



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

I hope you are returning refreshed from the long Thanksgiving holiday as we move into the last few weeks of the semester. UNM's impact through its people and programs is reflected in our success and contributions to the region and the state, and is the direct result of a commitment to our mission and to enhancing the quality of life for all New Mexicans.

Marshall Scholarship Awarded to UNM Alum Jake Wellman

It is with great pleasure and pride that I congratulate former UNM Student Regent Jake Wellman for being awarded the prestigious [Marshall Scholarship](#). Jake spent his undergraduate career not only focusing on his academic success, but also on building relationships on campus, getting involved in the community and seeking out leadership opportunities. Jake, who majored in Political Science and Economics with a minor in Sustainability Studies, graduated from UNM in May 2013 and is currently working as a policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He is one of only 40 students nationwide selected and will study Environmental Economics and Climate Change at the London School of Economics. Congratulations Jake! I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Kiyoko Simmons in our National & International Scholarships and Fellowships (NISF) office, who has worked tirelessly to encourage and assist our students who apply for these prestigious, highly competitive and selective awards.

National Student Exchange Honors UNM Scholar's Contributions

UNM students leave our campus with educational experiences that extend far beyond the walls of the classroom, with opportunities to excel in their personal and professional lives and with relationships that endure throughout their lives. It is my pleasure to congratulate Calle Treppiedi, a Music Education major, on being awarded an honorable mention for the Bette Worley National Student Exchange (NSE) Student Achievement Award. Selected from the nearly 3,000 students who participated, this annual award recognizes students who demonstrate the best use of their participation in NSE, which provides exchange opportunities among member colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. Calle has been on exchange for the 2012-2013 academic year at Northern Arizona University (NAU), where she stretched her musical skills to learn a new instrument, the piccolo. She also performed with the Arizona Wind Symphony and was instrumental in reintroducing the color guard for the 2013 Marching Band season as a way to create broader student participation. Her contributions to the NAU School of Music have not only had a significant impact on her life, but also those of her colleagues at NAU. I am confident that Calle will take this valuable experience and apply it to her future endeavors when she returns to New Mexico.

Participatory Research for Community Health

The UNM Health Sciences Center has a long history of serving communities through participatory approaches and conducting public health research that benefits all stakeholders. Santa Clara Pueblo Governor J. Bruce Tafoya recently wrote to Chancellor Paul Roth and I to share that the Pueblo, with the support of the partnership it has developed with the UNM HSC Center for Participatory Research,

has been awarded a three-year U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant for \$748,000. The Governor expressed high praise for the Center's leadership under Dr. Nina Wallerstein and to her team, who have focused on community capacity and health development in their tribal community. I echo the Governor's sentiments on enjoying a continued collaboration that will benefit the welfare of the Pueblo's children, youth and families.

Please Join Us at the Hanging of the Greens this Friday

Many thanks to the UNM Mortar Board Senior Honor Society for coordinating the traditional Hanging of the Greens this Friday, Dec. 6. The festivities will begin outside the UNM Bookstore at 5:45 p.m. with hot chocolate and biscochitos, followed by a caroling tour to University House where UNM students will present the official wreath to Janet and I. The caroling will continue on to Hodgkin Hall for the [President's reception and a holiday lighting of the "U."](#) Janet and I are looking forward to seeing many of you and your families as we celebrate the holiday season.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob