



October Newsletter



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Hello Lobos!



This month is packed with activities: workshops, midterms, fall break, and various campus events that we encourage you to explore!

A friendly reminder that the TRIO team is here to support you throughout your academic journey. With midterms approaching, please feel free to reach out for assistance!

Stay informed by following us on Instagram, and be sure to check your announcements on the Canvas page.

Important Dates



- **Oct. 1st - Dec. 12th**
FASFA Filing Days Begin
- **Oct. 4th -12th**
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
- **Oct. 7th & 8th**
Midterms Table
- **Oct. 9th & 10th**
Fall Break (TRIO is OPEN)
- **Oct. 15th**
Scholarship and Transfer Fair (Gurley Hall)
- **Oct. 21st**
Tools, Trips & Transfer Workshop
- **Oct. 22nd**
Credit, Debit & Savings Workshop (TRIO)
- **Oct. 24th**
Transfer Fair (UNM Main Campus - 1 day trip)
- **Oct. 27th - 30th**
Sophia and Tara - (Out of Office)



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		Midterms Table		Fall Break		
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Campus Events

Join Us at the UNM-Gallup Transfer & Scholarship Fair

Join us in the Gurley Hall Commons area for the UNM-Gallup Transfer & Scholarship Fair.

- Explore various booths
- Discover information about colleges
- Learn about scholarship opportunities available this semester.

October 15th



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-GALLUP

College Transfer & Scholarship Fair



YOU'RE INVITED!

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Gurley Hall Commons**

- ▷ Meet with student success advisors
- ▷ Connect with colleges & universities in one place
- ▷ Learn about transfer programs
- ▷ Meet with scholarship representatives

Information: Contact Melissa Rodriguez at 505.721.4204 or visit our website at gallup.unm.edu.



"I hope students get a clear guide of where they want to transfer or narrow down some schools where they want to transfer and get their questions answered," TRIO Student Support Services Program Director Kimimila Simms said. "Students can also get an idea of what it takes to transfer and when they should start the transfer process. As for scholarships, they can make sure they have the funding and can afford the transfer."





TRIO Events



Feel free to visit us for assistance with your 2026/27 FAFSA.

We will also be available during Fall Break if you wish to come in and get a head start on your work for the upcoming eight weeks.

We hope the initial eight weeks of classes have gone smoothly, and remember, we are here to support you whenever you need us.





UNM Main Campus Transfer & Branch Exploration Day October 24, 2025



UNM is celebrating National Transfer Student Week (NTSW) October 20-24, 2025.

As part of the celebration, we are inviting you to attend UNM's Transfer & Branch Transition Exploration Day to learn more about UNM-Albuquerque.

Join us at UNM's Albuquerque campus for:

- An overview of admissions, advisement, financial aid & scholarships
- A Campus Connection Fair, Resource Center Tours, and Financial Aid Guidance session
- Free lunch for attendees
- Application fee waivers if you apply at the event





**LOBO LEGENDS
BEGIN HERE**

*LET'S HEAD
TO UNM MAIN
CAMPUS!*

TRIO/SSS FALL 2025 TRIP

Transfer & Branch Exploration Day

We will depart for Albuquerque on Friday, October 24th, at 7:00 AM and will return at 8:00 PM.

- ✓ • Must be enrolled for fall 2025
- ✓ • Be active TRIO/SSS Participant
- \$20 Deposit is required (DEADLINE: Oct. 17th)
- Deposit will be fully refunded upon departure
- Transportation will be provided by TRIO/SSS (Please bring funds for personal use)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Wear presentable/comfortable attire
- Bring refillable water bottle
- Hat, Sunscreen & Backpack (Optional)

TRIP CONTRACTS AND DEPOSIT IS DUE BY OCT 17TH, 2025

Questions? Contact us

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Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Aid



Application
is
OPEN

If you need help, please reach out to our
TRIO tutors/mentors:
Colton, McKayla and NeKeisha



APPLY
NOW

Required Documents:

- Application
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Official Transcripts
- Financial Need Analysis (Full-Time)
 - Completed FASFA
- Letter of Admission or Enrollment Certificate
- Graduation Degree Checklist
- Class Schedule (Spring 2025)



DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 25, 2025 @ 5:00 PM





American Indian Services Scholarship



The AIS Scholarship program is to help undergraduate Native American/Alaska Native students with financial support to attend a college or university, maintain enrollment, and graduate.

Scholarship Awards are based on need for the term the student is applying for and are allocated directly to the school for the student.



**If you have questions
visit our FAQ or
contact the AIS
Scholarship
Department. You can
send an email to
[scholarship@american
indianservices.org](mailto:scholarship@americanindianservices.org) or
call 801-375-1777 ext.
1002.**

**January Award
Application Opens: September 1
Deadline: November 1
For the Winter/Spring semester**





HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



*Kaityln
Begay*



*Tyrone
Castillo*



*Thomas
Ellison*



*Mi Ceala
Begay*



Scholar of the Month

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"It feels great!"

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

"My personal favorite study habit would be teaching others on what I have learned to help me learn better."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"They've help me plan out my college goals and they are very helpful along the way."

Laurence Thomas
AAS General Studies

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"The University of New Mexico main campus."



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

"Mrs. Platero because she helped me with scheduling my classes and breaks down what I needed for my college goals."

What are five fun facts about you?

1. I'm motivated
2. I have a sense of humor
3. I'm a procrastinator
4. I'm open-minded and optimistic
5. I'm introverted



September Drawing Winners!

Our participants are truly amazing in their dedication to their academics, and TRIO is committed to ensuring they have opportunities to acquire additional knowledge that will benefit them in the future.



In September, participants had the opportunity to attend several workshops, and their names were entered into a drawing for some fantastic gear!

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES **NM GALLUP**

We're excited to offer you the opportunity to win some fantastic TRIO merchandise!

TRIO **OCTOBER**

02	07	15	21
Fast Fresh Food Prep w/ Student CAL 9:30-12:00	Study & Time Management Workshop w/ Student CAL 10:00-12:00	Workshop & Transfer Fair (open to all) 10-5 pm	Tools, Tips & Transfer Workshop 11-12 pm 1:30-3:00 PM 5:00-7:00 PM
22	22	23	24
Credit, Debt and Savings Workshop w/ Student CAL 9:30-12:00	Math Skills w/ Student CAL 9:30-12:00	Computing the TEA's w/ Student CAL 9:30-12:00	Transfer Fair Day 2 UNM High Campus TRIO/SSS 10:00-12:00

Simply join one of our TRIO or CAL workshops, and voilà, your name will be added straight into our fabulous prize bowl! Monthly Drawings Await You! The more workshops you participate in, the greater your chances of winning.

Enter to Win

Here are the winners for our September drawing! We encourage everyone to take part in the upcoming October drawing. Attend any of our workshops, and you'll be automatically entered into the drawing!



**Congratulations
Mikaelynn,
Adam, Zoey and
Carol!**



ExxonMobil ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA®



Mission Statement

To conduct the world's premier ballooning event, while promoting the sport of ballooning, the City of Albuquerque, and the State of New Mexico nationally and internationally.

AIBF wishes to have balloonists from all over the world attend this event for the advancement of the sport of aerostation, renewing friendships, and promoting camaraderie among all participants.

WELCOME TO THE EXXONMOBIL ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA®

For nine days in October, the ExxonMobil Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta® creates an enchanted world of special shape balloon rodeos, twilight balloon glows, and vibrant balloon-filled skies. Brisk autumnal mornings in the Rio Grande Valley create an otherworldly backdrop for the breathtaking majesty of our most popular event, Mass Ascension. The experience of watching hundreds of gentle airy giants take flight at once is humbling and inspiring. It's the allure of these magical moments and more that have continued to bring ballooning fans worldwide together for more than 52 years.

OUR GEOGRAPHY MAKES IT BALLOONING CENTRAL

Autumn is one of the most enjoyable times of year in New Mexico. This peaceful prelude to winter means that brisk mornings give way to warm afternoons, with mild temperatures throughout the day and typically gentle winds. This ideal weather, combined with its diverse altitudes and geography, makes Albuquerque an ideal location for ballooning at this time of year. The lower altitude of the river valley to the west, higher altitude of the mountain range to the east and the prevailing winds aloft create the legendary "Albuquerque Box," in which gentle winds blow in a box pattern, sometimes leading balloons right back to where they started. This natural phenomenon makes Albuquerque home to some of the best ballooning in the world.



The Balloonist's Prayer

Safe Flight Ceremony

We hope you have enjoyed your visit today and that all your Web journeys are safe and fun. In keeping with a long-time ballooning tradition, we encourage you to conclude your Balloon Fiesta® Web flight with us by reciting the "Balloonist Prayer."

May the winds welcome you with softness.
May the sun bless you with its warm hands.
May you fly so high and so well that God joins you in laughter and sets you gently back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.

Stay Safe this Halloween



TRIO Student Support Services

We prioritize your safety and wish you a fantastic Halloween!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

**BE SMART.
BE SEEN.
BE SAFE.**

- Stay in a group
- Avoid masks that obstruct vision
- Stay on sidewalks when possible
- Look before crossing streets
- Carry a flashlight
- Avoid dark houses
- Examine treats before eating
- Get home by 9pm



TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

AVOID CANDY AND TREATS THAT DO NOT HAVE AN INGREDIENT LABEL, EVEN IF YOU TRUST THE FULL-SIZE VERSION.



READ THE LABEL, EVERY TIME.



CARRY AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR. ALWAYS.



ENFORCE A "NO EATING WHILE TRICK-OR-TREATING" RULE.



KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON THE FUN, RATHER THAN THE CANDY.



SWAP ANY UNSAFE CANDIES YOUR CHILD MIGHT RECEIVE WITH YOUR OWN SAFE TREATS WHEN YOU GET HOME.

USE SORTING THROUGH YOUR CHILD'S CANDY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH THEM ABOUT READING LABELS.



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