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Family Nights at CNM

During the summer, some students get a break from school by going on vacation or working. Other students take classes to stay on track for school. This summer on Thursdays from 4 to 7pm, CNM hosted family nights for incoming fall freshman pursuing associate degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. During this time, CNM STEM UP Program Coordinator Doni Hardy provides a presentation on CNM STEM UP degrees. STEM UP advisors and tutors are also present to help students develop course plans and discuss tutoring schedules and Supplemental Instruction courses. Family nights continue through August 27. Incoming fall 2015 freshmen can sign up for family nights by calling the CNM STEM UP main number 224.3253 or stem_up@cnm.edu. Students who participate in Family Night receive a 2015-2016 STEM UP planner.



Family fun night took place at CNM during the summer. Doni Hardy helps individuals with signing up.

New Mexico Lottery Scholarship Reminders

Before the fall 2015 semester starts, it is important to remind fall 2015 incoming freshmen about the New Mexico Lottery and Bridge Scholarship requirements. CNM Financial Aid Associate Director Fredreka Lucero and CNM Academic Advisor Doug Adler provide key points for students.

The Bridge Scholarship is only offered in the fall to first time freshman qualifying for the Lottery scholarship. The scholarship covers only tuition and registration fee for the qualifying term. This qualifying term is for the first term only after graduating from a New Mexico high school or earning a New Mexico GED or approved credential. Students have to take at least one class with a letter grade to meet the 2.5 G.P.A. requirement that is a B or above at CNM. Students must enroll in a three credit letter grade class. This covers a registration fee and tuition and is a first come first serve for eligibility. For more detailed information please contact CNM financial aid services at 224.3090. Student must have a graduation date in the Banner system to be considered NM HS graduate, or recipient of a NM high school equivalency credential (GED). Home Schoolers do not qualify but can get a NM high school equivalency credential and be considered.

- Meet NM Residency requirements
- Declare a Financial Aid eligible major
- Courses must be 0750 or higher
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better must be established in Qualifying Term by taking at least one class of 1000 level or higher with a traditional grade.
- Complete at least 12 credits in the Qualifying Term (DRC students with contracts can qualify for fewer) and each term at CNM.
- Maximum of three terms of Lottery awards at CNM (DRC student up to seven, one additional for each term when a contract was used) Up to seven at a four year school.

Once they received an associate degree they are no longer eligible at CNM for Lottery. They can receive Lottery at a four year school. There are more details on the factsheet-if you need more info you can find it there or please, contact Scholarships Services 224-3140 with questions.

Fredreka Lucero
 Financial Aid Associate Director
 CNM Financial Aid and Scholarships

Additional information New Mexico College Information for students and parents
<http://www.hed.state.nm.us/students>

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UNM STEM UP is Hiring Undergraduate Students

to be “Student Education Leaders (SELs)”

\$11/hr @ 10-15 flexible hrs/week

UNM Jobs Student Posting # 0830860 (Peer Mentor Leader)

Qualifications to a UNM STEM SEL

- STEM major* with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (or better) whom have completed the following coursework:
- English 102 and Math 121
- Chemistry majors-CHEM 121
- Physics/Engineering majors-PHYC 160
- Biology majors-BIOL 201

*A list of qualifying STEM majors can be found at: www.stemup.unm.edu

UNM SELs support and mentor UNM STEM students and CNM students preparing to transfer into a UNM STEM degree program.

~WANTED ~

CNM Transfer Students at UNM Pursuing a *STEM Degree

Are you interested in sharing your transfer experience by participating in one of the following focus groups?

