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Dear Taos Academy Community,

We hope this finds you all enjoying a wonderful summer after a truly challenging school year. While acknowledging the adversity we have all experienced, we also continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and teachers who persevered and continued our mission for excellence in educational opportunity. The truly amazing efforts of parents, families, students, and teachers alike is appreciated and has paid off in the success of TA students! Taos Academy continues to be recognized by the NM Public Education Department as a model Charter School and US News and World Report continues to rank Taos Academy as one of America's Best High Schools.

Thanks to all of you, TAOS ACADEMY remains strong in our mission for providing excellence in education for each and every student!!

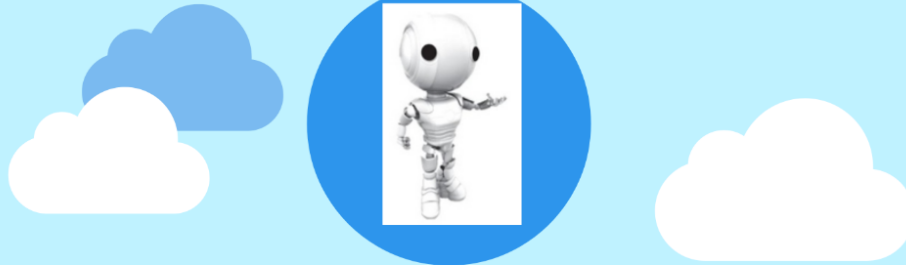
### **CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS!!**

Taos Academy students once again showed us how resilient and dedicated they are to academic excellence - there is much to celebrate from our Spring semester! Our students earned a 97% passing rate with over 76% of students maintaining a 2.5 GPA or higher. We are so proud of you all!

# TAOS ACADEMY

## Spring 2021

### By the Numbers





**CORE CLASSES: 764**  
Edgenuity classes taken with 18 failed classes. Overall pass rate of 99.8% similar to Fall 2020 and Spring 2020 (and TA in general).

**STUDENT SUCCESS: 234** students enrolled with 11 failing one or more classes. Per student pass rate of 95% for 2nd semester (down from Spring 2020).

Our STEM Institute went virtual, with expanded offerings - serving over 75 TA students during pandemic.

Our 21st Century Learning teachers taught over 200 classes! Thank you for finding ways to keep our kids engaged in the 4 C's.

- Three semesters of "TA in the Cloud"
- THREE awesome Drive-through events! 
- So. much. hand. sanitizer.

New journeys: Love to Cobey, Evelyn, Sam, Bre, and Mario as they head off on new adventures! You are loved and will be missed 

**DUAL CREDIT:** Our UNM students experienced online learning at the college level via Blackboard and Zoom. 48 classes taken - ZERO failed classes!


Shout out to our eSPORTS TEAM!!!  
Go Bots!

Shout out to our Science Clubs and students!

Google Meets:  
468 Advisory Meetings  
216 Homework Hotlines  
504 21st Century Meetings

HOURS of our lives on Google Meets: 606

68 students took Rosetta Stone (up from the spring!) - 91% pass rate and 6 pending extensions.

Graduation!!! 

All TA seniors graduated on time with three early graduates.

Looking ahead:  
- Focus on writing, literacy and math at MS level  
- Focus on building CTE pathways and time for students to work on their pathways as part of HS



**YEAR END REPORTS:** Thank you for your patience while we are completing our grading for the Spring. Student transcripts were mailed out to you in the first week of June.

**ALL students**, please be sure to review your grades and classes taken for accuracy. Taos Academy policy requires a student to maintain a 2.5 GPA to move on to the next grade level at Taos Academy. Students with a GPA lower than 2.5 or failing core classes may be required to attend an appropriate placement meeting prior to starting the 2020-21 school year, to attend parent/student training sessions, and may be placed on a 5 day a week on-campus Student Success Plan.

**High School students**, please be sure to look over the transcript carefully for earned credit thus far towards graduation. Taos Academy policy requires HS students to have 24 credits to graduate. If you have revisions or need more information, please give us a call so we can review your records together for accuracy. **Reminder: You can check your Career Cruising program to view your individual graduation plan at any time!**



**Honor Roll: Half of the Taos Academy student body received Honors recognition.**  
Congratulations for a job well done - watch for your names listed in the Taos News as well!

