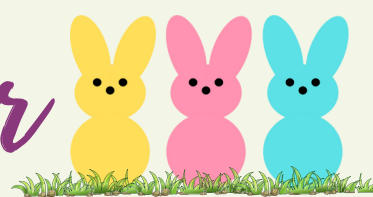


April Newsletter



As we near the end of the semester and with finals approaching, TRIO/SSS would like to remind you of our commitment to supporting you through your academic endeavor. We offer a variety of workshops aimed at assisting you with your exam preparation. Remember, you are not alone on this journey. Our workshops cover various subjects, including writing, mathematics, and mentoring.

We understand that this period can be particularly stressful; however, with the right resources and support, your success is attainable. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need guidance or have any questions. Together, we can conclude the semester on a positive note and achieve your academic goals. Best of luck in your finals!

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Important Dates



- 04/02 - Math Workshop (11am-12pm)
- 04/03 - Writing Workshop (2pm-3pm)
- 04/07 - 2025 Summer/Fall Registration Opens
- 04/08 - TRIO Staff Out of Office
- 04/20 - Happy Easter
- 04/22 - Earth Day Workshop
- 04/23 - Final Math Workshop (11am-12pm)
- 04/24 - Final Writing Workshop (2pm-3pm)
- 04/28 - Navajo Sovereignty Day (Campus Open)



Welcome to TRIO/SSS

Tara Smith-Platero
(Academic Tutor Coordinator)



Greetings,

My name is Tara Platero, and I am privileged to serve as the Academic Advisor for TRIO/Student Support Services. I am proud to have obtained my Associate's degree in Business Administration and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree at the University of New Mexico's main campus through their online program. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities UNM has afforded me, including access to a high-quality education and a supportive learning environment. The resources, faculty, and community at UNM have significantly contributed to my academic growth and success. As I continue to build upon the foundation of knowledge acquired through my bachelor's program, I am confident that my education at UNM will facilitate the achievement of my long-term career aspirations.

#TRIOWORKS

GO LOBOS!

I firmly believe in the transformative power of education and am deeply committed to assisting students as they navigate their academic journeys to realize their full potential. I am excited to be part of the TRIO program, which fosters a supportive and inclusive environment where students can thrive and attain their goals. I look forward to helping students overcome challenges and celebrating their accomplishments along the way.

To all students pursuing their education, I encourage you to persevere, recognizing that each step you take brings you closer to your dreams. You possess the strength, resilience, and capability to make a meaningful impact!

Sincerely,

Tara Smith-Platero

April Events

2025 FALL & SUMMER REGISTRATION

This is a friendly reminder that registration will begin on **April 7, 2025**. If you have not yet reviewed your courses with your advisor, please schedule an appointment with Sophia through LoboAchieve, and reach out to Tara via email or in person. Consulting with your advisor is essential to ensure you are thoroughly prepared for the registration process.

BEEP! BEEP!



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ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

**2025 SUMMER & FALL
REGISTRATION
OPENS**
APRIL 7, 2025

SCHEDULE YOUR ADVISEMENT SESSION
THROUGH LOBOACHIEVE TO MEET WITH YOUR
TRIO/SSS ADVISOR
LOBOACHIEVE@UNM.EDU
2025 Summer & Fall Available to View
on www.schedule.unm.edu

TRIO **New Mexico**

Staff Out Of Office

Training Conference

Out Of Office ☒

Can Email Us ☒

TRIO/SSS Staff will be out of office starting Tuesday, afternoon April 8 - Friday, April 11.
Book your advisement appointment in LoboAchieve as soon as you can. You may email us and we'll respond as soon as we are available.

Thanks in Advance

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OUT OF OFFICE

The TRIO/SSS Academic Advisors will be unavailable from **April 8th to April 11th** staff will attending a training conference. They will resume their regular availability on **Monday, April 14th**.