Tuesday, September 15th 10:50 am-2:20 pm

Wednesday, September 16th 2 pm-3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 23rd 10-11:30 am

Thursday, September 24th 3:30-5 pm

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED



If interested or to find out more information, please call 505.277.1481 or email stemup@unm.edu

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STEM UP Student Education Leader earns SMART Scholarship

Former CNM Student Education Leader (SEL) Nikko Scalice was awarded the Science, Mathematics, and Researcher Transformation (S.M.A.R.T.) scholarship from the Department of Defense. Scalice was a SEL at CNM starting in the fall 2013. The SMART scholarship is for students who are STEM majors and meet qualifications of a high g.p.a and major in an eligible degree for the scholarship. The scholarship pays for all college tuition until graduate school. While attending school, Scalice will intern full time as a regular employee for the Department of Defense. The process for the scholarship is filling out an online application, submitting three letters of recommendation, a resume, an essay and answering questions.

Scalice began to attend UNM in the spring 2015 and he is a Math Tutor for the Assistance Centers for Education (ACE) at CNM and plans to graduate in fall 2017 as a Mechanical Engineer. His plans are to attend graduate school out and earn a Ph.D in Aerospace Engineering. As a SEL, one valuable thing Nikko learned from STEM UP is networking and building good study habits.

Some of the coursework Scalice has taken includes statistics, design and tech writing. Tech writing was the least of his favorite, but he knows it will be useful for his career. As a tutor he will help other students find what they are good at and use those skills to their advantage.

"I'm very excited to see what the future brings. Engineering is a very exciting field, and with all the problems the world is facing now, engineers will have lots of cool things to do."

Introducing Juanito Marquez to the STEM UP team

STEM UP has a new staff member joining the team of advisors, Juanito Marquez. Prior to STEM UP, he worked at CNM Westside helping staff with academic support.

He assisted instructors and administrative staff with projects. He has been in academia for two years and always wanted to be an advisor. He enjoys helping students especially those who need guidance to build a foundation for students taking the first step.

While attending UNM as an undergraduate student, he admired advisors and what they do. Once he graduated, he knew helping students was the right job for him. Marquez says there is more to being an advisor than meets the eye. As an advisor, he has to know different computer programs such as Student Access and Banner to help students more effectively.

As an advisor he keeps up with course changes. Juanito's skills are paying attention to detail so he can make sure students planning their future with CNM and UNM are on the right track. He also has strong listening and researching skills so when he meets with students he knows how to help them.

"I am happy to be with STEM UP as an advisor and I look forward to working with students in achieving their goals at both institutions."

Juanito Marquez CNM STEM UP Advisor

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Coach's Corner
Nina Gardea
CNM STEM UP Achievement
Coach



Declaring The Right Major

I often come across students whose intended majors differ from the ones they declared on their My CNM account. It is important for students to make sure they're declared major is accurate and current to avoid unnecessary course work. CNM offers several different certificate and degree options. Each degree has their own specific math, English or elective requirements. Failing to declare the correct major can lead an advisor to recommend classes towards the incorrect major, ultimately costing students time and money. Contrary to belief, simply telling a college official what your major is will NOT update your major. To correctly change your major:

1. Log in to your My CNM account
2. Click on the "Students" tab
3. Under the second heading of "Update personal Information" in far left column of the page, click on "update/change your major"
4. Select the current term
5. Highlight your correct major in the drop down menu and click on save

Congratulations! You have just updated your major!

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STEM UP Mission Statement

Through a CNM and UNM Cooperative, STEM UP provides students with guidance, support and academic pathway towards STEM graduation



Back to School Tips by Student
Education Leader Alexander
Hamilton

I hope everyone is feeling fortified from summer break and excited for fall semester. Here are some strategies to get back in the saddle and have a successful term.

1. Locate where your classes are. Knowing where you are going prevents tardiness and allows for a stress free first week of class. Campus maps can be found via Google.
2. Exchange contact information with at least two of your classmates in each class. This will help you stay current with assignments and aid you in developing a network of fellow students. The entire college experience is enhanced when you have friends within your program.
3. Visit your professor's office hours. Let your professors know who you are and get to know them. This simple practice will enrich your education and professors will often go an extra mile to assist a friendly student.
4. Start doing your homework immediately. Whether it's assignments due or pages to read, start completing these tasks in week one. Staying ahead is the best defense against falling behind.

Employ these strategies and you will be off to a great start. Best of luck!