## Middle School

Greenwald, Alivia Annmarie	Highest Honors
Moe, Tenzin Gabriel	Highest Honors
Oviedo, Maia S.	Highest Honors
Froeschle, Benjamin Bech	Highest Honors
Lujan, Katia Liana	Highest Honors
Jones, Nicholous T	Highest Honors
Privitt, Devon John	Director's High Honors
Ramos, Mia Liliana	Director's High Honors
Corning, Evan Israel	Director's High Honors
Pena, Evan Ty	Director's High Honors
Atencio, Katalina Nevaeh	Director's High Honors
Montoya, Deidre K	Director's High Honors
Edmonds, Ryan Cole	Honors

Quintanilla, Jayden Skye	Honors
Tanner, Julia	Honors
LeBlanc, John Robert	Honors
Zak, Gabriel	Honors
Griego, Maximilian Jose	Honors
Noble, Jazmin Marie	Honors
Weisfeld, Kosmo Micah Pereyra	Honors
Rose, Liliana Pearl	Honors
Hamilton, Joni Rose	Honors
Kauffman, Zachary Lee	Honors
Sanchez, Amaris J	Honors
Lopez, Mia Marie	Honors
Espinoza Sack, Janais Solymer	Honors
Weinman, Kanoa	Honors
Duran, Xavier Enrique	Honors
Marchasin, Bodhi Lux	Honors
Herweg, Brooklynn Bella	Honors
Jenkins, Coraline Persphone	Honors
Tanner, Reagan List	Honors
Uphoff, Dillan Davyd	Honors
Hennelly, Rowan Cian	Honors
Hawkins, Eban Charles	Honors
Hillman, Livia Vincenza	Honors
Ndiaye, Khalifa Maliek	Honors
Murphy, Forest	Honors
Preiss, Ina	Honors
Burns Diaz, Angelina Mariana	Honors
Romero, Alexa Neveah	Honors
Browne, Savannah Azalia	Honors

## **High School**

Joseph, Orion Forest	Highest Honors
Molz, Elliot Redvers	Highest Honors
Sides, Samuel Hayden	Highest Honors
Stewart-Jackson, Duncan Michael	Highest Honors
Ford, Julianna Vita Frances	Highest Honors
Wilson, Quinn McCallum	Highest Honors
Montoya, Maye Marquis	Highest Honors
Sides, Sawyer Ross	Highest Honors
Duran, Mariebella Emilia	Highest Honors
Nieto, Autumn Marie	Highest Honors
Fitch, Kaelyn Jessica	Highest Honors
Foley, Milan Quinlan	Highest Honors
Flaherty, Yanni Maya	Highest Honors
Aby, Hannah Sue	Highest Honors
Edmonds, Julia Valene	Highest Honors
Romero, Alexis Nichole	Highest Honors

Martinez, Alexandra Kristyn	Highest Honors
Duran, Delilah Juliet	Highest Honors
Kelly, Kailey Feliz	Highest Honors
Gonzales, Charnelle Caitlyn	Highest Honors
Aquino, Gabriella	Highest Honors
Weisfeld, Ilana Pereyra	Highest Honors
Lamendola, Nicole Victoria	Highest Honors
Maeder, Bintoro	Highest Honors
Maeder, Lilis Cendhani	Highest Honors
Lamendola, Benjamin David	Highest Honors
Forbes, Stoney	Highest Honors
Osborne, Rose Carol	Director's High Honors
Fox, River Vashon	Director's High Honors
Tafoya-Padilla, Charlize	Director's High Honors
Ratigan, Ezra Shane	Director's High Honors
Quintana, Catalina Elizabeth	Director's High Honors
Martinez, Mikayla Lynn	Director's High Honors
Gonzalez, Araceli Elicia	Director's High Honors
Caylor, John	Director's High Honors
Garcia, Sarae	Director's High Honors
Varos, Benjamin Rhett	Director's High Honors
Kast, Berkeley McClurg	Director's High Honors
Waltz, Zachary Stephen	Director's High Honors
Martinez, McKayla Renee	Director's High Honors
Wilhite, Joel Adrian	Director's High Honors
Martinez, Jack Henry	Director's High Honors
Cline, Sydney Allyn	Director's High Honors
Turnmire, Tegan Paul	Director's High Honors
Froeschle, Marcus Bech	Honors
Pacheco, Katharine Anne	Honors
Rael, Elijah Moses	Honors
Marchasin, Lilu	Honors
Alvillar, Marisa Anne	Honors
Ferreira-DePuy, Noelle	Honors
Rumold, Tenaya F	Honors
Pacheco, Destini Saharra	Honors
Gyovai, Olivia Jade	Honors
Moores, Nickalette Kristina	Honors
Cordova, Marcus J	Honors
Tosta, Circe	Honors
Kiel, Shelby Tayler	Honors
Lovato, Nazareth Santana	Honors
Duran, Jose Antonio	Honors
Nichols, Lucinda	Honors
Castillo, Jeremy Cruz	Honors
Ortiz, Cameron Kristin	Honors
Lewis, Isaiah Henry	Honors
Densmore, Zoe McKay	Honors

Rael, Matthew	Honors
Gallegos, Jason Domingo	Honors
Abrums, Dylan G.	Honors
Aragon, Nuvia	Honors
Tucker, Lakai Orion	Honors
Brown, Lacey Elizabeth	Honors
Fernandez, Kayla Alyssa	Honors
Whitlock, Briason Lane	Honors
Corral, Josey Rae	Honors
Mills, Abby Grace	Honors
Strauss, Jonquil Kumara	Honors



**Summer School:** Virtual summer school has started and the enrollment window is closed. Be sure to communicate with your summer school advisor - email ASAP if you have any trouble!

