

JANUARY 2025

A Message from the Program Director, Kim

Greetings UNM Gallup students, alumni, faculty and parents! Happy New Year and happy spring semester. We are looking ahead and we wish that you be blessed with good health and happiness! We value your staying connected to us, so we want to take this opportunity to celebrate our TRIO/SSS participants.

We wanted to take a moment to remind you of all the resources provided by TRIO/SSS, the UNM Gallup campus and all the staff that are committed to help you reach your goals. Despite all available resources, please remember that your success depends on you and how active you are as a participant in your educational journey. So many of you have shared your passion with us, that shows resilience as you face new challenges during your educational journey.

We support you, reach out to the SSS staff, your peer tutors, peer mentors and each other to make your dreams of achieving a college degree into a reality.

Through this supportive community we are continually inspired to assist you in reaching your goals. Keep in mind the thoughts on how you can be your best advocate and be an active participant in your educational journey.

Thank you all for investing in one another and creating this amazing TRIO/SSS community.
On behalf of all TRIO/SSS Staff, Best wishes this semester,
TRIO/SSS Director, Kimimila Simms

“Failure is a reality; we all fail at times, and it’s painful when we do it. But it’s better to fail while striving for something wonderful, challenging, adventurous, and uncertain than to say, “I don’t want to try because I may not succeed completely.” -Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States



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JANUARY CALENDAR

WELCOME BACK!

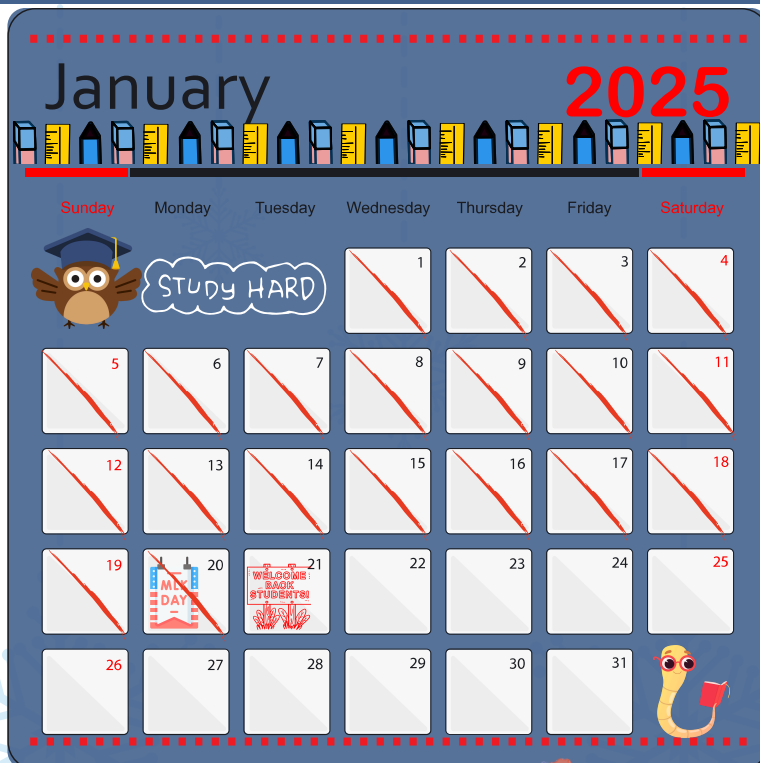


Important Dates

- 01/06 - Welcome Back! TRIO/SSS Office opens
- 01/20 - Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 01/21 - Spring 2025 Semester Begins
- 01/22 & 01/23 - Lobo Web Navigation Workshop
- 01/27 & 01/28 - Welcome Back Days "Come layer our services Parfait Style"

FASFA 2025-2026

The FAFSA for 2025-2026 has been opened since December 31st, 2024! You can complete the FAFSA by going to fafsa.gov, but if you need assistance with completing the form you can come by our office anytime you can before it's too late. If you file with us, you will be entered into a drawing. The priority deadline for UNM is January 31st, 2025. The sooner you complete your FAFSA is best for your benefit. Be on the lookout for more information and dates about our FAFSA filing days coming up!



