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Graduate & Professional Student Association

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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS

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**NOVEL POINT**  
— COFFEE —



## THE BIWEEKLY NEED TO KNOW

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## WHO WE ARE

### GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA)

GPSA is the official student government of all Graduate and Professional Students at UNM. We strive to support and promote YOUR interests and concerns on all university affairs. We offer several resources dedicated to advocacy, education, and financial support because we want YOU to succeed. For more information, visit [www.gpsa.unm.edu](http://www.gpsa.unm.edu).

What we do to support YOU:

- We offer grants for research, travel, and conference expenses.
- We offer funds to support graduate student organizations.
- We offer free coffee, printing, and computer pod services.
- We advocate for YOU at University Administration Meetings and at the State Legislature.

# SPONSOR ANNOUNCEMENT

## NOVEL POINT COFFEE IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF GPSA!

Our team is excited to announce that Novel Point Coffee is a proud sponsor of GPSA! Learn more about Novel Point Coffee at <https://www.novelpointcoffee.com/>.

Novel Point Coffee is one of Albuquerque's newest Third Wave coffee shops, located in the historic Barelás neighborhood, that is focused on inspiring discovery and yielding greater insight into human and coffee culture. They hope to come alongside the coffee lover in their personal coffee journey and provide the knowledge and resources to develop their palate and brew tastier coffee. Novel Point aims to be a business centered on training and educating the individual, whether a first-time homebrewer or experienced barista, in the values of the specialty coffee industry in hopes of challenging & improving upon it.

Novel Point Coffee was founded during the pandemic by UNM biology graduate Alex Espinosa. Alex served coffee to UNM students, staff, and faculty for over 5 years at the Satellite in the SUB. He gave up his pursuit of medical school to start Novel Point and hopes he can apply his science degree to the coffee industry in the most simple, friendly, and approachable manner. Alex can be found serving up some delicious 'spro and locally-roasted single-origins six days a week (Monday thru Saturday, 7am to 2pm). They currently operate out of La Esquinita, a developing food market + business incubator that will also feature the city's first permanent food truck park. Feel free to stop by 4th and Coal Ave. and try one of their monthly novel concoctions intended to promote discovery or chat with the staff about anything coffee-related!



# MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SAAVEDRA



*Thank You!*

The GPSA team would like to thank each of you that have completed the GPSA Survey!

We are focusing on ways to better engage, understand, and serve the graduate and professional students of UNM. Your answers will help us plan for the year ahead.

Thank you for supporting us and thank you for supporting our mission. Go Lobos!

-David

# MEET THE GPSA TEAM! WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**HANNAH MILLER (SHE/HER)**  
**GPSA LOBBY CHAIR**

Born and raised in Southland New Zealand, Hannah spent the last four years of her life in Dallas at Southern Methodist University, completing a double degree in journalism and political science. Hannah utilizes her unique position as an international athlete to build and foster relationships based on common ground.

Learn more about Hannah, [here](#).



**KATIE RODARTE (SHE/HER)**  
**GPSA FINANCE CHAIR**

Katie is an aspiring veterinarian, working toward her Master of Science in Project Management. In addition, Katie earned a Master of Science in Global and National Security in May 2021. Katie's career goal is to combine her education to become a veterinarian for the Federal government.

Learn more about Katie, [here](#).



**TARA MEMARIAN (SHE/HER)**  
**GPSA PROGRAMS CHAIR**

Tara graduated with a dual degree in Biology and Psychology, and is currently working towards her MS in Biomedical Engineering. She works in multiple research labs and will attend Medical school after her MS. Tara is part of multiple non-profit groups, where she has had experience planning and coordinating events.

Learn more about Tara, [here](#).

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**ANSELY EMEANUWA (HE/HIM)**  
**GPSA STUDENT SUPPORT & ADVOCACY CHAIR**

Ansely graduated from Anderson School of Management with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. He is continuing his education and getting a masters in accounting. Ansely was elected UNM Homecoming King in 2020, manages a produce / flower farm, and manages a school supply drive.

Learn more about Ansely, [here](#).



**RAE STRINGFIELD (SHE/HER)**  
**GPSA PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR**

Rae Stringfield is a writer and freelance editorial consultant who grew up in the Tennessee Valley. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing & Environment from Iowa State University and is an incoming PhD student in UNM's Rhetoric & Writing program.

