

September

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back TRIO/SSS Lobos to another semester! We want to wish you a successful Fall Semester. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by, we are more than happy to help you!

- **We are open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday until September 8, 2023.**
- **Starting September 12 we will be open Tuesdays & Wednesdays until 7:00 pm!**

Important Dates:

- **9/1 - Last Day to add/drop classes on Loboweb**
- **9/4 - Campus Closed (Labor Day)**
- **9/6 - Resume Writing Workshop**
- **9/12 - UNM-G Endowment Scholarship Due @ 5 pm**
- **9/12 - Writing Workshop 4:00-5:00pm**
- **9/13 - Math Workshop 5:00-6:00 pm**
- **9/27 - SWASAP Collegiate Scholarship Due**

TRIO/SSS Tutor/Mentor Role

What are your job duties?

My job duties are to help students understand course materials and provide a clear explanation to the students to make sure that they aren't confused. Throughout the day, I will walk around the lab and check in students and make sure that they are doing okay. It also gives me a chance to see what they are working on and get an understanding of how I can help them. I also schedule one-on-one mentor meetings with students every two weeks and I help support the students throughout the semester. The mentor meetings help me to understand students and their needs, how they do their homework, how they study, etc. This allows me to gain a bond with them and also allows me to offer individualized support. There also some other duties as well, such as working on getting CLRA certified, complete trainings, and maintaining logs and staying caught up on filing, and answering simple questions. I also make sure that they are doing okay. It also gives me a chance to see what they are working on and get an understanding of how I can help them.

How do you balance being a student, Tutor/Mentor role, social and personal life?

The way that I balance all these roles in my life is taking them one role at time. By that, I mean that I am a Tutor/Mentor while on the clock, I only do work that is TRIO related, so entering logs, filing, completing trainings. Once I get off, then I start to work on my homework, but I plan my week so that I don't overwhelm myself. When registration opens for my courses, I schedule a early session with my advisor and I choose classes that are online so that they are more flexible. My work schedule also revolves around my classes, so essentially I can make my schedule work for me. It's in the order that I want it to be in.

What are you going to school for, and do think your Tutor/Mentor skills would apply to your future career goals?

I am working on my Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. i am wanting to be a High School teacher and eventually become a college professor. I believe my learned skills would apply when I am teaching. I'll be able to break it down and take time making sure students understand their work. I plan on using my active listening skills and listening to my future students.

Out of all the workshops and social events which one(s) were most memorable and why?

To me the most memorable workshop was the Crochet Workshop, it was memorable because all of my friends were there and we had a great time de-stressing, we didn't finish the crochet project but it was fun nonetheless.

In your opinion, what is the most rewarding part of being a Tutor/Mentor?

"I think that the most rewarding part about being a Tutor/Mentor is being able to help others, another reason is towards the end of the semester, when the students will come and tell me about their final grade, and the look of happiness was always rewarding.



Sonny Gene

**TRIO/SSS
Tutor/Mentor**

**BS Secondary
Education**





WE ARE HIRING

PEER TUTOR/MENTOR

req25218 / \$12.00 Hourly

- **MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL WORK STUDY**

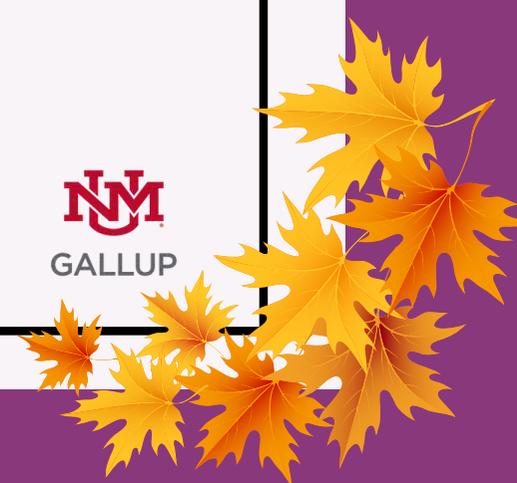
We are seeking professional, outgoing students that can work with our underrepresented students.

This is an excellent position for those who are looking for part-time work on campus and who are looking to build skills in peer tutoring and mentoring. Must pass either/both English 1120 and Math 1220 with a "B" or better.

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TRIO/SSS Office Assistant Role



Tiffany Armijo

**TRIO/SSS
Office Assistant**



What are your job duties?

My job duties consist of answering phone calls, making flyers, prepping folders for intake orientation. I also help students fill out their FASFA if they require assistance. I clean the lobby and computer lab as well as make coffee and wash dishes at the end of the day. I make sure we have available sources printed such as UNM Gallup scholarship applications and study guides. I check logs that other tutor/mentors enter and make sure students are signing in and out when they come to our department. I also assist Kim and advisors with task they assign and checking in/out equipment. I also help assist student with applying to our program."

