


# DECEMBER





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## HO! HO! HOLIDAY SEASON

This December Newsletter features festive activities, heartwarming articles, and reflections on 2024 as we look forward to 2025. Inside, find important dates for upcoming events, scholarships for Spring, and ways to spread joy in the community. There's also a spotlight on TRIO Student Support Services and their impactful achievements. Enjoy this festive edition, and Happy Holidays to all!



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/01 - 25/26 FAFSA Opens
- 12/13 - TRIO Close @ 4 PM
- 12/13 - Last Day of Classes
- 12/16 - Angel Tree Event Ends
- 12/23 - 12/31 - Winter Break- Campus Closed
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve
- 12/25 - Christmas Day



DECEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 2	3	4	5	6	 7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	 23	 24	 25	 26	 27	28
29	 30	 31	 Christmas			





# DECEMBER EVENTS



**2025-26 FAFSA**

FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE

Participants, stop in & let TRIO/SSS assist you with renewing Your 2025/26 FAFSA. Have peace of mind and be entered into a drawing. Just bring the Following:

- **FAFSA ID/ Username & Password**  
(Both Student & Parent if Dependent)
- **2023 TAX Information**  
(Both Student and Parent if Dependent)
- **Social Security Number**  
(Both Student and Parent if Dependent)

**Apply Now!**

phone 505-863-7751

location Gurley Hall 1137

UNM Priority Deadline is Jan. 31

## 2025/26 FAFSA IS OPEN

The FAFSA for 2025/26 is 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. 14.

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**

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Help the TRIO Student Club meet their Goal for the Angel Tree event which ends Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM. If you would like to donate gifts, you can drop them off at our TRIO/SSS office. If you don't have the time to wrap the gift the TRIO Student Club will wrap it for you!

**Angel Tree Donations**

Help us meet our goal of providing Christmas gifts to all the elderly residents at the Genesis Healthcare Center!  
We still need female gifts and male gifts

PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR CANDY

Male Gift Ideas:

- Reusable water bottle
- Flannel Shirts
- Rubber sole slippers
- Baseball hats
- Western style clothing
- Large Puzzles, crossword
- Coloring book
- Woodworking art kit

Female Gift Ideas:

- Reusable water bottle
- Native Skirts
- Hats/scarves
- Rubber sole slippers
- Baseball hats
- Western style clothing
- Large Puzzles, crossword
- Coloring book
- Coloring Pencil

GOAL

## TRIO STUDENT CLUB EVENTS:

Support our TRIO Student Club this holiday season by participating in their community events:

- **Angel Tree event** help us by donating gifts for residents at Genesis Nursing home.
- **Hoodies for Homeless drive** donate at multiple drop boxes.

**CHRISTMAS Angel Tree**

Here's a chance to make the holiday season truly special! Spread joy to the elderly residents at Genesis! Join us in supporting our TRIO/SSS Student Club as we provide Christmas gifts to the residents of Genesis Healthcare Center!

Starts November 8th, 2024

Ends December 16th, 2024

Ways to Contribute:

- Choose an "angel" from the tree for Christmas joy.
- Buy a gift, and we'll wrap and deliver in time before Christmas.
- Prefer to donate? We'll handle the shopping for you!

**Hoodies for HOMELESS**

Nov. 4, 2024 - Feb. 3, 2025

We invite you to donate new or gently used hoodies for the homeless at our designated drop boxes. Every contribution can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. Join our student club in spreading warmth and kindness throughout our community. For further details, feel free to give us a call.

**Drop Box Locations:**

- 705 Gurley Avenue, Gallup NM 87301
- Gurley Hall & Zollinger Library
- 200 W Aztec Ave Gallup, NM 87301
- 115 W Hill Ave, Gallup, NM 87301

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TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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# SCHOLARSHIPS



GREENHOUSE  
SCHOLARS

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Tebughna Foundation  
*Preserve, Enhance, Educate, and Serve*

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DELL SCHOLARS  
*Michael & Susan Dell Foundation*

## DELL SCHOLARS

The Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, & doctoral degrees. Financial award based on need and renewable for up to 4 years of support. **Deadline is December 5th!**



POINT  
FOUNDATION  
THE LGBTQ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## SALLIE MAE

The Sallie Mae Fund's Completing the Dream Scholarship Program helps students from under-resourced, underrepresented, and underserved communities complete their post-secondary education. **Deadline is December 6th!**



## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Daughters of the American Revolution offers 3 separate scholarships to Native American students who are currently or planning to attend two or four year college or university. **Deadline is Jan. 31st, 2025.**