Learn more about Rae, [here](#).



**WILFRED OSEI (HE/HIM)**  
**GPSA POLICY & COMPLIANCE CHAIR**

Wilfred Osei Padmore hails from the Ajumako-Enyan-Essiam District in the central region of Ghana. He has a BA degree in Economics from the University of Ghana, Legon. He is a first year PhD student at the Department of Economics.

Learn more about Wilfred, [here](#).

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**ANA PAULA MILAN (SHE/HER)**  
**GPSA ELECTIONS CHAIR**

Ana Paula Milan is an international student from Ecuador. She is an Economics PhD candidate and is beyond happy to be part of the GPSA team. She is most excited to be working with people who care about the student body!

Learn more about Ana, [here](#).



**AARON GOODSHORE**  
**GPSA CHIEF JUSTICE**

Born in Georgia and raised in South Carolina, Aaron is a southerner transplanted to the southwest. More importantly he is a husband to an incredible wife, a father of a 1-month-old daughter named Hero, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With a culture, life, and faith built on community and family he was drawn to study family law at the UNM School of Law.

Learn more about Aaron, [here](#).



**DAMON ALVAREZ (HE/HIM)**  
**GPSA CHIEF HEALTH ADVISOR**

Damon is a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student as well as a second-year MBA student at the College of Pharmacy and Anderson School of Management, respectively. He has experience working with many different organizations across North Campus. He is passionate about issues pursuant to medical education, legislative advocacy, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Learn more about Damon, [here](#).

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**LOBOS GET  
VACCINATED**

(AND OTHER COOL STUFF, TOO).

**#VaxThePack**

UNM will put \$100 (federal HEERF funds) in your account when you upload proof of full COVID-19 vaccination. Go to: <https://goto.unm.edu/vaccinationincentive>.

Vaccination is free. In New Mexico, register for a free vaccine at <https://cvaccine.nmhealth.org>.

Why get vaccinated? Well, one hundred dollars doesn't hurt. Even better is knowing that you are safe and that you won't transmit COVID-19 to elders and to people in your community who are vulnerable. Valid for UNM students enrolled for Fall 2021.

Lost your vax card or it doesn't show second shot? Get NM immunization record here: [Vaxviewnm.org](https://Vaxviewnm.org)



## FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Get your COVID-19 vaccine in the  
Student Union Building Atrium  
for FREE.

**MON-FRI 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**NEW MEXICO RENTERS,  
DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR RENT OR UTILITIES?**

## **WE CAN HELP.**

The state of New Mexico will grant **\$170M of federal aid to New Mexicans for rental and utility assistance** to households experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**What is covered?**

Rent, utility bills (electric and gas), water and sewer, trash removal, and other expenses related to housing costs such as hotel/motel costs.

*The Application Process is open from APRIL 5, 2021 – AUGUST 31, 2021*

APPLY TODAY AT

**RENTHelpNM.ORG OR CALL 1-833-485-1334**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



INQUILINOS DE NUEVO MÉXICO,  
¿NECESITAN AYUDA PARA PAGAR EL ALQUILER O LOS SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS?

## NOSOTROS PODEMOS AYUDAR.

El estado de Nuevo México otorgará **170 millones de ayuda federal para el alquiler y los servicios públicos** a los hogares de Nuevo México que experimentan dificultades financieras debido al brote de COVID-19.

**¿Qué está cubierto?**

El alquiler, las facturas de los servicios públicos (electricidad y gas), el agua y el alcantarillado, la recogida de basura y otros gastos relacionados con la vivienda, como los gastos de hotel/motel.

*El proceso de solicitud está abierto desde el 5 DE ABRIL DE 2021  
hasta el 31 DE AGOSTO DE 2021*

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## RALLY FOR RECOGNITION

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3RD  
11 AM

LOCATION: UNM CAMPUS, BETWEEN THE  
SUB AND MESA VISTA.



JOIN THE UNITED  
GRADUATE WORKERS OF  
UNM AS WE DEMAND  
UNION RECOGNITION  
AND TIMELY  
BARGAINING FROM UNM  
ADMINISTRATION!



### ACTION ITEMS:

"Sign our issues statement and register to come to our rally on September 3rd!

