholarship

The RMCHCS Auxiliary awards scholarships each Fall and Spring semester for students pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

Deadline:

Fall: July 31, 2025

Spring: December 31, 2025



Juneteenth



Juneteenth (short for June nineteenth) became a federal holiday in 2021 when President Biden signed it into law. This day commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States in 1865.



To learn more information about Juneteenth, visit the History website.



June Birthdays



**Antoinette
Marianito**

**Ralph
Diaz**

**Amon
Atcitty**

**Carol
Lalio**

**Sheldon
Joe**

Scholar of the Month



Antoinette Marianito
AA Human Services

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"I am excited to be chosen as Scholar of the Month because this is a great honor to be recognized, and I am proud of all the accomplishments I have made at UNM-Gallup."

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

"Study habits that have helped me are to have time management skills with classes and always keep on top of the work that is required from each one. I would recommend to always find time to study, no matter where you are. If you need help with a subject, I recommend finding tutoring to help with those difficult areas and always reach out to your instructors."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"I have many favorites about TRIO, starting from the people I have met who have encouraged me to keep pushing myself for an associate's degree. TRIO has become a small family to me, and they have always been there to guide me. The other things I like about TRIO is the services they provide to students such as tutoring, mentoring and helping with directing you through college."

Where do you plan on transferring after graduation?

"After obtaining my associates degree, I plan on transferring to the main UNM campus and purse my bachelor's degree online in psychology.
Once a Lobo, always a Lobo!"

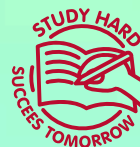
Is there someone you are particularly thankful for or would like to acknowledge?

"I would like to acknowledge my family, my children and especially my cousin Dacia who stood by my side and encouraged me through all the difficult times. I would also like to acknowledge the TRIO staff including Kimimila, Sophia, Tara and Donovan for always being there as a listening ear, for words of encouragement and for always being understanding. Without them I would not have been able to pick myself up and keep going.
You all mean a lot to me! Thank you!"



What are 5 fun facts about you?

- I like to attend concerts of many genres.
- I have 3 children who I love, and I am so grateful to be their mom.
- I like to go cruising, camping, fishing and I am always on the lookout for Bigfoot.
- I am a believer in the unknown such as UFO's, Bigfoot and the supernatural.
- I want more tattoos and piercings because you only live once.



Father's Day

A Celebration of Fatherhood

Father's Day is an annual occasion dedicated to honoring fathers and celebrating the bonds of fatherhood, as well as the significant impact fathers have in our society. This holiday was first suggested by Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington, in 1909. Today, it is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June each year.

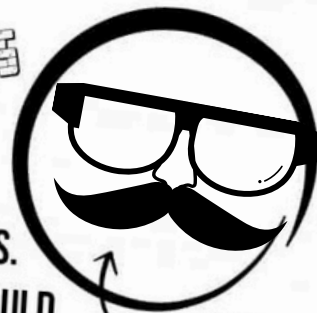


MAD LIBS FOR DAD



1. A WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL
2. A WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR FAVORITE FOOD
3. SOMETHING LARGE
4. ANOTHER WORD FOR GOOD
5. SOMETHING YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO
6. AN ITEM THAT CAN BREAK
7. SOMETHING YOU DO WHEN YOUR BORED
8. A WORD TO DESCRIBE YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO
9. YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER
10. WORD TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FELT ON THE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
11. YOUR FAVORITE PLACE
12. SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
13. PERSONALITY TRAIT
14. YOUR NAME OR NICKNAME

MAD LIBS FOR DAD



THIS IS WHAT MY DAD LOOKS LIKE

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW
 1. _____ AND
 2. _____ MY DAD IS.
 HE IS SO STRONG I BET HE COULD
 LIFT A 3. _____
 HE IS REALLY 4. _____ AT 5. _____
 I'M SURE HE COULD FIX ANYTHING....EVEN A
 6. _____ HE LOVES TO SPEND HIS TIME
 7. _____ HE IS SO 8. _____
 JUST LIKE 9. _____ I FEEL SO
 10. _____ TO HAVE HIM AS MY DAD.
 HE IS THE BEST DAD IN THE WHOLE WIDE 11. _____
 _____ I LOVE HIM MORE THAN 12. _____
 HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO THE 13. _____ EST DAD.
 BY: 14. _____

happy
 Father's
 Day



National TRIO Works Day of Service



Trump Administration proposed eliminating TRIO Programs in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

We need your voice! Let us know how TRIO has helped you!

#ProtectTRIO

On June 21st, across the country, TRIO students, alumni, staff, and community partners will give back through local service projects, public events, and storytelling activities that showcase the power and impact of TRIO.

#TRIOWorks

#TRIOAlumni



TRIO Student Support Services extends heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates of 2024 and 2025 for this remarkable achievement. We proudly celebrated the 29 graduates from the TRIO program.

Award Ceremony Recap













A Heartfelt Thank You to Our TRIO/SSS Graduates and Supporters

To our incredible TRIO/SSS graduates, thank you for sharing your light, resilience, and determination with us. Celebrating your achievements at our graduation ceremony was truly an honor, and we are so proud of each of you for reaching this powerful milestone. You are the embodiment of perseverance and purpose, and we cannot wait to see where your journey leads next.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our inspiring Keynote Speaker Patterson Yazzie III, whose powerful words lit a path forward for our scholars and reminded us of the strength found in community, identity, and growth.

To our Scholar of the Year, Cordell Grey congratulations! Your unwavering dedication and commitment to academic and personal excellence have not gone unnoticed. You continue to inspire your peers and TRIO/SSS family.

A warm thank you goes to our TRIO/SSS staff and student workers, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the ceremony meaningful, beautiful, and filled with joy. Your efforts brought our vision to life.

We are also deeply thankful to Earl's Restaurant for the delicious food and generous catering. Your support added a comforting and familiar touch that made everyone feel at home.

To our Student Affairs Director, Jayme McMahon thank you for your continued support and presence at the celebration. Your advocacy for student success helps our program thrive.

Lastly, we acknowledge the spiritual foundation of our gathering, the opening prayer, which grounded our ceremony with reflection, gratitude, and cultural reverence. Thank you to Mr. Joe Kee who offered this sacred moment to bless our graduates on their new beginnings.

This ceremony was more than a celebration, it was a reminder that TRIO/SSS is a family. Together, we lift each other, we honor our stories, and we walk forward with purpose.

With deepest appreciation, Kimimila Simms & The TRIO/SSS Team