



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

Exploring the Future of Education

"Why should we look to the past in order to prepare for the future? Because there is nowhere else to look." ~ James Burke

Applying various lenses to points in our history is fundamental to any area of inquiry, and some have explored further into how that information is applied to anticipate future challenges and lines of investigation. To provide insight into possible answers to this question, UNM welcomes British broadcaster, science historian, author and television producer James Burke, who will deliver the [Fall 2013 Distinguished Lecture for Campus and Community today at 5 p.m. in Keller Hall](#). Dubbed "one of the most intriguing minds in the Western world" by the Washington post, James Burke explores the intriguing possibility that the future is no longer what it used to be in his lecture, titled "Universities: The Future Isn't What it Used to Be." He argues that we may have spent history attempting to solve the wrong problems, such as starvation, pollution, poverty, corruption, crime, disease, and ignorance. At some point around 2060, Burke foresees that these short-term issues may disappear and leave us with a far greater challenge – one for which society as a whole is almost entirely unprepared. This is a fascinating topic that is sure to generate ongoing discussion and debate.

Shared Insight on News and Today's Media

Today's network media outlets are a pervasive part of our culture, which has led to specific challenges faced by their managers as to how decisions are made on the delivery of media content to the public. We are fortunate to have CNN's Jim Crane visiting UNM on Wednesday, Nov. 6 to share his insights into and expertise on the subject as it applies across various disciplines. Crane, executive director of News Standards and Practices for CNN, will be visiting with the Communications & Journalism CJ151 Intro to Media Writing class, students and faculty at the School of Law, the staff at the Daily Lobo, as well as presenting a community discussion on an inside look at ethics, bias and passion in network news and today's media.

Jim is an award-winning producer who has won multiple Emmy Awards, Peabody Awards, and the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for his work at CNN, as well as Disney, Fox Television, and Post Newsweek. His experience as an executive of a major, global network provides a unique perspective regarding the functions and effects of media. This is a valuable opportunity for our students to interact with a professional whose experience and influence touches on many of our institutional endeavors and courses of study, research, and teaching.

Student Athletes Model Success

I would like to congratulate our student athletes on another year of high academic performance. Recently released NCAA federal graduation data reflects that UNM student athletes have maintained a 74 percent graduation success rate. Balancing academic and athletic schedules and pressures is an exercise in prioritization and focus; credit is also due to all of those at UNM and the families of those

athletes for their support and guidance in helping them to achieve that balance. I would also like to also recognize one student athlete in particular on achieving notable success in her sport. [UNM Junior Chantale Riddle, a member of our women's volleyball team](#) leads the Mountain West Conference in “kills” – an attack that directly leads to a point – and just attained her 1,000th career kill. A Roswell native, she is the 11th Lobo volleyball player to achieve this milestone, which has not been done since 2010. Chantale has set several records in her time with the team, as well as being one of 48 athletes from 34 collegiate programs selected to participate in the 2012 U.S. Women's National A2 program last year. Congratulations to Chantale and the Lobo volleyball team on another definitive win this past Saturday to put them at 17-4 in the conference!

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

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