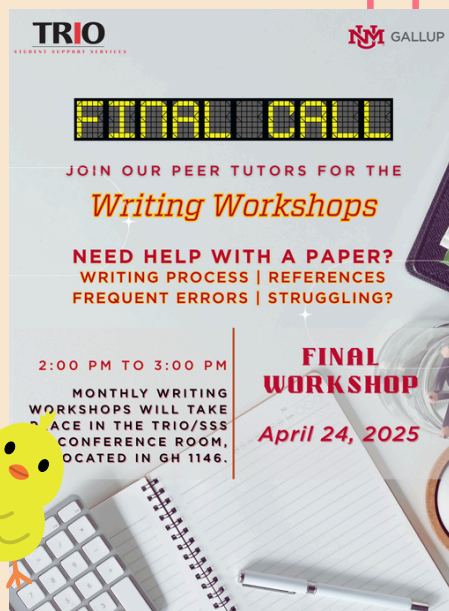
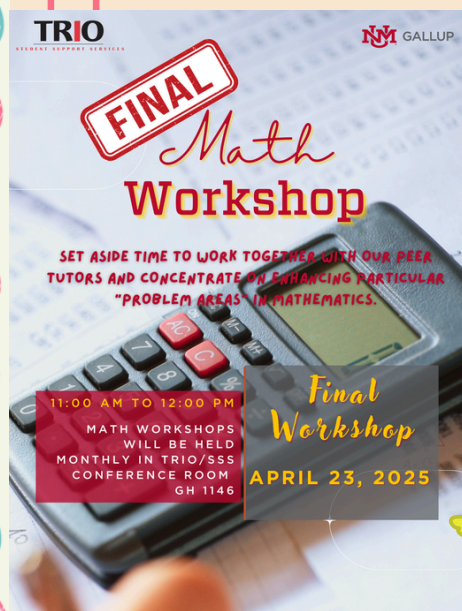
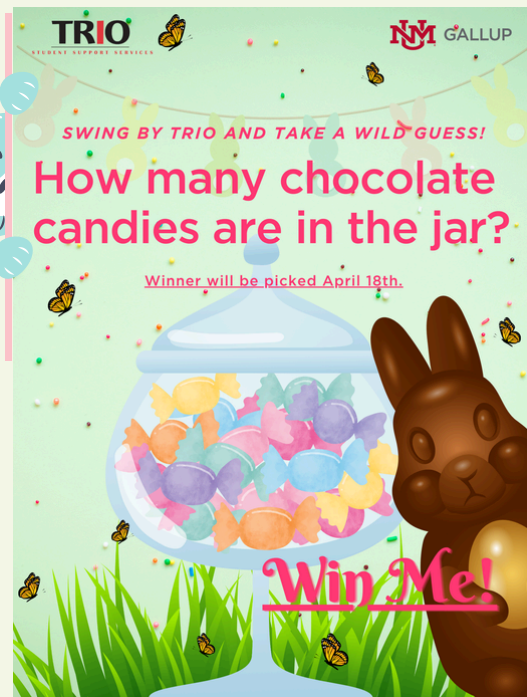
If you do not meet for advisement before registration opens this will hinder your registration for that week, and will have to schedule appointment for the following week. Remember: TRIO/SSS Advisement hold will not be lifted until you meet for an advisement session.



April Events

What's your wild hunch?

Visit TRIO for a chance to guess the number of chocolate candies in the jar! The individual with the closest guess will win a Giant Hershey Chocolate Bunny. The winner will be revealed on April 18th.



Final Academic Workshop

April marks the conclusion of our math and writing workshops for the Spring Semester. We encourage you to attend if you need assistance or have inquiries regarding these subjects, particularly with finals rapidly approaching.

April Events



TRIO/SSS AWARDS CEREMONY

SAVE THE DATE

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2024
&
CLASS OF 2025

An Evening of Recognition

- TRIO Scholar of the Month and Year
- Graduates for Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025

RSVP BY: APRIL 25, 2025

Date: May 06, 2025 | **Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM | **Location:** SSTC 200



The TRIO/SSS
Award Ceremony is
approaching soon!

Please
RSVP by:
April 25th

Join us!



On Earth Day we will have a workshop to create your own painted canvas bag, starting at 10:00 AM.

Take some time to unwind and relax!

