

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

WHAT WE DO FOR STUDENTS

WHO WE ARE

African American Student Services is committed to appreciating the unique experiences within the African diaspora and promoting programs within the university and the surrounding community that provide a cross-cultural perspective. Our office was originally created in the late 1960's as a result of student activism on our campus. Since then, we have strived to support the personal, academic, educational, and social development of students. African American Student Services is not a duplicate of other services on the campus, but rather it concentrates on the special concerns that arise from the experience of being an African American/Black student at a minority serving institution. All students, regardless of ethnicity, are encouraged to participate in our cultural and academic programming.



OUR MISSION

The mission of African American Student Services is to recruit, retain, and uplift the Black student population at UNM by providing educational discourse, leadership development, holistic wellness, and community engagement. We support students in realizing their full potential self through collaborative advocacy, intentional allyships, and the exploration of the many facets of Blackness. As an essential resource, AASS contributes to the University's commitment to a diverse campus culture by appreciating and creating space for Black student scholars to thrive.



HOW WE IMPACT STUDENT SUCCESS

Our office is intentional in ensuring Black students see themselves on this campus. While we have programming and activities year-round, we intentionally ensure that there are signature programs for each milestone in your academic journey from the first week of school to the days leading up to graduation and everything in between. We also house eight chartered Black student organizations, seven Black Greek life chapters, weekly academic, research, cultural and social programs and many more community and service activities throughout the year. Among Black students who use our office are recipients of research awards, leadership awards, prestigious internships, and so many more. We see our impact on student success occurring through Black student's academic, leadership, professional, and personal development. These experiences create Black student scholars and leaders who have a stronger sense of belonging on our campus, higher GPAs, retention, and graduation rates.

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