



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

[UNM Honors Its Veterans](#)

As more veterans of the armed forces transition from military to student life, UNM is committed to contributing to that successful adjustment and providing the opportunity to build on the service they have given, and, in some cases, continue to give. The Posting and Raising of the Colors and ceremony will take place at the UNM flagpole south of Scholes Hall at 9 a.m. this morning, and the [UNM Veterans Resource Center](#) will be holding an open house from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Room 2002 of the Student Union Building (SUB). The UNM Alumni Memorial Chapel is a place of both reflection and remembrance, and will be open today in honor of Veterans Day from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The chapel is dedicated to UNM's fallen soldiers of World Wars I and II, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, whose names are listed on its south wall.

Innovate ABQ: A True Public-Private Partnership

At UNM, we are creating partnerships that spur innovation and economic growth. I am pleased to announce New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union ([New Mexico Educators FCU](#)) as a founding partner of Innovate ABQ, having committed \$3 million to support this initiative. New Mexico Educators FCU provides the needed partnership from the private business community to bring this exciting concept to life, and is the first private sector investment toward creating an innovation center in downtown Albuquerque. New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union is unrivaled in its vision, community support and leadership. The Credit Union joins the City of Albuquerque in making a financial commitment to the innovation center concept. Mayor Richard Berry set aside more than \$2 million from a recent bond issue for the project, and we are also awaiting the response to a \$1.5 million federal Economic Development Administration grant designated for Innovate ABQ.

International Education Week

Celebrating a diversity of ideas, cultures and beliefs underscores the University's commitment to preparing students to compete and collaborate in an increasingly global society, an opportunity to promote the importance of building an international dimension into the Lobo experience. The U.S. Departments of State and Education have jointly designated this week to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The UNM Global Education Office (GEO) is hosting a variety of events on campus to inspire our students to consider their opportunities abroad and facilitate meaningful cultural exchange with our international students. This is a fun and exciting way for all of us to learn more about our international community on campus and encourage our students to get [international experience through study abroad](#).

Wellness a UNM Priority

There is link between the wellness and vitality of an institution and the wellness of its employees that impacts the culture of the workplace. At UNM, we are committed to supporting the health and wellness of our campus community. A planning group has been working over the past several years to explore

the possibility of building a new wellness center on campus, part of which is the consideration of campus constituency support and financial feasibility. The proposed wellness center has the potential to be an energizing facility that provides easy access to health and wellness resources. A planning effort of this scale requires input from the entire community, and I would like encourages students, faculty, and staff to attend the informational and open forum sessions about the proposal, to offer feedback, and to join the discussion about the future of health and wellness at UNM. The first open forums will take place both today and tomorrow in the Student Union Building (SUB) main level (east of the information desk) from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A Winning Weekend

Lobo fans turned out strong to support our teams this weekend, and that pride is well-founded. The Lobos had wins in football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and men's soccer. The #23 men's soccer team won the regular season Conference USA title and will go on to the C-USA tournament next week. Both the men's and women's cross-country teams, after sweeping the Mountain West Conference titles for the fifth year in a row earlier this month, are going to the NCAA Mountain Region Championships later this week. A great job to all of our student athletes and their coaches – let's keep supporting them!

Have a great week and Go Lobos (especially our veterans)!

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