Contact Jens Van Gysel at [jens\\_vg@hotmail.com](mailto:jens_vg@hotmail.com) to learn about becoming a steward. Stewards are union members who take on communicating with 5-10 colleagues and organizing in their departments.

Sign a union card. We will be holding several important votes this fall including leadership elections next month; become a member so you can vote in your union!

Join a subcommittee!"

More information can be found at:  
<https://unmgrads.ueunion.org/>

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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW MEXICO.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS



### Mental Health

Several areas on campus provide support for mental health. The Student Health Center provides free and low cost counseling sessions. The AGORA provides support during times of crisis. TAO provides online resources.

<http://mentalhealth.unm.edu>



### Stressed About Money?

The Center for Financial Capability (CFC) offers free 1:1 consultations on budgeting, managing money, and understanding credit. They also can assist you with completing and filing your taxes.

<http://cfc.unm.edu>



### Short Term Loans & Emergency Scholarships

The Dean of Students Office offers short term loans of up to \$800 for students who qualify. Several departments around campus provide emergency scholarships for students in need. Contact LoboRESPECT to get connected.

<http://dos.unm.edu>  
<http://loborespect.unm.edu>



### Lobo Food Pantry

Students with food insecurity may pick up a basket of food twice a month on campus. Drive through and walk up options are available. The LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center can also connect students to off campus food resources.

<http://loborespect.unm.edu>



### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The Women's Resource Center and the Center for Financial Capability can assist in completing your application for resources to purchase food.

<http://women.unm.edu>  
<http://cfc.unm.edu>

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## Advocacy & Assistance

The LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center is a first stop providing support for students. Services include faculty reach out, lottery scholarship appeals, tuition refund appeals, class absence memos, confidential sexual survivor support, and more.

<http://loborespect.unm.edu>



## Academic Success

The Center for Academic Program Success (CAPS) provides undergraduate students peer tutoring and academic support services for over 800 classes. Tutoring, workshops, language groups, and more. Also, don't forget how important it is to visit your instructor's office hours.

<http://caps.unm.edu>



## Accessibility & Accommodations

The Accessibility Resource Center supports students with disabilities and those who may need accommodations to succeed on campus. Services include sign interpreting, extended test time, note taking, and more.

<http://arc.unm.edu>



## Career Prep & Campus Jobs

Career Services assists students preparing for employment through career advisement, job/internship listings, career fairs, resume building, and more. Student Employment connects you to campus jobs.

<http://career.unm.edu>  
<http://stuemp.unm.edu>



## Community & Involvement

The Student Activities Center can get you connected with student organizations, student government, community service, leadership development, campus events, movies, and more. Advisors will do 1:1 sessions to help you find your fit.

<http://sac.unm.edu>

## Other Great Campus Resources

[African American Student Services](http://afro.unm.edu)

<http://afro.unm.edu>

[American Indian Student Services](http://aiss.unm.edu)

<http://aiss.unm.edu>

[El Centro de la Raza](http://elcentro.unm.edu)

<http://elcentro.unm.edu>

[Global Education Office](http://geo.unm.edu)

<http://geo.unm.edu>

[LGBTQ Resource Center](http://lgbtqrc.unm.edu)

<http://lgbtqrc.unm.edu>

[Recreational Services](http://recservices.unm.edu)

<http://recservices.unm.edu>

[Veterans Resource Center](http://vrc.unm.edu)

<http://vrc.unm.edu>

[Women's Resource Center](http://women.unm.edu)

<http://women.unm.edu>

This document maintained by the Student Activities Center

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## TIME TO RECHARTER!

### EVERY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

is required to recharter annually.

### Prepare!



Workshops are first come first served. If you're late, you'll need to attend another.



Check the [Re-Charter Checklist](#) for information to have handy.