How do you balance being a student, Office Assistant role, social and personal life?

"I focus on the most important in that moment. If I feel I need more time to do homework I take time off of work and vice versa. When finals week start I usually take time off to ensure I do well for those classes"

What are you going to school for, and do think your Office Assistant skills would apply to your future career goals ?

I am currently going to school to get a BSN degree and then I plan on pursuing a master's degree. I think some of the skills that are very useful that I can take from this position are Teamwork, Computer Skills, Time-management and interpersonal communication.

Out of all the workshops and social events which one(s) were most memorable and why?

The most memorable was the IRIS Bootcamp. It was a series of workshops that took place during the summer. I gained skills on how to be a faster reader while comprehending the material. Upon completion of the Bootcamp we got to participate in a Cultural enrichment activity. My friends also participated in the workshop series so we all got to attend a Isotopes baseball game in Albuquerque. I was so thrilled that I got to share the experience with the people I went with.

In your opinion, what is the most rewarding part of being a Office Assistant?

I feel the most rewarding part of being an office assistant was that I got the opportunity to help the students who needed help. I also got to know some of them on a more personal level. I also supported the students as best as I could and got to see them achieve their goals and graduate.

September

Scholar of the Month

1. How does it feel to be scholar of the month?

It was a big surprise that I was chosen for the student of the month.

2. Do you have any student habits you would recommend?

I would recommend showing up to class every day to make sure you get all the information needed. Also finding support systems for academics and personal life

3. What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

I like a lot of things about TRIO/SSS. Its a great place to come and decompress. it gives me time to get my thoughts together. I also like the atmosphere. I especially like the coffee!

4. Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

I want to go to UNM Main if I transfer out

5. Who are you thankful for?

I would like to thank Donovan Chee because he is calm and cool with me. He is also very helpful in prepping me for my classes.



Katie Schultz

AA Business Administration

6. 5 fun facts about you?

- I like Welding
- I enjoy Arts such as pottery and broken glass
- Rodeo is awesome
- Love spending time with my kids
- I love camping and planting food.

Student Spotlight

Bray Holyan, Summer '23 Lobo Academy Participant ran for Ceremonial Queen! Read about her journey:

What was your inspiration to run for Ceremonial Queen?

My grandmother was the inspiration as to why I wanted to give pageantry a shot. She was fresh out of high school and ran for Miss Navajo in '98. She was 18 years old when she ran and won the title of Miss Navajo. This led her to many opportunities on and off the reservation. Being her youngest granddaughter I wanted to give pageantry a try. So, I entered for the 101st Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial Queen Pageant at the age of 18 and fresh out of high school as well. Ever since I was a little girl I was always amazed and in awe of the Miss Navajo and the various queens on the reservation. Seeing them in their native regalia and representing the indigenous people as a goodwill ambassador was inspiring to me. I always love to try new things and challenge myself to grow and give myself new opportunities. To gain new knowledge from others and share my knowledge with others at the same time. Overall it allowed me to grow as a person in all aspects of life. There have been so many people who have helped shape me into who I am today and they play a huge part in why I had the intention of running. People such as my immediate and extended family members, school administrators, club coaches, and close friends have been there in support of me. Throughout the process of running I heavily thought about these people and made sure I gave it my best. For my ancestors and family members who have passed before me Throughout the process of running for Queen these people were kept in mind. It wasn't just for me, it was for everyone who helped me get to where I am today. Including family members and my ancestors who have passed before me. Their teachings still reside with me today and I wanted to shed light on that.

To the five other contestants who competed you each did an outstanding job and I commend you for your efforts in embracing who you are as a Diné and helping preserve our cultural teachings.

Student Spotlight

What degree did you choose for your degree program & the inspiration ?

I chose Business Administration as my degree program because it is a good starting point for my career. My aspiration is to go into sports management. I also want to minor in journalism to help my career in sports management. I love being around sports and I love writing and this is the perfect opportunity to mesh the two together. My older sister Corey also majored in business administration and she has a great career in which she loves. As I am in my first semester this fall, I have a ways to go with my education but if I ever decide to take a different avenue. I would like to continue with political and Native American studies. To get more involved with my community and make a difference for my people.

Your sister Corey is a prior TRIO/SSS Tutor/Mentor, how has she inspired you to continue your education?

My sister Corey has inspired me in so many ways. I love her so much. She has been there for me in so many ways. She encourages me to try new things. And supports all my dreams. I have always looked up to her since I was a little girl. She did sports and was top of her class in high school. So I did the same and constantly worked at those two things. I continued to follow in her footsteps of going into Business Administration. She has shown to me how versatile this major is. She was the first in my immediate family to get her Bachelor's degree. Through her example I strive to get my degree as well and continue on to higher education.

