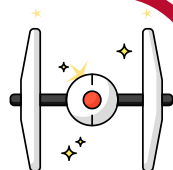




MAY NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Finals are just around the corner, signaling the conclusion of the Spring 2026 semester. Can you believe how quickly time has passed? The hard work and dedication you've invested in your studies will ultimately make this challenging period worthwhile. Remember, you are not alone; we have all faced similar pressures before.

Stay resilient and continue to push forward, knowing that TRIO/SSS is here to support you. As you prepare for finals, prioritize your well-being. Ensure you take breaks, stay hydrated, and get ample rest each day. Let us strive to finish this semester strong and celebrate all that we have accomplished!



IMPORTANT DATES:

May 4th - "MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU"

May 6th - TRIO/SSS Award Ceremony

May 11th - 15th - Finals Week

May 16th - UNM-Gallup Graduation Commencement

May 25th - Memorial Day (UNM-Gallup Closed)

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May Events

TRIO/SSS OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Open Monday thru Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

We remain open throughout the summer for any assistance you may need during classes, or feel free to drop by anytime. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.



TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	
WE ARE <i>Open</i>	
SAT & SUN	CLOSED
MONDAY	8AM - 5PM
TUESDAY	8AM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY	8AM - 5PM
THURSDAY	8AM - 5PM
FRIDAY	8AM - 5PM
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CELEBRATING YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 and the Class of 2026! We are immensely proud of each and every one of you for achieving this significant milestone in your lives. As you continue your journey, keep in mind the dedication and effort that have led you here. Your potential knows no bounds, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing the remarkable accomplishments that lie ahead. Finish strong, and always remember that TRIO/SSS is here to support you.



UNM GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

Date/Time: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10 a.m.
Location: Angelo DiPaolo Memorial Stadium



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May 2026 Scholarships



2026-2027 Academic Year Application:

The online application OPENED on March 15, 2026, and will CLOSE on JUNE 25, 2026.

Submit applications & required documents by:

Deadline: June 7th, 2024 12:00PM MST



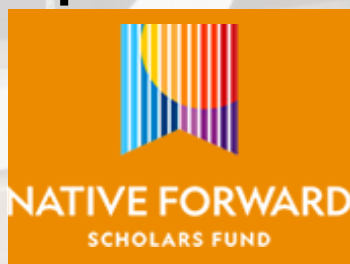
DAN BEGAY
FOUNDATION
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A full-time scholarship is worth \$5,000 per academic year (\$2,500 each semester)

In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following pre-requisites:

- An enrolled tribal member of the Navajo Nation
- Minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA required
- Accepted to or currently attending an accredited college or university full-time (12 or more credits) unless enrolled in a trimester or quarterly college or university
- Must maintain a cumulative 2.8 GPA or higher each semester of college to retain the scholarship for the following semester

Deadline: June 7th, 2024 12:00PM MST



In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following pre-requisites:

- Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
- Provide a copy of most recent cumulative academic transcript
- Be a degree-seeking student attending a U.S. accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or the Council of Higher Education.
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of a U.S. federally recognized or state-recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group.

Deadline: June 2, 2026 @ 11:59 PM MST

APPLY
NOW!





Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed on the last Monday of May, dedicated to mourning and honoring military personnel who lost their lives in service. This tradition originated after the Civil War, when people began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. The inaugural large-scale national observance took place on May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery. It was officially recognized as a federal holiday in 1971.

Today, Memorial Day serves multiple purposes in American society:

Honoring Fallen Soldiers:

- Americans visit cemeteries and memorials to pay respects
- Flags are placed on graves of military personnel
- Moments of silence are observed at 3:00 PM local time (National Moment of Remembrance)
- The American flag is flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to full staff

Community Observances:

- Memorial Day parades featuring veterans, military units, and community organizations
- Memorial services and wreath-laying ceremonies at war memorials
- Patriotic music performances and speeches honoring the fallen
- Educational programs teaching younger generations about the holiday's significance

Cultural Traditions:

- Displaying the American flag prominently
- Wearing red poppies (inspired by the WWI poem "In Flanders Fields")
- Attending or hosting barbecues and family gatherings
- Participating in outdoor recreational activities

It's important to distinguish Memorial Day from Veterans Day (November 11), which honors all who served in the military, both living and deceased. Memorial Day specifically commemorates those who died in military service.



Here's a wonderful way to give back or commemorate this year: consider writing a thank-you letter to active-duty military members or the families of those who have fallen. Alternatively, you could donate to reputable charities that support veterans.