### Workshops last about



### Deadlines & Notes

If you have an account with the Student Government Accounting Office (SGAO), separate workshops for Spending and PB Funds are available online at [sgao.unm.edu](http://sgao.unm.edu)

The deadline to recharter is **September 17, 2021.**



At least

### 2 Officers

are required to attend a workshop

### Workshops available



through



### Find a Workshop

#### Online Workshops

Full schedule available at [sac.unm.edu](http://sac.unm.edu)  
zoom registration required

#### Law School Workshop

Bratton Hall 2401, 8/31 @ 12 PM

#### HSC Workshop

Domenici Auditorium, 9/8 @ 3 PM

#### Main Campus

SUB Theater (rm 1003) 9/15

### Be #UNMinvolved

Student Activities Center, SUB 1018  
[sac@unm.edu](mailto:sac@unm.edu), 505-277-4706



# HOWLING HIGHLIGHTS



## CONGRATULATIONS MR. EDDIE NUÑEZ

Eddie Nuñez named third-ever winner of Mountain West Commissioner's Award. This marks just the third time the honor has ever been awarded in the 21-year history of the league, making it the highest of honors. It is also the first time anyone has been named a Commissioner's Award recipient since 2007.

Congratulations Eddie, much deserved!



## CONGRATULATIONS DR. TIM E. GUTIERREZ!

Dr. Gutierrez has taken on the role of Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. He has been with UNM for over four decades and most recently served as the Associate Vice President for Student Services.

Thank you for your commitment to students, best wishes in the new role!

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## LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES?

- [African American Student Services \(AASS\)](#)
- [American Indian Student Services \(AISS\)](#)
- [Associated Students of the University of New Mexico \(ASUNM\)](#)
- [Community Engagement Center \(CEC\)](#)
- [NM Dream Team](#)
- [El Centro de la Raza](#)
- [Graduate Resource Center \(GRC\)](#)
- [Graduate and Professional Student Association \(GPSA\)](#)
- [Graduate Studies \(GS\)](#)
- [Kiva Club](#)
- [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)
- [Lobo Guardian](#)
- [LoboRESPECT](#)
- [Men of Color Initiative \(MOCI\)](#)
- [Office of Career Services](#)
- [Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color \(PNMGC\)](#)
- [Student Activities Center \(SAC\)](#)
- [Student Government Accounting Office \(SGAO\)](#)
- [Veteran & Military Resource Center \(VRC\)](#)
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#)

# WANT TO SHARE A MESSAGE WITH GRAD STUDENTS?

## WE CAN SHARE YOUR MESSAGE WITH ALL GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT UNM

Our team is dedicated to promoting the resources available to Graduate & Professional Students at UNM. If you want us to highlight an event, program, or other resource available to Graduate & Professional Students, please email a request to [gpsa@unm.edu](mailto:gpsa@unm.edu) with a brief description and flyer to include in the next newsletter.

All requests should be made one week prior to the publication of the GPSA Communiqué. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is 5:00 PM on August 6, 2021.

# WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA?

## OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY THAT WE CAN! READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why do I have GPSA charge on my bursar's account?** Students enrolled in a degree-seeking graduate program at UNM are required to pay a student fee to GPSA. This fee goes to funding UNM programs and organizations and is allocated annually by the Student Fee Review Board. Students who do not pay this fee are not eligible to apply for scholarships or grants through GPSA.

**Are new UNM Graduate & Professional Students eligible to apply for grants?** Yes. You are eligible to apply for SRG, PDG and NMRC (if being offered in the semester) if you meet the respective grant's requirement. However, you are not eligible to apply for the Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) if you are in your first semester.



# WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA? CONTINUED

**Are grants and scholarships offered every semester?** The Student Research Grant (SRG), Professional Development Grant (PDG) and Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) are offered in every semester i.e. Fall, Spring and Summer. However, the New Mexico Research Grant (NMRC High Priority and General Priority) are offered only in the Fall Semester.

**Can I apply to multiple grants in one grant cycle?** Yes, you can apply multiple grants in the same grant cycle, but each grant requires a separate application i.e. Statement of Proposal, Budget sheet and Letter of Recommendation (if required).

**Can I utilize my grant award another semester?** Yes, you can. The funds which are sought for the event or activity must be utilized within the next, current or previous funding period.



**Ask a question.** Didn't see your question in our list of [FAQs](#)? Submit any questions you have on [our website](#). If your question is urgent or specific, please submit an email directly to the appropriate Committee Chair for a quicker response.

## CONTACT US!

**OFFICE PHONE: (505) 277-3803**

**EMAIL: [GPSA@UNM.EDU](mailto:GPSA@UNM.EDU)**

**LISTSERV: [JOIN OUR LISTSERV](#)**

