

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

Loss of a Great Colleague

The UNM community has suffered a great loss, with the passing of Suleiman "Sul" Kassicieh. He was a beloved faculty, colleague and friend. We will remember him for his many contributions, over the last 36 years, to UNM's Anderson School of Business, Albuquerque and New Mexico. He overcame great obstacles to pursue a stellar career and will truly be missed. My deepest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Eliseo "Cheo" Torres inducted in 2017 HACU Hall of Champions

Later this week, Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, vice president for Student Affairs will be inducted into the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Hall of Champions. "This prestigious honor is awarded to those who embody HACU's mission of championing Hispanic success in higher education." Through leadership, teaching and fundraising, Cheo has certainly been a strong proponent of Hispanic student success. Congratulations Cheo!

Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award – Last Day for Nominations

Today is the last day to submit nominations for the prestigious [Sarah Belle Brown award](#) that recognizes a student, faculty member and staff member with a \$1,500 award for their commitment to community service. If you know someone who selflessly gives to those in need, this is an excellent way to recognize their kindness with a nomination. By 5 p.m. today, please take the time to nominate a friend, colleague or co-worker who has gone above and beyond in serving our community. For information and nominating instructions, go to the [Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award](#).

UNM Gives Campaign through Nov. 17; prize reveal for participants!

The annual [UNM Gives Campaign](#) is ongoing—through our partnership with the United Way of Central New Mexico and the UNM Foundation—where faculty, staff and employees contribute time and money to charitable organizations, in an effort to change lives and circumstances. This year, in order to encourage giving, all those who make a monetary pledge to the campaign, through Friday, Nov. 17, will be entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Prizes include:

- Dinner for 4 with the president and his wife at University House
- 2 of the president's seats at a men's or women's basketball game
- Cooking class with Dr. Cheryl Willman at the Cancer Center kitchen
- And two outstanding departments (one on main campus and one at HSC) with a significant rate of donors will receive a pizza delivery from the president or chancellor!

More prizes to be announced as the campaign continues!

If each of us make a small donation, we can collectively have an enormous impact in our community. Please consider making a monetary donation at unmgives.unm.edu. Let's show our community that UNM Gives, as we focus on the future together.

Until next time.

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