Since 2004, A Million Thanks® has supported more than 21 million service members and veterans through messages that strengthen morale, connection, and emotional well-being. These letters have become a nationwide movement of gratitude, resilience, and hope.



Happy Birthday

Kale
Victor
Curley
Antone
Kirby
Yazzie



Arianna
Criss
Brieno
Claw
Heather
Jaylona
Begaye
Tsosie
Danielle
Yazzie

Brandon
Sheri
Tate
Yazzie

Scholar of the Month

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"I am very proud to be the Scholar of the Month. This has been a big accomplishment for me."

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

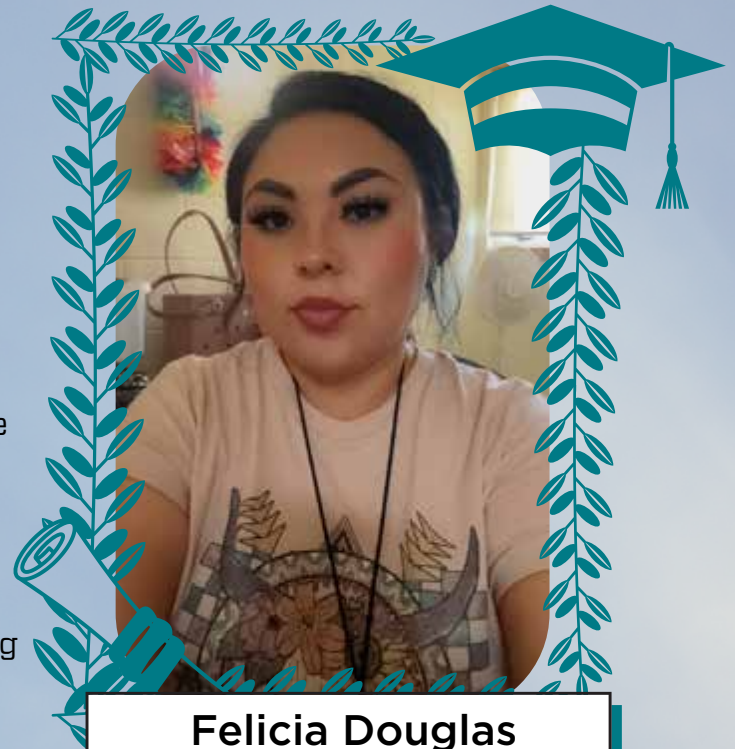
"I like to listen to music to help me relax and shut the music completely off, and I like to sit in silence while I complete my homework."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"I really appreciate the TRIO department for helping me with my scholarships, which was the main reason I came into the offices."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"I plan on transferring to Western New Mexico University."



Felicia Douglas
AA Early Childhood Education



WESTERN
NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY



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

"I thank God He's the foundation of my life. I am thankful for my children for keeping me going and making all the noise possible to help me finish my homework. Also, I am very thankful to my husband for always being there and staying up with me late at night to finish my homework."

What are 5 fun facts about you?

- Loud noise to help me focus.
- I love to collect the mini verse books.
- I have over 10 pairs of glasses, and I like to alternate them.
- I eat ranch dressing with almost everything.
- I like Dr. Pepper and pickles.



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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 and Class of 2026!

TRIO Student Support Services extends heartfelt congratulations for your hard work and commitment throughout the semesters. We eagerly anticipate seeing how far you will go!

Your journey is just beginning, and there is still much to achieve. Thank you for allowing TRIO/SSS to be part of your path.

With every challenge you have faced, you have built a foundation of resilience and strength that will serve you well in the future. As you continue to pursue your dreams and aspirations, remember that TRIO/SSS is always here to support and encourage you.

We believe in your potential and are excited to witness the remarkable accomplishments you will undoubtedly achieve. Keep striving for excellence, and know that your hard work truly inspires us all.

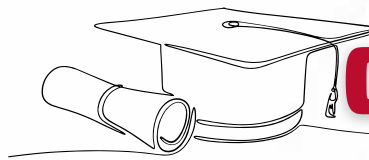
Congratulations once again!



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GARRETT ETCITY

AA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Thank you UNM/TRIO for being available and supporting our academic stresses and keeping us focus on our goals. You opened the door to my world. Though many of us students shall move on into the new normalcy of our chapters, may we never forget those who helped us, with laughter, smiles, love, wisdom and the journey's. Thank you family and friends.



SAVANNA LARGO

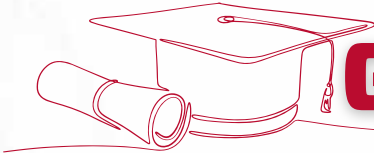
AAS AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

"I would like to thank all of my professors through the semesters I have been here. I wouldn't have been here if it wasn't for their help. Also, and a great thank you to this TRIO community, for it had been a big help from them that I've been able to make it through these past semesters."