# SCHOLARSHIPS



## SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

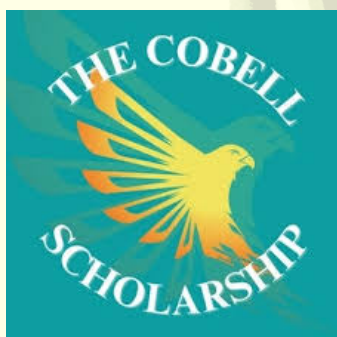
These scholarships support Native American students pursuing degrees in archaeology or related fields. Multiple different awards are available. Deadline for all scholarships are **Jan. 31st, 2025.**



The LAGRANT Foundation

## THE LAGRANT FOUNDATION

This scholarship supports minority students pursuing undergraduate and graduate programs in advertising, marketing, or public relations. **Deadline is Feb. 25th, 2025.**



## THE COBELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Vocational Cobell Scholarship Program application opened on June 1, 2024 for scholars attending trade programs from June 15, 2024 through May 1, 2025. For more information, visit Cobell Scholarship at [cobellscholar.org](http://cobellscholar.org).



## ARIZONA PROMISE PROGRAM

The Arizona Promise Program is a guaranteed scholarship program for eligible Arizona residents that ensures all tuition and fees are covered at Arizona's public universities.



## DAN BEGAY FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

The Dan Begay Foundation for Excellence has scholarships available for full-time, part-time and vocational/trade school Navajo Nation students.



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SCHOLARS

Explore career possibilities with the nation's leading sponsor for scientific research. **\$600 weekly** student stipends.







# SCHOLARSHIPS



## DO SOMETHING

**Every month**, Do Something offers scholarships to students 13-25 for community service.



## HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION

The Horatio Alger Association provide scholarship assistance and support services to deserving young people. Over 1800 scholarships were awarded in 2024. There are multiple scholarships available year round.



## IHS SCHOLARSHIP

IHS offers financial aid to educate and train health professionals to staff Indian health programs.



Intertribal Timber Council

## INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL

The Intertribal Timber Council has multiple scholarships, fellowships, financial aid agreements and internships listed and available for Native students.



## NATIONAL MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

This organization is dedicated to providing scholarships and support to medical and health professions students.



NATIVE FORWARD  
SCHOLARS FUND

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Undergraduate and graduate scholarship opportunities are available to Native students from the Native Forward Scholars Fund.



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# SCHOLARSHIPS

amazon

future >>  
engineer



JACK KENT COOKE  
FOUNDATION



Jeannette Rankin  
FOUNDATION

*Transforming Futures Through Education*

Udall Foundation  
CIVILITY, INTEGRITY, CONSENSUS

ALA  
American  
Library  
Association

★★★  
NSCDA  
— 1891 —  
*Entrusted With History's Future*

## AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEERING

The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship is open now until the **deadline of December 14th**. If you are pursuing a degree in computer science or engineering, have a notable need for financial aid and have taken at least one computer science or engineering class in high school or college, you may be eligible to apply!

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

FFA offers a variety of scholarships for students pursuing agriculture-related fields. Awards vary in amount and are available to both FFA members and non-members based on academic achievement and leadership potential. Application **deadline is January 9, 2025**.

## JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION TRANSFER

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. Application **deadline is January 9, 2025**

## JEANNETTE RANKIN NATIONAL SCHOLAR GRANT

This scholarship supports low-income women aged 35 and older who are pursuing technical, vocational, or undergraduate degrees. It aims to empower women through education and career advancement opportunities. **Deadline for all scholarships are February 16, 2025.**

## UDALL FOUNDATION

The Udall scholarship application has opened! The Scholarship Program identifies future leaders in environmental, Tribal public policy, and health care fields. You need to contact your Udall state/faculty representative to get access to the application portal by March 4, 2025 and applications must be **submitted by March 5, 2024**.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ALA provides over \$300,000 annually for students pursuing master's degrees in library and information studies. Scholarships range \$2,500 to \$8,000 with opportunities for students in specific areas like children's librarianship, public librarianship, and underrepresented groups.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

These scholarships support students pursuing careers in nursing or related health fields. Award amounts vary, and applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents enrolled in accredited pre-med or pre-nursing programs.



# BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY







# SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH



## HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH?

I feel very honored and amazed. I came a long way in my academic journey and hearing that I was chosen as the scholar of the month really gave me the motivation I needed to continue my education.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY STUDY HABITS YOU WOULD RECOMMEND TO OTHER STUDENTS? WHAT ARE THEY?

Keep your syllabus always and follow it because that is your guide of what to expect in class and when assignments are due. Do not miss any assignments or a day of class. Study, pass assignments, and quizzes for exams.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TRIO/SSS?