What is Earth Day all about?

Earth Day is a global event which aims to highlight the importance of protecting the environment. It takes place every year on April 22 and was set up in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a US senator and environmentalist, and Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University. They came up with Earth Day as a way to engage the public and push green issues to the national agenda.



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Join us on EARTH DAY

Create your own masterpiece on a canvas bag. Supplies will be available, so take some time to unwind and unleash your creativity.

April 22nd
Beginning @
10:00 am

Scholarships



ONNSFA

2025-2026 Academic Year Application:

The online application for the 2025-26 Academic Year is now live. The deadline to apply is June 25, 2025, at 5 p.m. MDT. Remember to print the checklist.

NTUA SCHOLARSHIP

The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Scholarship Program is now accepting scholarship applications for the Academic Year - Fall Semester 2024 - Spring Semester 2025

It is the policy of NTUA to encourage Navajos to pursue studies that lead to either a bachelor's or master's degree in fields relating to the multi-service utility industry.



SOUTHWEST NATIVE AMERICAN FOUNDATION

The mission of the Southwest Native American Foundation is to provide the students of Native American tribes in the Southwestern U.S. with the opportunity of higher education by offering scholarships to outstanding high school students and enrolled university students. We believe that everyone—regardless of their background or financial situation—should have this opportunity.



Scholarships

THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING



The American Indian and Science and Engineering Society offers scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year, supporting Indigenous students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields at undergraduate and graduate levels. Applications must be submitted by April 30.

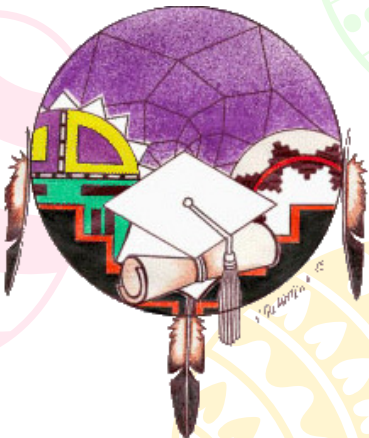
NATIONAL MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

This organization is dedicated to providing scholarships and support to medical and health professions students. Provide scholarships based on merit and financial need, and service-learning programs that provide hands-on opportunities to deliver health care in communities lacking access to adequate medical services.

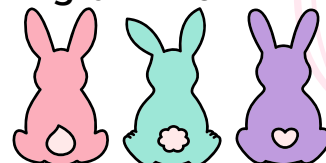


**NATIONAL MEDICAL
FELLOWSHIPS**

CATCHING THE DREAM



They recognize and reward outstanding student achievement. This supplemental award is intended to help Native American Indian students who are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more degree American Indian, and an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe. "U.S. Tribe" is defined as federally recognized, state recognized or terminated. All awards are based on merit, academic achievement and ambition. Students must attend a college or university on a fulltime basis, seeking a BA or higher.



Navajo Sovereignty Day



The Navajo Nation was granted sovereignty in 1868 through a treaty with the United States government, which recognized them as an independent nation. This territory spans over 27,000 square miles across northeastern Arizona, southwestern Utah, and northwestern New Mexico. The 1868 treaty was signed four years after members of the Navajo tribe were forcibly removed from their lands in Arizona in 1864 and made to march to New Mexico under duress.

Initially, April 16 was designated as the day of celebration for their sovereignty in 1985; however, it is now observed on the fourth Monday in April. On this day, all schools and administrative offices close to honor the Navajo Nation and its people. This recognition stems from a 1985 Supreme Court ruling that affirmed the Navajo Nation's right to impose taxes without requiring approval from the U.S. government, distinguishing these taxes as separate from state and federal taxes. This ruling significantly contributed to the reinforcement of the Nation's independence.

NAVAJO NATION SOVEREIGNTY DAY



The Navajo Nation has celebrated Navajo Nation Sovereignty Day since 1985, after the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor to hold the Navajo Nation Government as a sovereign nation during the historic case *Kerr-McGee Corp. v. Navajo Tribe* No. 8468 (471 U.S. 195).