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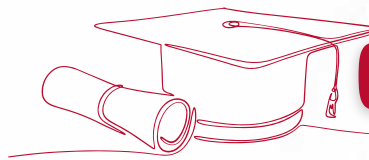
RAYSEN LIVINGSTON
CERT AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

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KATHERINE SCHULTZ
AA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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LAURENCE THOMAS

AAS GENERAL STUDIES

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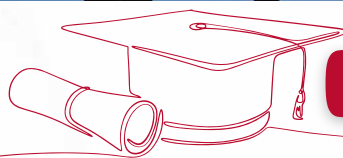
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TARA ASHLEY

**AAS GENERAL STUDIES
CERT HUMAN SERVICES**

"Our scars have the power to remind us that the past was real, but they do not have to dictate our future. In Peer Support, your "scars" (addiction and recovery) are exactly what will make you aren't just talking you've walked the path."

★ --Unknown

CECILIA BEGAYE

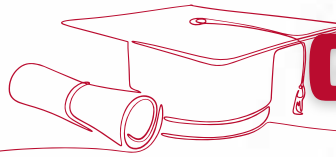
CERT NURSING ASSISTANT

I would like to Thank my family and my school instructor that stood by me through my school year to accomplish my goals, without them I wouldn't have succeed my career, Thank you so much, love you all.



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COLTON BEGAY

AAS GENERAL STUDIES

"Until you start believing in yourself,
you ain't gonna have a life."
-Rocky Balboa (2006)

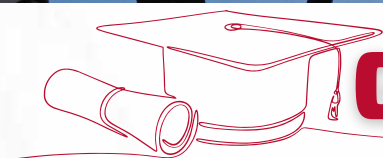


SHARITA BOOTH

AAS NURSING

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MAEGAN BROWN AS SCIENCE

I would like to thank everyone, especially my husband and family, for their support through my struggles and hard work finishing school.



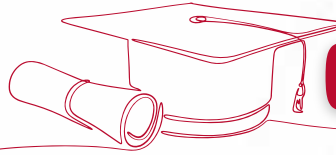
DWIGHT BURBANK AAS GENERAL STUDIES

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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ALICIA CAMPOS
AAS NURSING

"The place where you made your stand
never mattered. Only that you were
there... and still on your feet."
- The Stand

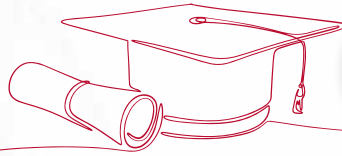


VICTOR CURLEY
AAS GENERAL STUDIES



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FELICIA DOUGLAS **AA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

"I thank God first and foremost for the strength to overcome challenges, the wisdom to learn, and the grace that has brought us to this joyful day. None of this would have been possible without his guidance and love. I also want to thank my family, my children, for making all the noise possible; without the noise, homework would not have been possible for me. Mommy loves you so much. To my husband, thank you for your support, thank you for sitting up late at night while I finish my homework, because you wouldn't go to bed without me. You are the true definition of a devoted partner. I thank my mom for her love and support. You all have been God's instruments of support, encouragement, and love throughout my journey. Thank you so much!"

"Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

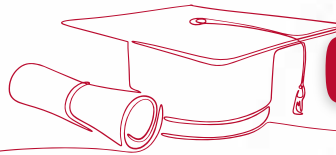


DEANA GREEN **AS SCIENCE**

"T'áá hó'ájitéégóó"

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HOMINY HOSTEEN

**AA CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CERT HUMAN SERVICES**

My name is Hominy Hosteen and I am graduating with my Associates in Criminal Justice. I made it through deadlines, coffee runs, and last minute panic studying.

Graduating and stepping into whatever comes next—slightly tired, but mostly proud. I would like to thank my mom and sisters for bringing me to school. “Attendance is 10% showing up, 90% hoping they don’t call on you.”

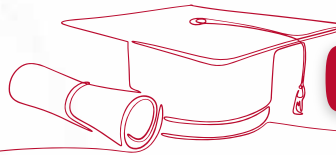
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DIANDRA JAMES

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JACLYN KRUGER

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CAROL LALIO

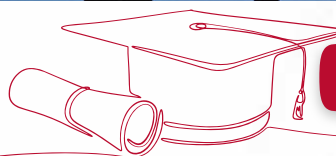
**CERT
CONSTRUCTION
TECHNOLOGY**

I would like to say thank you to my first semester Instructors for Spring and Fall 2025. Lobo Academy instructors for summer 2025 and best thank you to TRIO/SSS Director, academic advisor, and mentors. I would like to say special thank you to my family for the support and the love they give me to "Never give up". I would like to say a great big thank you to myself for making a decision to go back to school and definitely I went "Above and Beyond."