## College Corner - Dual Credit News - Summer 2021

**Juniors:** Please register and prepare for your college entrance exams - ACT and/or SAT. EDGE has a good online resource for this. Also please research the colleges that you will be applying to in the future . Please spend this summer visiting colleges (virtually and/or in-person), researching colleges and documenting admission requirements.

**(NOTE: Make yourself a spreadsheet with categories that include: University/College names, Financial Aid, Programs of Study, areas of interest, employment outlook, and...most importantly, connect with an advisor at your universities of choice. Get the name w/contact information and this is the person who can assist your transition and requirements as well as transfer credits from your TA/DC transcript.)**

**Get on board with The BRIDGES Project for Education in Taos. Make an appointment and go meet them. They can be of immense support to your college and scholarship searches.**

**COLLEGE LINK (CL) is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, who are eligible and interested in**

**taking college classes during the week M-Th (in addition to Friday College) at UNM. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or better. Participation involves demonstrated commitment to academics and community service as well as maintaining and practicing a balance between school/work/social life.**

**Friday Early College (FEC)** is available to 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. (2.0-2.5 GPA) This is a UNM – Taos program designed for high school students only. Good for experiential credits as well as some lower division college core classes. It is a full day program on Fridays, and students take a morning class, 9:00 am - 11:30 am and an afternoon college class, 12:00 – 2:30 pm.

**Dual Credit (DC)** is 3 college credits from UNM – Taos that equals a semester of high school credit (.5 credit). Students must have a 2.5 GPA, or above to be eligible for dual credit core college classes.

**INTERNSHIP: Don't forget that your jobs/volunteer hours over the Summer can be credited to internship hours and required credits in this area. (Check with Mr. Weisfeld.)**

**\* May 2021 GRADUATES should request an official final high school TRANSCRIPT from Mrs. Cruz Duran, our Registrar.**

### **STEM + Arts 2020-2021 Spotlight**



### **STEM Research and Development Club Competitions**

NM Governor's STEM Challenge Winners- Sponsored by N3B Team Members: Delilah Duran, Daniel Pacheco, Katharine Pacheco, Benjamin Varos 12/8/2020

### **Northeastern Regional Science Fair**

- Katharine Pacheco-2nd place
- Daniel Pacheco 3rd place
- Delilah Duran 2nd place
- Ariana Maestas 1st place
- Benjamin Varos 1st place, Best in show, Alternate for Regeneron ISEF
- Tenzin Moe Honorable Mention – Toshiba Exploravision
- Benjamin Froeschle Finalist

### **New Mexico State Science and Engineering fair**

- Katharine Pacheco-American Chemical Society, American Vacuum Society – Participant –
- Delilah Duran -2nd Place, Stockholm Jr. Water Prize, NM Network of Women in STEM
- Ariana Maestas Honorable Mention– New Mexico State Science Fair
- Benjamin Varos 3rd Place, Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist(5/16-5/20)

### **eCybermission** –

- 8th grade team (Ariana Maestas, Benjamin Froeschle)- 1st Place State
- 9th/10th grade team (Ilana Weisfeld, Benjamin Varos, Delilah Duran)- 1st Place State, 1st place Regional Winner, National Finalist(6/23-6/25).

### **Photography Awards**

#### TCA Movement Show

- - Elliot Moltz won the first prize for High School
- - Milan Foley won the third prize for High School
- - Luna Schnittker-Jeantet won the 1st prize for Middle School
- - Julia Edmonds, 2nd prize for Middle School
- - Maia Oviedo, 3rd prize for Middle School
- - Ilana Weisfeld, Honorable Mention for Middle School



#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Give us a call if you have questions. 751-3109

- o May 24th - July 31st -8:00-3:00 Monday through Thursday
- o May 25th-June 24th VIRTUAL Summer School
- o July 1st - July 9th Office CLOSED
- o August 9th - 12th Teacher In-service
- o August 13th New Student/Parent orientation (anyone can join)
- o August 16th–August 19th High School Students ONLY orientation/Leadership week. (More later on College Link orientation for Seniors and Juniors.)
- o August 23rd –August 26th Mid-High Students ONLY orientation/Leadership week

Once again I would like to thank everyone for a successful year at Taos Academy. For those students not returning to TA, we wish you the best as you continue on your educational journey.



Of course you are welcome to visit any time. ☺ As for all of us who are returning for another year of opportunity for excellence at Taos Academy, full steam ahead. See you in August for another great year.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!!**