My favorite thing about TRIO is the study space and the one-on-one academic advising and tutoring. Spending time in TRIO and talking with the staff and tutor/mentors really allowed me to grow as a person.

## WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER AFTER GRADUATION?

I am transferring to Main campus and continuing my education with the Anderson School of Management. I plan to obtain my bachelor's degree in general management.

## I AM THANKFUL FOR...

God, family, friends, love, and the TRIO tutor/mentors, as well as TRIO Upward Bound. A heartfelt thanks to Don, Kim, and Sophia for the numerous opportunities and experiences I have gained through TRIO.



McKayla Yazzie

## 5 FUN FACTS:

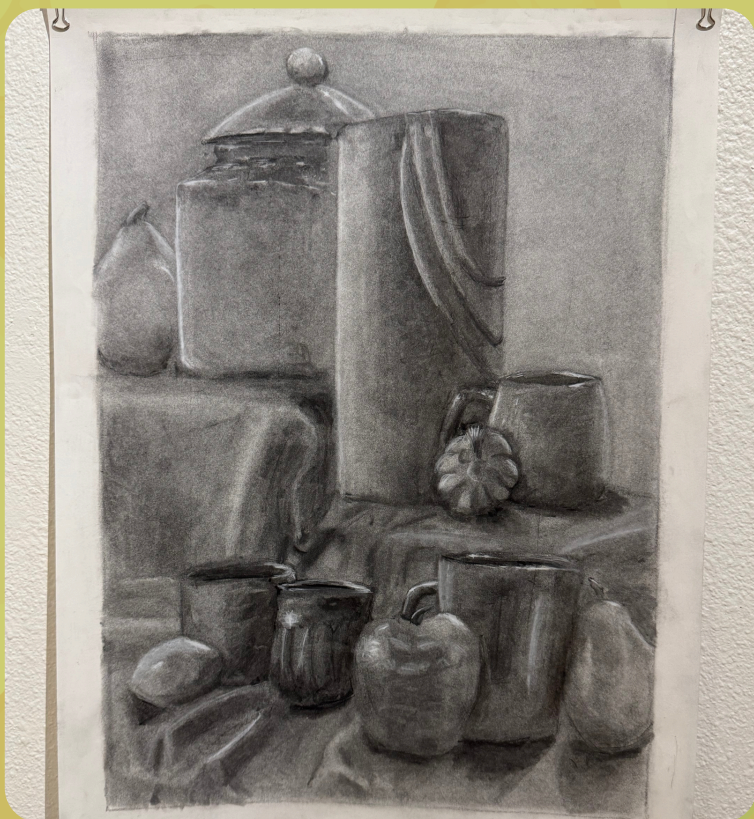
1. I am a social butterfly
2. Funny sarcastic
3. Determined & outgoing
4. Bookworm
5. Adventurous, try anything once



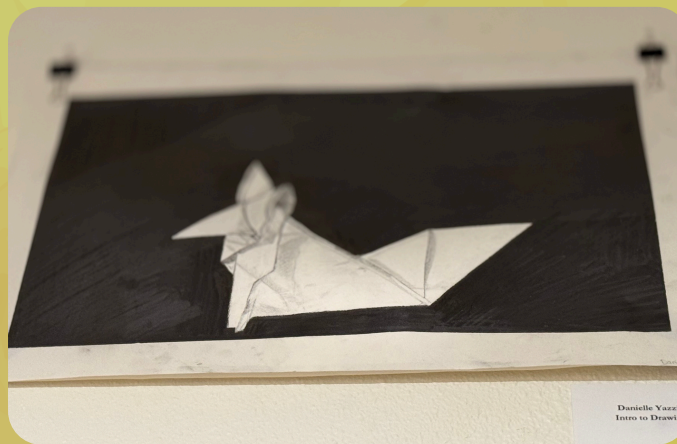




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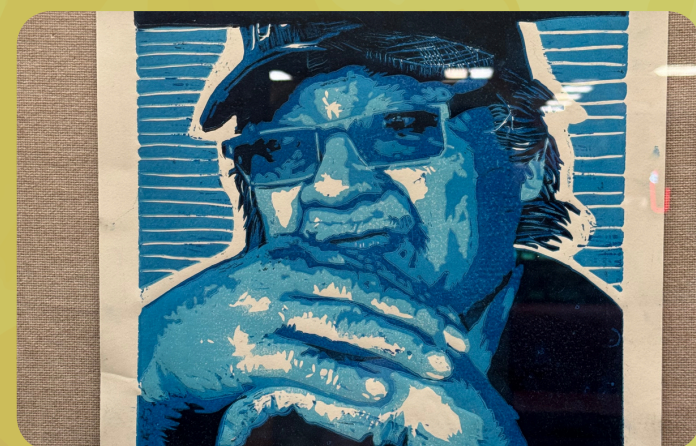