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BRIDGETTE SILVA

CERT HUMAN SERVICES

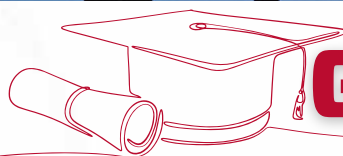
"She turned her can'ts into cans and her dreams into plans.
Shoot out to TRIO and my Advisor Tara Platero!!!"

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ARLENE TRACEY

AAS GENERAL STUDIES





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ANTOINETTE MARIANITO

AS HUMAN SERVICES

"With great power comes great responsibility"
- Spider-Man



KATELYNN WILSON

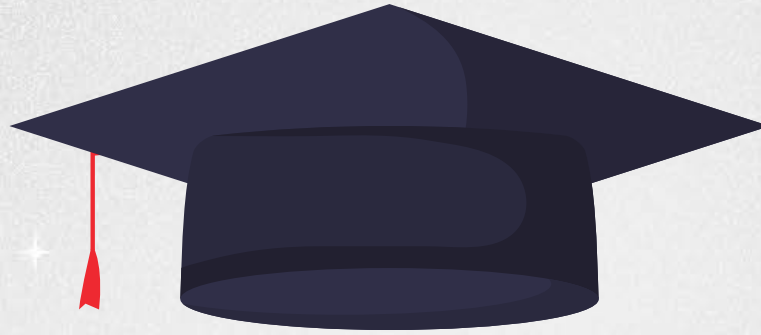
AA LIBERAL ARTS

"I like to thank my family who were there to give me support, encouragement, or made jokes to make me smile. Thank you to the professors who taught me alot of cool stuff, that change my perception of life and helped me find my passion. Thank you to the mentors who helped me with challenging assignments. Thank you to TRIO for being a comforting place where I can be focus on work with the overwhelming, loud environment outside the doors."

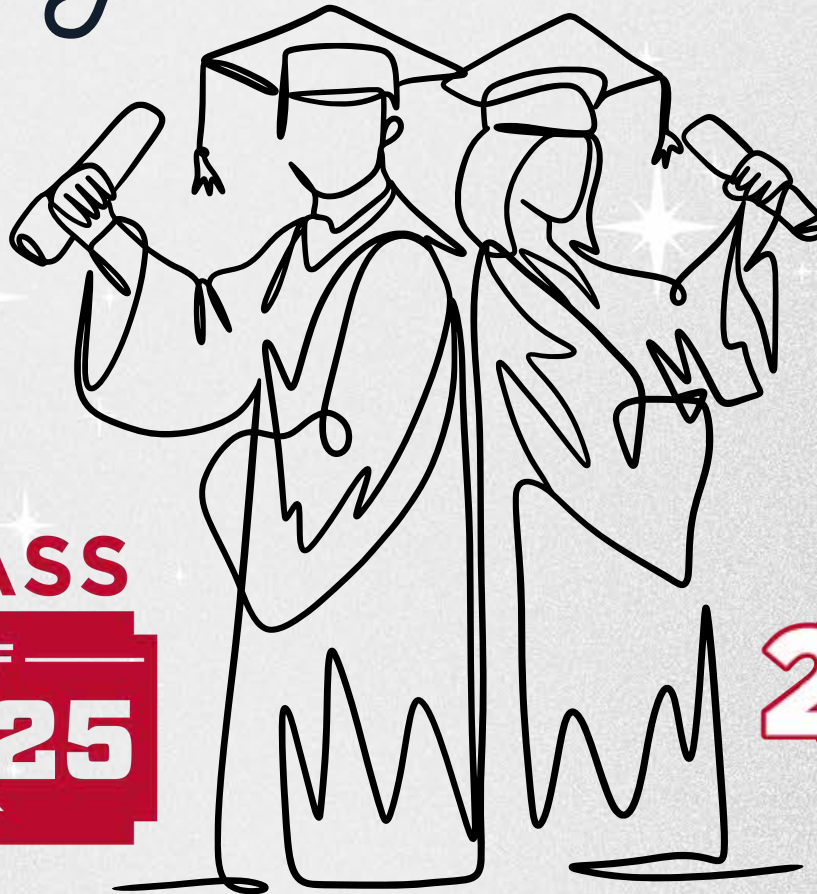


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*Congratulations
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