



Dear Taos Academy Community,

5/1/2021

Thank you, Taos Academy students, parents, teachers, and staff for the tremendous job maintaining excellence in education through this unprecedented school year. TA students are finishing the year strong with academic and personal success, hardly missing a beat. This is an accomplishment to be very proud of and one that is worth a loud shout out of congratulations!! We are all very honored to have such a committed staff and such hard-working students and parents. We are proud of you ALL!!!

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



Join us for TA Summer Session

I know it is hard to believe, but we are in the last quarter of the Spring Semester and summer will be here before we know it. Registration for Summer Session is now open - just [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Registration closes on May 20th. If you are unable to fill out the form for any reason, please just email Ms. E with the students' name, current grade level, next year grade level, and the classes that he or she will be taking.

Summer Session at Taos Academy is a FREE opportunity to have students recover credits for on-time graduation, to go ahead and get their World Language requirements out of the way, and to work ahead in their coursework if they are on an accelerated path (or just want to keep in practice over the summer!). We have all Rosetta Stone and core Edgenuity classes offered as well as Electives!

Classes last for 5 weeks. They begin on Tuesday, May 25th and end on Thursday, June 24th. If a student wishes to take more than one class, they must complete the first class before starting the second.

ORIENTATION and prescriptive testing will take place on-campus between 9-4 on MONDAY, May 24th. or by appointment with your Summer School advisers. Students must meet with their adviser, take their prescriptive tests, be sure all log-ins are working and that they understand their responsibilities

during the summer for successfully completing classes. Your adviser will be your primary point of contact for you for any issues, questions, or troubleshooting. They will be sending progress notes every week as well as holding office hours to check in twice weekly.

For students who would like in-person support here on campus and for students who are not making progress on their own, the TA Learning Lab will be open and staffed from 8-12 T/TH throughout the summer session.

For questions or quick registration, please contact Ms. LeBlanc at eleblanc@taosacademy.org.



Its not too Late!! - Just go to treering.com and click on Buy Yearbook, click on NM put in the school pass code (below), click on Taos Academy Charter and follow prompts from there. You can upgrade to hard cover and have the yearbook delivered to your house. The school code is:

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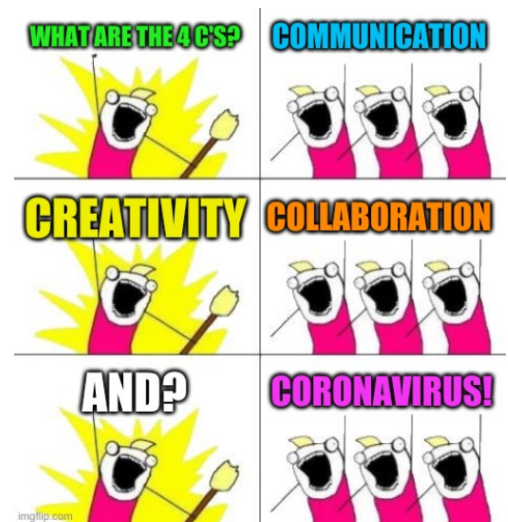
Don't miss this chance to get your Taos Academy Yearbook!!

7th and 8th 21st Century Leadership:

This April, 21c Leadership classes have focused on finding leadership at home and in school by noticing “what I give” in the little ordinary things. Let’s give ourselves a little credit here ...

→ **Congratulations 8th graders and Seniors!!!**

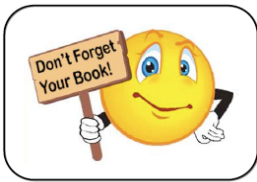
Mr. Kelly.





Rosetta Stone must be done by **Thursday, April 29 @ 4:00pm**. Final grades will be posted in your Edgenuity placeholder on Friday, April 30. If you have any concerns, please discuss with your adviser. There may be options for you to get an extension over the weekend or to redo the class during summer school. Check with them as soon as possible. Please join the last [Rosetta Stone hangout](#) on Tuesday, April 27 @ 1:00pm for a last-minute check-in with Mrs. Martinson.

A HUGE Congratulations to the SENIOR CLASS of 2021...