**Austin Dayzie**  
Intro to Drawing



**Danielle  
Yazzie**  
Intro to  
Drawing

**Tehyonna  
Nakai**  
Intro to  
Printmaking



**Tristan Claw**  
Intro to Paint  
Making



**Tehyonna Nakai**  
Intro to Printmaking

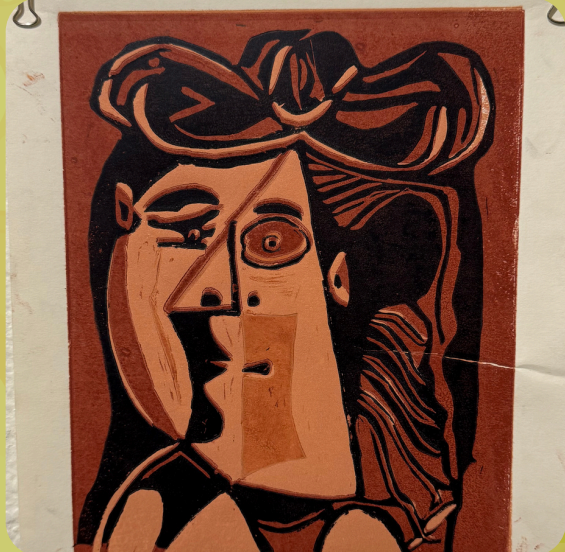
**Aleiya Nasafotie**  
Intro to  
Paintmaking







# TRIO STUDENTS' ARTWORK



Kaitlyn Begay  
Intro to  
Printmaking

Adam John  
Blanchard  
Ceramics



Tee-Jay  
Jimenez  
Ceramics



Aaliyah Hope  
Livingston  
Ceramics



Sandra Ann Shirley  
Ceramics



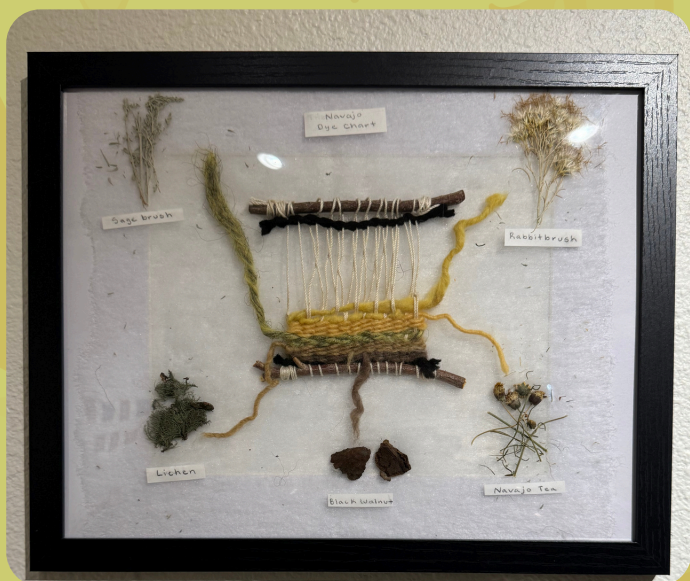
Tehyonna Nakai  
Ceramics







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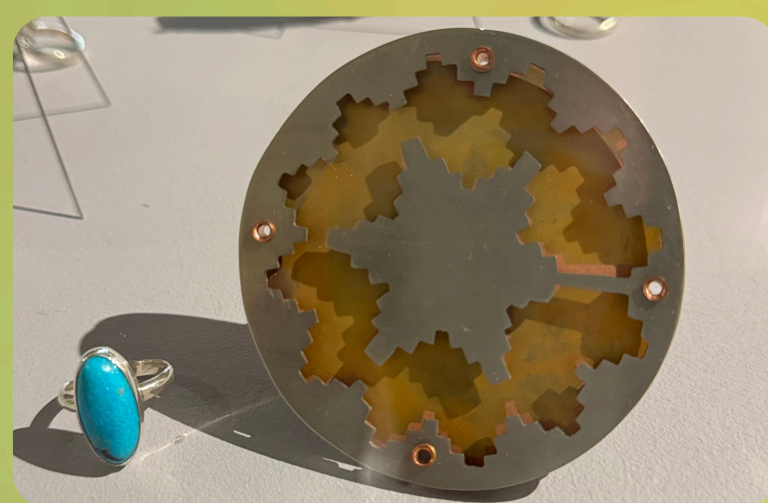
Alora Francis  
Navajo Weaving



Deana Green  
Navajo Weaving



Kaitlyn Begay  
Jewelry/Sm. Metal



Darrel Watchman  
Jewelry/Sm. Metals