



December Newsletter

SPEADING SOME
CHRISTMAS
CHEER FOR ALL TO HEAR



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Merry Christmas, Lobos!

As we approach the final weeks of the Fall 2025 semester, we want to express our pride in all that you have achieved. This is another significant step toward earning your degree. The TRIO/SSS team wishes you a fantastic break, and we eagerly look forward to seeing you next year.

Let’s kick off the new semester feeling refreshed!

December

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28	29	30	31			

Important Dates

- 12/01 - FASFA Open
- 12/03 - TRIO closing at 5:00
- 12/04 - Holiday in New Mexico (Gurley Hall)
- 12/10 - Mini Canvas Painting
- 12/12 - Last Day of Classes
- 12/23 - 01/02 - Winter Break (Campus Closed)
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve
- 12/25 - Christmas Day





DECEMBER EVENTS



SPRING 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



If you require assistance in scheduling an appointment, feel free to visit TRIO/SSS. Alternatively, you can reach out to your Academic Advisor and inform them of your preferred days.

Don't delay!

The Spring semester is already underway, and we want to ensure you are fully prepared.



REMINDER

ARE YOU READY FOR SPRING 2026? REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Schedule to meet with your TRIO/SSS Advisor through Student Hub to begin planning your Spring Semester! Appointments are Available!

Sophia Francisco (Last Name Alpha A-L)
Tara Platero (Last Name Alpha M-Z)

<https://studenthub.unm.edu/>

Spring Schedule Available to View on www.schedule.unm.edu

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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FASFA Filing Days

Beginning October 1st - December 12th



It's FAFSA Time! Stop in and let TRIO/SSS help you renew your 2026/2027 FAFSA, and you'll automatically be entered into a drawing! Just Bring the Following:

- ✓ FAFSA ID/User name and password
- ✓ Social Security # and License or ID
- ✓ 2024 Tax Information

*If you are a dependent, you will need to provide your parent's information.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON: DECEMBER 12, 2025



FAFSA FOR 2025/26 IN NOW OPEN



Stop in TRIO/SSS and let us help you Renew your FAFSA and be entered into a drawing. Our staff is ready to assist you. You may also attend the Financial Aid filing day on Dec. 12.

Please bring the following items:

- FSA ID (username & password for you and your parent)
- 2023 Federal Taxes (for you and your parent)
- Social Security Number

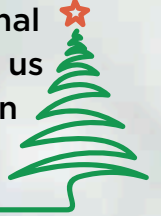


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FINAL ENGLISH AND MATH WORKSHOP

Join us on December 2nd and 3rd for a final workshop in both English and Math. Let us answer any questions you may have on your final assignments.



STOP IN FOR A SNACK!!



PAINTING PARTY! LET'S DE-STRESS!

Join us for a final workshop designed to unwind after the hectic finals period. We look forward to seeing you there!



TRIO FIRST GEN DAY

Thank you for joining us in celebrating First Gen Day! We honor the achievement of being the first in our families to attend college and the ongoing journey of pursuing a bachelor's degree. We had an incredible time and are thrilled to have everyone come together for this special occasion.





TRIO FIRST GEN DAY



Celebration of First Gen Day by TRIO Student Support Services

TRIO Student Support Services proudly celebrated First Gen Day on November 6th, 2025. Program Director Kimimila Simms, who is a first-generation student herself, remains dedicated to advocating for and supporting first-generation students within the TRIO program. We are thrilled with the turnout and hope to see everyone again next year!



FRIENDSGIVING 2025



*Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family*



Lets Feast





Friendsgiving 2025

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for celebrating Friendsgiving with us. It was a joy to share delicious food and we truly hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did. Understanding that not everyone has a traditional Thanksgiving, it was a wonderful opportunity to give back and celebrate together. We hope you savored every bite and indulged in plenty of dessert!

Whether it was the savory dishes or the sweet delights, your presence made each bite even more special. Sharing laughter around the table reminded us of the significance of friendship and community, especially during this festive season. We eagerly anticipate many more gatherings filled with warmth and joy. May your days overflow with happiness and gratitude.





