



DiCE Activities, Events, and Deadlines (Fall 2026)

Bringing joy to our research, teaching, and learning across the University

The Division for Change and Empowerment (DiCE) believes in a university where *all* Lobos are empowered to pursue their dreams without barriers. As part of our commitment to curiosity and the production of new knowledge, innovative research, and creative works, we lead and organize several events, activities, workshops, and requirements that support all lobos at UNM. Below is a comprehensive list of the many ways we serve UNM.

Event/Activity/Deadlines	Dates	Notes	Registration & Information
Writing			
DiCE Retreat	August 4 – 6	Come write, think, and walk in community.	Next retreat will be held in January
DiCE Retreat Workshops	August 3 & 7		Next workshops will be held in January
NCFDD 14-Day Writing Challenge	August 3 – 16 Sept 21 – Oct 4	NCFDD asynchronous event. Participants commit to writing at least 30 minutes a day for 14 days. DiCE provides free NCFDD membership to <i>all</i> UNM Lobos. You can open your account here.	Registration deadline July 24 Registration deadline Sept 11
Writing in Community	Recurring event M, W, Th 9:30 – 11am	This is a low-stakes way to add accountability to writing. Participants meet, say what they'll work on, and they work. Stars on September 8 th & ends November 26	Register to writing in community here Remote
Curricular			
CAC Workshops	Thurs, Sept 3 2 – 2:50pm & Wed Sept 9 2 – 2:50pm	Introduces faculty to the Critical Analyses of US and Global Cultures requirement. The workshop provides best practices to apply to the requirement and fulfill its criteria. For more information on the CAC requirement.	Register to a CAC Workshop Remote

CAC Application Deadline	Sept 11	Final date to submit materials to the Alza Council Curricular Subcommittee (ACCS) for 2026 approval. Course fulfills the requirement starting in Fall 2027 for six years.	Apply here to the CAC requirement
Alza Council Curricular Subcommittee (ACCS)	Recurring event 2nd Tuesday 2 – 2:50pm	ACCS oversees the CAC requirement. Members meet monthly and evaluate courses to ensure they meet the criteria. Participating faculty receive small research stipend.	Contact Nahir@unm.edu to join the committee
Appreciation			
Staff affinity Luncheon	Tues, Sept 17 12 – 1pm	Staff luncheon to build social and professional networks that promote mentorship, success, and retention.	Jackson Student Center Contact DiCE for more information
DiCE Open Breakfast	Thurs, Oct 22 9 – 11am	Come celebrate homecoming week with breakfast at DiCE.	Roberts Room at Scholes Hall Contact DiCE for more information
Luminaria Awards	Wed, Dec 2 11:30am – 1pm	Event to recognize Lobos who bring our communities together	Location TBD Contact DiCE for more information
Faculty Listening Circles	Recurring event 3rd Tuesday 2 – 2:50pm	Designed to listen to and support each other through our pressing needs. Circles include topics such as feeling valued and navigating teaching through our current landscape.	Listening Circles Registration Scholes Hall 101 and remote
Arcoíris Center		Website	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE
So... What You Into: Student Interest Meetup	Fri, August 21 12pm	A meet and greet for students to learn about our student groups and to garner interest in forming affinity circles	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE
6 th Annual Welcome back	Fri, Sept 10 5pm	Come learn about the Arcoíris center with entertainment, food (vegan options always available), and raffle prizes!	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE

Open Safe Zone Workshop	Mon, Sept 14, 9am; Tues, Oct 27, 9am (zoom); Fri, Nov 5, 12pm	Workshop designed for students, faculty, and staff to better support Trans and Queer individuals	Location TBD; contact the Arcoíris Center for more information
Flag raising ceremony	Thu, Oct 1 12pm	Kicks off LGBTQ+ History Month	In front of Scholes Hall
Joteria Loteria	Tues, Oct 6 5pm	A queer, Arcoíris Center created loteria game with a cumbia following	Mesa Vista Courtyard
A Queer is Neither Late nor Early: National Coming Out Day and Lecture	Wed, Oct 14 11am	National Coming Out Day Lecture with a Lecture by Leslie Donovan at 12:30	Honors College
Out and Ally Waffle Breakfast	Wed, Oct 21 8am	Breakfast in community	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE
Día De Los Muertos Mole Making and Altar Opening	Mon, Nov 2 8am & 5pm	Celebrate Día de los muertos with the Arcoíris center with Mole Making at 8am and the Altar Blessing at 5pm.	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE
Friendsgiving	Wed, Nov 25 12pm	At the Arcoíris center	AC: 1919 Las Lomas Rd. NE
Passion for Fashion	Tues, Dec 1, 12pm	A creative, costume creation competition amongst departments that centers World AIDS Day.	Location TBD; contact the Arcoíris Center for more information
Additional information			
DiCE Office Hours (with Nahir)	Recurring 1 st & 4 th Tues 2 – 2:50	Need help with the CAC application? Have questions, suggestions, ideas, and/or need help? Need to speak with Nahir for whatever reason? Office hours are for you!	Office hours are through zoom