



STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Simmons to Serve as Interim Director of AAPIRC



Please help us welcome Kiyoko Simmons as the interim director for the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center. Simmons is the current director for the Center for Academic Excellence and Leadership Development at UNM. She will be stepping into the interim position for AAPIRC while we conduct a search for a director for the center.

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ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER RESOURCE CENTER

What is AAPIRC?

The Asian-American Pacific Islander Resource Center (AAPIRC) was established during the 2021-2022 academic year as a result of a student-led initiative to create a department that supports AAPI students at UNM.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Asian-American Pacific Islander Resource Center is to build a sense of belonging for students of Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage during their studies at the University of New Mexico. AAPIRC will also seek to provide culturally relevant programs that cultivate Asian/Pacific Islander leaders within communities.

Vision Statement

The vision of AAPIRC is to provide a physical space where students are able to enrich college social experience and access state of the art student services, programs, research and educational opportunities without feeling the guilt of the "Model Minority Myth." (Understanding College Student Subpopulations: Published by NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education)

HAPPY SPRING BREAK, LOBOS!

Check out the many tips SHAC has to keep you safe this week!

Benjamin Ferguson

Benjamin Ferguson is a health educator at Student Health and Counseling. Hear from Ben in his own words: "You will be seeing a lot of me as I begin to implement all the wellness and prevention programs our Health Promotion office has to offer you!"



A little about me and how I got here. I am a UNM Alum (Go, Lobos!), graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. We won't say when, but I will say my professors are still teaching here. Haha!

While at UNM the first time, I had a short, non-illustrious career in personal training and strength and conditioning. It was there where I found my passion in helping students such as yourself.

Helping students navigate the college life in the healthiest way possible, has always been an exciting part of my career. While my focus at that time was mainly physical fitness, I learned that physical health is not the only aspect we should consider regarding one's well-being. No two college students are the same, that is for sure! Everyone has their own journey as they try to figure out their class schedules, work schedules, or social schedules. So please do not fret, we can make sure that we have you and your journey covered as well!

One thing I will stay true to, is that I believe if you can nourish some semblance of maintaining your physical, mental, and emotional health during your time in college, you can be truly successful in life. Therefore, I am here for all of you and whole heartedly want to help you manage your overall well-being to be successful not only throughout college but life as well! See ya' around, Lobos!

HELP NEEDED



INTERNATIONAL ACAC 2022
ALBUQUERQUE, USA
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The University of New Mexico was selected to host the [International Association for College Admission Counseling's 2022 conference](#) this July 12 - 15.

With 1,400 school counselors, college admission and financial aid officers, and organizations engaged in guiding students through the secondary to higher education transition process in attendance from more than 90 countries, this is an outstanding opportunity to put Albuquerque on the map as a destination for international students. The majority of the event will be located on campus, so individuals can experience first-hand what UNM has to offer their students.

Nearly 200 volunteers are needed to help at registration, welcome and direct guests and work at a variety of ancillary activities such as a 5K walk/run, dodgeball tournament, and golf tournament. Volunteers can work multiple shifts, but the minimum commitment is 4 hours. We welcome volunteers 18 and older. Interested in volunteering?

Yes! I'd like to volunteer



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