How has she supported you in your journey to be Ceremonial Queen?

Her and my family both supported my decision in running for ceremonial queen. They all spent early mornings and late nights helping me prepare, and contributing to outfits and props through the duration of my pageant. The most meaningful was her support and constant encouragement to do my best no matter the outcome. She helped me ground myself with the nature around us by accompanying me on runs to clear my mind. And this bonding time together really helped me spiritually and physically and mentally. To gather my thoughts and prayers for this competition.

Student Spotlight

***Do you want to make a change in your community for the Navajo People?
Do you have any advice you can share for those who want to do the same?***

Yes, despite the outcome of me taking second runner up in the pageant, my work will not stop. My platform will continue to help preserve my language and culture. Help the youth to seek and strive for higher education and lifelong learning. Along with maintaining a healthy lifestyle. And finding one's true self and identity. There are many ways I plan on helping my community right now and in the near future. Advice I will share to help students is to be true to yourself. Don't be afraid of failure. Try your best and give it your all in everything you do. Love one another and cherish the five fingered people. Be proud of who you are as a Diné. Take pride in being Indigenous, you have a purpose here. Our Diné people endured so much in the past. Make them proud and be resilient, walk in beauty. Hool'áágóó T'áá Diné (Forever Navajo)
Sa'ah Naaghai Bik'eh Hozhoo (Live in Harmony)

Who would you like to thank? Who are you thankful for?

I would like to give a special thank you to my immediate family for all they have done for me. I wouldn't be where I am today without them. Each of you are a great inspiration to me and I love each of you dearly. Thank you for supporting me in everything I do.

To my school administrators and club coaches who continued to support me and have taught me many important life lessons thank you. Your words of wisdom and support is much appreciated.

To my extended family members who have also had a hand in getting me to where I am, thank you.

Last but not least, to the local community, TRIO services, and the Gallup intertribal ceremony committee thank you for all the support encouragement given to me. It takes a village to climb the latter of greatness and each of these people deserve to be recognized in helping me - big or small thank you.

Student Spotlight



Well done!



Big Sister Corey & Bray



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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Writing a paper, thesis or struggling with citing sources?

Dates:

September 12th
October 3rd
November 1st
November 28th

Join in with our
Writing Workshop

Writing Workshops will be held monthly from
4:00pm to 5:00pm
TRIO Conference Room
GH 1146
Zoom ID: Updated in Canvas

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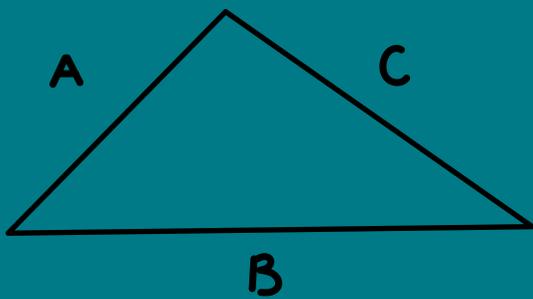
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4:00 - 5:00 pm



5:00 - 6:00 pm



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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



MATH WORKSHOP

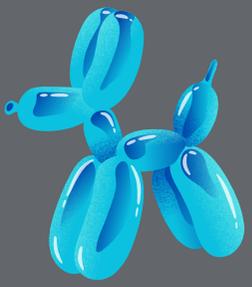
SPEND SOME TIME WITH OUR PEER TUTORS AND WORK ON SOME OF THE "PROBLEM AREAS" OF MATH.

Math Workshops will be held monthly from
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
TRIO/SSS Conference Room GH 1146 or Virtual on Zoom

Dates:

- September 13th
- October 4th
- November 2nd
- November 29th

Zoom ID:
Updated in Canvas



Happy Birthday!



Intake Orientation & Scholarship Opportunity

Dates:

- *Sept. 1st*
- *Sept. 8th*
- *Sept. 15th*

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to our office @ (505) 863-7751

New Student Program Intake Orientation

To all our new TRIO/SSS participants, we have scheduled our fall intake orientations. Your attendance is a requirement to be fully admitted into the TRIO/SSS program.

Also, a friendly reminder to our current participants, we are taking applications for Fall 2023. Feel free to refer your classmates, friends and family attending UNM-G to apply. Orientations will be scheduled on Friday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

TRIO SWASAP Collegiate Scholarship is now open for participants. Please reach out to Kim, Donovan and/or Sophia for recommendation. Good Luck!

Due Date



Collegiate Scholarship

IS NOW OPEN

TO ALL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES & RONALD E. MCNAIR PARTICIPANTS

Application Due: Sept. 27, 2023

Eligibility Requirements:

- A current TRIO participant with a minimum of 1 year TRIO participation
- College student currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution.
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Recommended by Trio professional who is a current dues paid SWASAP member in good standing (membership proof is required)

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