UNM GALLUP

2025-2026 FAFSA OPENS DECEMBER

Participants let TRIO/SSS assist you with renewing Your 2024/25 FAFSA and be entered into a drawing. Just bring the Following:

- FAFSA ID/Username & Password
(Both student & parent if applicable)
- 2023 TAX information
(If you are considered a dependent student, you will need to provide your parent's financial information as well.)
- Social Security Number

Apply Dec.

Phone: 505-863-7751
Location: Gurley Hall 1137

Dec.
2024

JANUARY EVENTS



Spring Semester Begins

Greetings Lobos! The Spring 2025 semester beckons, and we eagerly await your return! We trust your break was filled with joy and rejuvenation, preparing you to embark on the next chapter at the University of New Mexico-Gallup. Classes shall commence on the 21st of January, as we honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the 20th. Circle the date on your calendars and ready yourselves for another splendid semester ahead!



Welcome Back Days

We invite you to join us for the reintroduction of TRIO/SSS Services, Staff, and Tutors/Mentors! Experience a revitalized atmosphere and reconnect with our dedicated team and the array of services that TRIO/SSS provides to support your success.

- **January 27th & 28th**




WELCOME BACK DAYS

Parfait Bar

COME LAYER OUR SERVICES
"PARFAIT STYLE"

JANUARY 27TH & 28TH

Come join us!

TRIO/SSS WANTS TO WELCOME YOU BACK THIS
SPRING 2025 SEMESTER!

STOP IN AND BUILD YOUR OWN PARFAIT!
STAFF & PEER TUTOR/MENTORS ARE HERE TO
HELP:

- PRINTING OUT YOUR SCHEDULE
- REVIEW FINANCIAL AID
- PICK UP AN ACADEMIC PLANNER.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. once proclaimed, "I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream." This utterance emerged from his iconic speech, "I Have a Dream," delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

Born in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and a valiant civil rights activist whose enduring legacy transformed the lives of African Americans, paving the way for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

With a B.A. in Sociology from Morehouse College in 1948, King furthered his quest for knowledge, earning his doctorate from Boston University in 1954. Tragically, on April 4, 1968, he was assassinated while standing on the balcony of his motel.

In a gesture of reverence, President Ronald Reagan signed the "King Holiday Bill" into law on November 2, 1983, designating every third Monday in January as a federal holiday to honor the birth and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Micah

Danielle

Aaliyah

Hominy

Sydney

Saivoughn

Sharita

2024 ANGEL TREE RECAP

TRIO/SSS students and staff joined hands with the UNM-Gallup Lobo community to gather heartfelt donations for our Angel Tree, brightening the spirits of the residents at Genesis Red Rock Care Center with gifts to unwrap on Christmas Day. We are filled with gratitude for the generosity that made our Angel Tree a success! We want to say thank you to everyone who donated, and this magical endeavor would not have been possible without the support of all the wonderful people involved!



SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

How does it feel to be Scholar of the Month?

"It is the second time I've been selected so it is surprising I got scholar of the month for the second time."

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

"Just read the course material closely, talk to you instructors if you're having problems. Consistency is key, just keep at it. Progress not perfection."

What is your favorite thing about TRIO/SSS?

"It's a quiet place to study, a lot of good people, and they help me edit when I need help. I appreciate that."

Where do you plan to transfer after graduation?

"I plan on transitioning into the automotive industry at a local shop or a dealership."

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

"Just all the TRIO workers because they make the environment welcoming, and I appreciate all they help they provide."

What are 5 fun facts about you?

- I may be undiagnosed with OCD and ADHD.
- I look mean but I'm nice-ish.
- I have two brothers and one sister.
- I drive a 1990 Geo Storm.
- I am actually a fan of Gilmore Girls.



Cordell Grey

TRIO STUDENT CLUB

The TRIO Student Club commenced the year with a successful bake sale held in Gurley Hall, in addition to promoting a raffle among students, staff, and community members. Throughout the semester, the club organized a "Hoodies for Homeless" initiative, distributing collected items to individuals in need on the streets of Gallup. Additionally, they gathered donations for the Angel Tree, benefiting the residents of Genesis Red Rock Care Center. Thank you to all those who made the semester great!