Source:

Darrel Watchman "Honorable Mention"

Walking In Beauty

By Darrel Watchman

University of New Mexico—Gallup Campus

Copper and nickel silver
Completed 2024 | Not for Sale

About the Artwork

The Navajo Basket has many stories behind it. I believe our people's emergence is an important story shared when creating a traditional woven Navajo basket. I used copper for the backing and soldered the holders in place. I used nickel silver for the front which is held to the backing using a cold connection known as riveting. I also sand-blasted the basket outline onto the copper backing for a more visual appeal.

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About the Artwork

Chancellor of ENMU (Left)
Darrel Watchman (Right)

TRIO/SSS is proud to acknowledge Darrel for receiving an "Honorable Mention" for his piece titled "Walking In Beauty," submitted for the Runnels Gallery exhibition at Eastern New Mexico University. As an outstanding participant in the TRIO program, we take immense pride in his academic achievements and remain committed to supporting his endeavors.

The Runnels Gallery offers three competitive exhibition opportunities annually, inviting artists to submit their creative works. Pieces selected by the jurist were publicly displayed in the gallery, located within the ENMU Golden Student Success Center.

April Birthdays

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY


Darrel
Watchman


Rayshawn
Chee


Katelynn
Wilson


Deion
Romero


Quartilla
Begay

Scholar of the Month

Wilbert Sandoval

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"It is an honor to be part of TRIO monthly newsletter. I never thought I would have made it. Like they always say, hard work pays off. I really like to thank all the TRIO staff who helped us (students) with our homework, essays, and documents."

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

"In automotive, when I work on a vehicle, I will work on it till I find out what is wrong with it and if I can't find out the problem, I will ask my classmate or instructor. There will be times where I will have stress over taking out parts, but I would recommend taking a break like going for a walk or helping someone else for a while."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"TRIO/SSS is truly a supportive team. It is good to know that when I am struggling with class or assignments, they will be there to help me achieve my goals."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"My plan is to continue classes here at UNM-Gallup for my Associate of Art in Liberal Arts. If the courses require me to transfer to the main campus, then that is what I will like to do to continue for my degree."

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

"I would like to acknowledge TRIO/SSS, my classmates, my instructors, and my family for standing by my side. Helping me through all the struggles, and through the late nights in the shop, and pushing me to do my homework."

What are 5 fun facts about you?

- I like to go eat out at Cracker Barrel.
- When I am stressed, I like to listen to Native American Church (NAC) music.
- My hobbies are learning to make jewelry because my dad makes jewelry such as earrings, bracelets, and rings.
- I like to be in the automotive shop.
- I like to come and hang out in TRIO to talk to everybody.



Words of Encouragement

Take a moment to remind you of the incredible strength and resilience you carry. As you continue your academic journey, know that the road you're on is one of growth, learning, and limitless potential.

TRIO/SSS is here to support you every step of the way, and you are never alone in pursuit of success. Lean on the resources, mentors, and fellow students who are here to help you thrive, your dreams are within reach, and you have everything it take to achieve them.

GO LOBOS!

- Tara P.

"Every challenge you face is an opportunity to become stronger and more capable."

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an Extraordinary Destiny" - C.S. Lewis
Don't give up- even if it feels like that is the easiest option. Adversity can force us to dig deep within ourselves and discover untapped potentials.

Find that determination and grit to pursue your goals and dreams relentlessly.

TRIO/SSS is here for you,

#TRIOWORKS!

- Sophia F.

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss

Push yourself now, because one day, your hard work will be the foundation of your success.

- Elizabeth V.

Life will undoubtedly present challenges, but it's your choice to turn those challenges into opportunities. You can allow them to overwhelm you, or you can rise up and confront them each day. Each new day brings a chance to start again and tackle fresh tasks that await you.

Wishing you the best of luck on your finals!
Remember, TRIO is here to support you!

- Antoinette M.

Each new day brings a chance to start again and tackle fresh tasks that await you!

"If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done."

- Bruce Lee

Always do your best, abstain from overthinking, don't be afraid to make mistakes, and enjoy the little things.

- Colton B.