Friendsgiving 2025



Students lining up to get their food



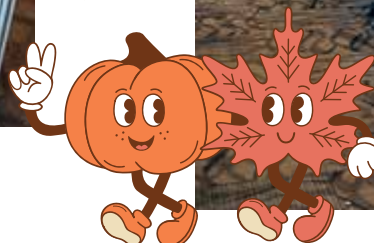
Students sitting down to eat and study



Aftermath of Friendsgiving, some bringing their family in to join the celebration.



Students joined us after their class for Friendsgiving.





TRIO/SSS Students Art



Katherine Schultz
Ceramics



Evan Jimenez
Ceramics



Thomas Ellison
Ceramics

TRIO/SSS takes great pride in our students, who are both creative and talented! The artworks showcased are exceptionally crafted and truly remarkable. It's inspiring to witness our students excel and display their artistic abilities.



Jessica Brown
Ceramics



Wilbert Sandoval
Ceramics

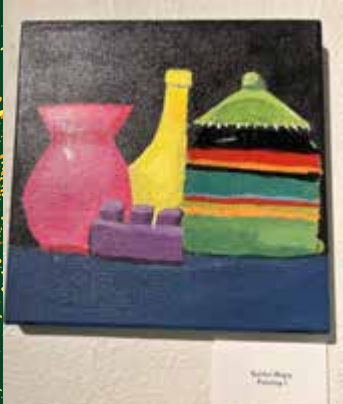


Savanna Largo
Ceramics

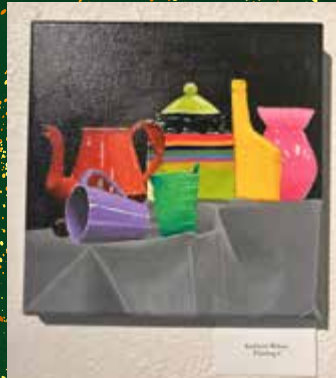




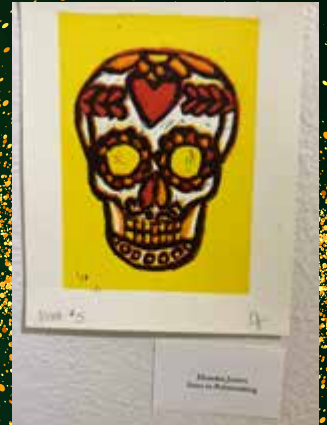
TRIO/SSS Student Art



Kaitlyn Begay
Painting 1



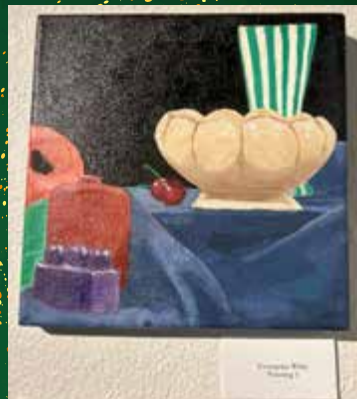
Katelynn Wilson
Painting 1



Diandra James
Intro to
Printmaking



C.C. Jimenez
Painting 1



Tomegopa Willie
Painting 1



Adam Blanchard
Intro to
Printmaking



Laurence Thomas
Small Metals



Lorenzo Manygoats
Small Metals



Arturo Villicana
Intro to
Printmaking



Happy Birthday!





Student of the Month



**Debra
Sanchez-Valdez**



How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"Honestly, I'm quite surprised because I don't consider myself to stand out in any particular way. I'm not sure why I was selected, but I'm grateful for it."

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

"The only method that has truly worked for me is to read the material and write it down repeatedly while reviewing the assignment. I've also found ChatGPT to be incredibly helpful in my studies."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"They have helped me a lot, encouraged me, they are available when I needed them, and have been a big support."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"No, I do not intend to transfer. My main focus is to pass the NCLEX, secure a job, and start working. However, if I were to transfer, I would choose UNM Main Campus."

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

"Yes, I would like to acknowledge Donovan Chee. He has been an incredible source of support throughout my journey. Whenever I doubted my abilities, he was there to help me, and I cannot express enough gratitude for all he has done."

What are some fun facts about you?

"I previously worked at the Cedar Animal Clinic for an extended period, so I have a deep love for animals, which play a significant role in my life. Additionally, I'm a binge-watcher of TV shows and movies; I love to indulge in them!"