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## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Having just gotten back from a wonderful family vacation this week, I find myself thinking of the many things for which I am grateful – my family, my friends, and my life at UNM are among those at the top.

This week we celebrate our 237th year of independence with an appreciation for those who defend our country and what it means to be an American. President Lyndon Johnson said, “Every child must be encouraged to get as much education as he has the ability to take. We want this not only for his sake, but for the nation’s sake. Nothing matters more to the future of our country...for freedom is fragile if citizens are ignorant.”

Education in our country is based on the values of freedom. I hope we can all find time this week to engage in stimulating conversations with our friends and family about what freedom means to us, maybe learn from the stories of a veteran, and be grateful for what our freedom has afforded us.

Have a great week, and a safe and enjoyable Independence Day.

Go Lobos!

Bob