What does student success mean? What does it look like? How is it measured? These are the types of questions where if you ask 10 people you will get 10 different answers. Student success may mean something entirely different from one student to the next. Student success may mean one thing to the individual professor and another to data collectors or the NM State Higher Education department or in regards to the Financial Aid requirements.

Within the college itself student success is addressed differently, from the services and resources the library provides, to the guidance the advising team gives, to the access to tools, such as computers and textbooks various departments maintain.

Success for an individual student may mean completing an associate’s degree, but for another it may mean mastering Quickbooks so he can monitor payroll at his small business, and yet another may glean what she can from UNM-Taos and go on to pass her contractor’s license successfully.

We hear various versions of success within academia, from the concepts of a student persisting from one semester to the next, to learning the skills to move on to a higher level of Math or English, to completing the coursework to transfer to a higher degree program.

“The prosperous achievement of something attempted,” is one of the definitions of success listed in a print copy of the 1955 Oxford English Dictionary. Searching recently in an online version of the same dictionary, another way to look at success is, “an accomplishment of an aim or purpose.” The word success comes from a 16th century Latin term “successus,” or from the verb “succeedere,” which means “to come after” or “come close after.”

Take a moment this summer to decide what your aim or goal may be, or what it is you may want to attempt, and know that the staff and faculty at YOUR college are here to help you jump through the hoops and climb over the obstacles so each individual success will come sooner than you could have ever expected.

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THE FANTASTIC INVENTIONS OF NIKOLA TESLA
By Nikola Tesla
TK 140 .T4 A3 2009

ZOYA’S STORY: AN AFGHAN WOMAN’S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM
By Zoya with John Follain and Rita Cristofari
DS 371.3 .Z69 2002

NEW MEXICO’S SPANISH LIVESTOCK HERITAGE: FOUR CENTURIES OF ANIMALS, LAND, AND PEOPLE
By William W. Dunmire
SF 51 .D86 2014

HALF THE SKY: TURNING OPPRESSION INTO OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN WORLDWIDE
By Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn
HQ 1236.5 .D44 K74 2010

Some Books From Our Fiction Collection

THE BORROWERS by Mary Norton
HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER’S STONE by J. K. Rowling
THE SECRET GARDEN by Frances Hodgson Burnett
RUBY GOLDBERG’S BRIGHT IDEA by Anna Humphrey
A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L’Engle
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