



Dear Taos Academy Community,

We hope this finds you all starting a wonderful summer! We continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, staff, families, and teachers - our efforts have truly paid off in the success of TA students! In addition to some of the accomplishments highlighted below, we had four seniors earn the state Bilingual Seal and celebrated our seniors and their amazing Capstone Projects. Taos Academy continues to be recognized by the NM Public Education Department as a “spotlight” school and to be ranked by US News and World Report as one of America’s Best High Schools.

We are so proud of our strong community which shows that TAOS ACADEMY remains strong in our mission for providing excellence in education for each and every student!!

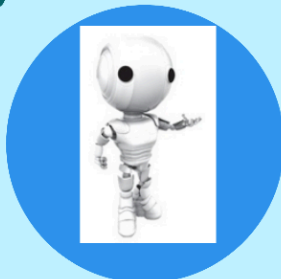
CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS!!

Taos Academy students once again showed their grit, determination, and dedication to growing academics - there is so much to celebrate from our Spring Semester! Please read below for our semester “By the Numbers”:

TAOS ACADEMY

Spring 2024

By the Numbers



CORE CLASSES: 830
Edgenuity classes taken with 2 failed classes. Overall pass rate of 99.99% - holding steady over the past 4 years.

ECHS: Our students took 79 dual credit courses (more than in Fall) w/ ZERO failures for a 100% success rate!

STUDENT SUCCESS: 246 students enrolled with only 6 failing one or more classes. Per student pass rate of 99.98%.

Shout out to our **eSPORTS TEAM** for representing us at state and our sportsman letters.

Our **STEM Institute** taught 179 classes for 89.5 elective credits - Science Club successes!!! Up 50 students over last year.

FIELD TRIPS: Fish hatchery, Sand Dunes, UNM campus visit, Bandelier. More to come!



Our **21st Century Learning** teachers taught 298 classes, the most since pandemic. Our first **CAPSTONE** projects!!!

87 students took Rosetta Stone with a 99% pass rate - huge growth!



19 **Community + Athletic Internships** earning 21.5 total credits - that's 2150 hours.

TA FLEX ACADEMY!

Over 30 students total in our FLEX program, which graduated 8 of our 31 graduates (26%).

Our awesome **EAs:** Mena, Delilah, and Aliya!



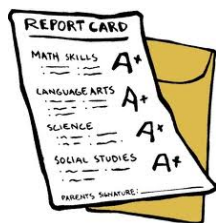
AND Tom and January!!!

Goals for SY2425
- Increase academic proficiency in ELA and Math
- More and more intentional RP
- Building CTE and CCP



HAPPY SUMMER!





YEAR END REPORTS: Thank you for your patience while we are completing our grading for the Spring. Student transcripts will be 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. 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 next 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!**



Special Education

Congratulations to our Seniors and well done! Seniors please make sure that we have a personal email to contact you next year and don't forget to **migrate your files to a personal account** by the end of the month. If you need copies of any testing, accommodations pages, or 504s, please reach out and we can leave official printed copies at the front desk, mail them out to colleges and/or send digital versions. Incoming families, please make sure you have notified us that your child has an IEP and get us copies of the documentation to start the transfer process. If you have any questions please reach out to us. Happy Summer:)

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Summer School: 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!



Congratulations for a job well done - watch for your names listed in the Taos News as well as a certificate to be mailed with your transcripts!

Director's Highest Honors (3.8 GPA or higher)

Malcolm Breier
Stefan Breier
Eleanor Breier
Grace Burden
DeAnna Cordova
Mariebella Duran
Julia Edmonds
Janais Espinoza Sack
Charnelle Gonzales
Maximilian Griego
Chiara Kozlovich
Arabella Larson

John LeBlanc
Katia Lujan
Brooklyn Maestas
Alexandra Martinez
Amelia Martinez
Margaret Mitchell
Maia Oviedo
Emilia Pena
Devon Privitt
Fiona Reynolds
Haddi Rychlik
Remington Sanchez

Rozzlynn Sanchez
Marisol Sanchez-Pacheco
Caroline Scarabelli
Isla Scott Roch
Sawyer Sides
Christian Streit
Kaely Tafoya
Sophia Tini
Hanna Weinman
Ilana Weisfeld
Cash Wodrich

High Honors (3.5 GPA or higher)

Samuel Barraza	Zoe Larson	Madeline Prentice
Zia Bittermann	Faith Lewis	Elijah Reynolds
Eva Burden	Noah Lopez	Eloy Salazar
Nicholas Case	Rio Lucero	Amaris Sanchez
Veda Chesakov	Jerzee Maestas	Gwendalyn Whitney
Amelia Davis-Martinez	Alexis Martinez	Gabriel Zak
Nicole Grine	Deidre Montoya	
Augustus Johnston	Evan Pena	

Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or higher)