ALL DUAL CREDIT students and College Link (11th & 12th) students please return your TA textbooks to your advisor or the front office staff who will get them to Ms Senescu or Ms Densow. Put YOUR name on a post-it and stick it to the inside cover of textbooks so you get credited with the return. Otherwise, students are accountable for replacing the textbooks. UNM finals week is May 10-14th!!!

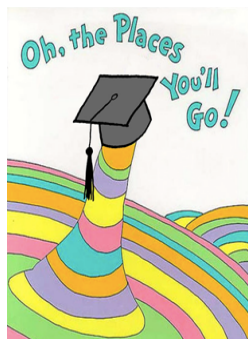


UNM TAOS

Incoming SENIORS 2022 can register for their Fall UNM classes early! Please go online and check out the UNM schedule; check your Career Cruising course planner to see what might work for you. Please talk with Ms Senescu, Ms Pike, or Ms Samoiel for information about course offerings and completing your applications. Remember, dual credit courses take the place of some TA content classes and electives. Career Cruising and your transcript are very helpful for registration.

Senior Graduation Ceremony

Friday - May 14, 2021- 2:00 pm



Our traditional **SENIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY** is scheduled for **MAY 14, 2021 @ 2:00 pm at Taos Academy**. At this time, attendance is limited. More info will follow as the details are not yet finalized due to COVID-19 mandates.

However, the Conferring of Diplomas for the purposes of graduation requirements will be conducted by TA Administration in person. This ceremony will also be live-streamed via Google Meets - more info TBA.

CAPS & GOWNS were ordered by March 3, 2021 by families and are on their way to Taos Academy from Albuquerque. Students will wear/bring them to the **SENIOR SUNSET activity @ 5:30-7:30 pm for SENIORS ONLY**. You need to have your regalia wrinkle-free as possible for pics! **REMEMBER: Hang them in a steamy shower to help remove wrinkles. DO NOT IRON!**

PARENT ADVISORY –5:30 –7:00

Tuesday April, 27th, 2021

Taos Academy

110 Paseo Del Canon West

Taos, NM

575-751-3109

Taos Academy Parent Advisory Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month. The Advisory committee welcomes parent participation. The mission of the committee is to help move the organization forward with strategic planning and quality assurance. Please review the norms, roles and agenda to further understand the structure of the meeting. Thank you and we look forward to ideas related to our mission.

Parent Advisory/Equity Council

Join with Google Meet 

meet.google.com/upc-gces-pcc

Join by phone

(US) +1 505-445-7678 PIN: 407 440 787#

Organizer: Taos Academy Public Calendar

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Recorded Meeting

Meeting Agenda:

5:30 Attendance - Dr. Traci Filiss, Elizabeth Leblanc, Tulsi Rose, **Jamie Lucero-Martinez**, Warren Kelly

Respect time, come with solutions, win-win, champion a committee. This is a virtual Parent Advisory and Equity Council meeting for Taos Academy. Due to the Corona virus (Covid-19) this meeting is being conducted in a Google Meet format.

Parent Advisory goals - Parents sharing ideas and concerns, champion a committee, find a place in the school where you can contribute, encourage other parents to participate.

Equity Council goals - Bridging the gap for servicing subgroups and the needs for equity in educational opportunities. Cultural responsiveness is part of the process for this group and working on a positive school culture.

5:45–7:00 Discussion items:

- **SY 2021-22 Budget items:**
 - Calendar- No concerns with the calendar C presented.
 - Budget- Operational funding covers basic needs for the schools, facilities, payroll, programming needs, etc. Review unit cost per grade level. Parent concern: How are special projects funded? Many other funding pockets with federal funds and grants. FOundation supports special programs as well.
 - At Risk/Equity Funding- Who does the "At Risk" funding support? Specifics were given to describe all groups in relation to Equity to support sub groups.
 - Facility- New CTE building is in process. 48'X60'. Funding with capital funds.
 - Lottery- 250 students are registered for next year, TA is budgeted for 230. Growth units will follow.
- **EOY Activities -**
 - 8th grade graduation ceremony will take place Thursday, April 29th at TA GYM. Students may participate in-person and virtually.
 - Senior night Friday April 30th to celebrate accomplishments of our Seniors and other fun activities.
 - graduation updates- Graduation will take place at TA Friday, May 14th, 2021 at 2pm. In-person attendance is dependent upon the county level for COVID color.
 - STEM EOY review- the virtual STEM program was successful with 71 middle school students and 27 high school students participating. No in person STEM due to COVID restrictions. STEM will continue for 21-22 to offer more opportunities. Archery, HS theatre, music, and much more.
- **Finishing the 2021-2022 School Year:**
 - Classes: Rosetta Stone - ends Thursday, April 29th. Next week is the last week of 21st Century and STEM+Arts Classes. Internship hours are also due end of next week (May 6th).
 - EDGENUITY Finals: May 10th- 13th.
- **Summer School:** Orientation on May 24th; T/Th advisories, learning lab open from 8-12 T/TH mornings at Taos Academy. Parents can also ask for summer home study programs if needed.
- **Parent Comments and Questions:**
- **Next meeting agenda items -**

Equity Council: Agenda -

Identify each area of equity council duties for each area.

Traci Filiss Executive Director -Present
Jamie Lucero-Martinez - Program lead -Present
H. Warren Kelly - ELL - Present
CruzDuran-Economically Disadvantaged - Present
Jason Weisfeld - Disabilities - Absent
Katharine Pacheco - Student - Absent

We are working through year two of equity councils and refocusing our work statewide as we realize the impact the Pandemic has had on our schools and community. These guiding questions will be used to assist our council in redirecting our focus as students return to in-person learning.

“We should hold community and institution together in spaces, and shift power to students and families. This requires intentionality so that we provide space for students and families in our decision-making.” How are we incorporating this at TA? Monthly Parent Advisory meeting, quarterly equity meetings, parent nights. Focus on SEL, student voice, mental health next year? Return to assigned parent per advisory. Possible monthly change or quarterly change.

Internships:

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$TURN IN YOUR MAY PROGRESS REPORT ON TUESDAY, MAY 2ND to get an A for your internship (if you have all other docs turned in). If you only have your March report turned in, you will get a C instead of an A.

NEW: All HS students have received an invitation to the Internship Google Classroom. If you are new to TA, email Mr. J Weisfeld to request an invite to the classroom. All forms and information will be done in this classroom and are editable. In order to begin an internship, each student **MUST** accept the invite and submit all digital forms to this classroom. **No more paper forms please!**

Past, pending internships will be added to the Internship Classroom.

Taos Academy's Internship Program gives elective credit to high school students who are volunteering in the community, participating in a sports program, or gaining job experience. In order to receive credit, students must have the business or organization they are working with fill out these three forms and documentation or hours:

1. "Memorandum of Understanding"
2. "Internship Responsibilities"
3. Fall and Spring progress reports (2 per semester) **New**** a supervisor-signature and total hours have been added to the progress report. Students no longer have to provide this on a separate piece of paper.**

The first two forms are due within the first few weeks of each semester to the Internship Program Coordinator, Jason Weisfeld and will be submitted to the Internship Classroom. The forms are available in the Internship Google Classroom in Doc format. The Internship Handbook can be found on the TA website.

The "Memorandum of Understanding" is signed by TA's director and by the business at which the student is interning. This document is an agreement between the school and the business and it protects the business while students are participating in the internship.

The "Internship Agreement" is a form that details the volunteer, sports, or job opportunity. It must be signed by the student, mentor, coach or job supervisor, the coordinator of the TA Internship Program, the parent, and TA's director.

The Progress Reports are dated and must be completed by the supervising party-2 for each semester of internship credit and must include a supervisor signature (digital signatures and initials ok during Covid) and total hours to date.

All parties must provide their contact information for the form to be considered complete.

If a form is missing or incomplete, a student will not receive credit for their internship. Contact Mr. Weisfeld at jweisfeld@taosacademy.org if you have any questions.

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5/10 - Governing Council Meeting

5/10-13 - Finals Week

5/14 - Last day of school and Graduation at 2:00

5/25 - Start of TA Summer Session