Jazlynn Alexander	Blu Holmes	Analy Rosas
Jerome Atencio	Kaleb Jenkins	Liliana Rose
Tanis Bower	Coraline Jenkins	Noah Saltzman
Dillon Brown	Clara Lage	Joel Saltzman
Alyssa Calabaza	Benjamin Lamendola	Nathanael Sandoval
Cale Childers	Isaiah Lewis	Rocco Siegele
Marcus Cordova	Angelica Martinez	Sequoyah Stockes
Kaysha Curry	Vrianne Martinez	Spyridon Stonn
Ezekiel Dominguez	Trinity Martinez	Adam Szilagyi
Laylah Duran	Emylee Martinez-Chavez	Nadali Talachy
Leah Duran	Abrianna Medina	Kohana Treasaigh
Jonathan Duran	Estevan Miera	Kameko Treasaigh
Ryan Edmonds	Yuri Montoya	Edward Trevino
Yahir Garcia Rivera	Nickalette Moores	Sofia Trevino-Brown
Douglas Gleason	Isaac Munoz	Ernesto Trujillo
Aurelianna Gonzales	Khalifa Ndiaye	Royce Trujillo-Vigil
Che Gonzales-Romo	Oliver Olson	Dillan Uphoff
Santiago Goodhue	Delena Ortega	Michelle Valdivia-Luna
Idania Gutierrez	William Place	Benjamin Varos
Dakota Hardin	Sky Prentice	Cielo Velazquez
Eric Herrera Solis	Mason Rodriguez	Francisco Vigil
Alexander Hoffman	Nonie Romero	Noah Wodrich



Taos Academy Community School and Council Update




Our Community School Focus Group and Needs Assessment was a success. On May 8th a group of 18 participants including students, staff, families, and community partners met for over an hour. During this time they heard about our SEL in Action Project, learned more about our Strategic Plan Initiatives, and conducted a Needs Assessment. The needs assessment involved responding to questions that evaluate how our Community School Initiatives meet the needs of our stakeholders and where we need to improve. This work will help with decision-making for next year's improved implementation of our Community School Initiatives as well as give us information that will help us to create new initiatives to address the needs raised at this Focus Group. We hope to continue these conversations next year with more student and community voices represented in our current decision making structures. We are ending the year with a strong Community School Strategic Plan and preparing for dynamic involvement of all of our stakeholders in the Fall. Contact ljoseph@taosacademy.org with any questions.

SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

- ❖ **Office Hours** School Counselor, Angelina Vialpando, will be in the office until June 18th. Email her if you need support or have questions for the upcoming school year avialpando@taosacademy.org
- ❖ **For Seniors-Class of 2025**, It's your turn!! Here is a senior year checklist to get you started. The information comes from Bridges Project, which is a free resource available to all students in Taos County. They help you with college planning from writing essays to applying for college and preparing for SATs/ACTs. The best time to get started planning for college is right now. Reach out to Mrs. Sue Martin-Trujillo and she can get you started on the checklist over the summer. sue@bridgesproject.org
- ❖ **For Sophomores-Class of 2027**, Begin prepping for the PSATs to be taken in October 2024. Create a free college board account which connects to Khan Academy where they can build skills based on a practice test. Let the school counselors know how we can support students in prepping for the PSATs.

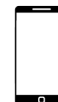
10 STEPS TO SENIOR YEAR



- 💡 Reflect on your interests & needs
- 📖 Research schools
 - Narrow your list and include at least one in-state school
-  Find out the ACT and SAT dates at your school
 - Find out if you qualify for test fee waivers
 - Register and take the ACT or SAT, ideally during your fall semester
- 📅 Create a master list of deadlines
- 📄 Write a resume
- ✉ Ask teachers and your counselor to write recommendation letters for admissions or scholarship applications
- 📝 Write a personal essay for admissions applications and/or scholarships.
- ✅ Apply
 - FAFSA Complete FAFSA (and CSS profile, if necessary) to qualify for financial aid
 - FAFSA "opens" on October 1st. We recommend completing your FAFSA earlier, rather than later
 - Review and compare financial aid awards
- \$ Apply for scholarships - look out for Taos High School community scholarship book released in the spring.

CALL BRIDGES! 575.758.5074

WWW.BRIDGESPROJECT.ORG



EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (ECHS) NEWS

Taos Academy is a designated Early College High School which means we have several ways for students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students can work towards earning an associate degree, or professional certification, completing core college classes, or explore a variety of elective courses. Please check out the options below and be thinking about the ones that might work best for you or your student! Reach out to Mrs. Kelci Pike for more information or to answer any questions you may have at kpika@taosacademy.org.

College Link (CL)

College Link is an option for 11th and 12th grade students, who are eligible and interested in taking college classes at UNM. Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and a teacher's recommendation to join. Participation involves demonstrated academic integrity and professionalism as well as maintaining and practicing a successful and healthy balance between school, work, and social activities. This option gives our students more freedom and flexibility regarding their time commitment on the TA campus because they balance college, high school, work, sports, etc.

Dual Credit (DC)

All high school students who have a 2.5 GPA or higher can enroll in a college-level course. Students often choose to strategically enroll in classes at UNM that replace their core Edge classes. However, some students also choose to take electives that align with their career or personal goals and interests. Students must still attend Taos Academy all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Friday Early College Program (FECF)

This option is available to all eligible students (minimum of 2.5 GPA). This program is designed for high school students only, which is a great option for students' first experience taking college-level classes. Course offerings include experiential credits as well as some lower-division college core classes. It is a full-day program that takes place at UNM Klauer Campus on Fridays. There is a morning session and an afternoon session.

UNM dual credit applications for the Fall semester are due no later than Wednesday, August 9th.

UNM classes for the Fall semester begin on Monday, August 19th.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 2:30 pm
Give us a call if you have questions. 575-751-3109

- o Summer School May 28th-June 27th**
- o Office Closed July 1st-5th**

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.