



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

To be a destination university, we need to be a place where innovative people want to be - students, faculty, arts patrons, sports fans and neighbors. Once they arrive at their destination, we want to make sure they stay for a while, have distinctive experience and have a reason to return - for graduate school, a reunion, a wedding or a play. Our people, programs and places, infused by the Lobo spirit drive this conceptualization of what we are and what we aspire to be.

125 Years! Celebrate the Past. Look Toward the Future.

Quasiquintennial – what a wonderful word! Especially so, as it means the marking of a 125th anniversary. On this upcoming Friday, we will celebrate the [125th Lobo Day](#), commemorating the founding day of UNM in 1889. This day is an important tradition because it signifies a time for us to look back on our vibrant history, measure our successes over decades, and thank everyone who has enriched our institution. I would like to offer a special thanks to the 125th anniversary planning committee for their time and efforts in commemorating this milestone throughout the year. This group is working with many offices to include 125 years of success in other celebrations such as commencement and homecoming. I hope you get a chance to enjoy a slice of birthday cake and the festivities in the SUB Atrium at noon, organized by UNM Student Activities, and attend a community reception at Hodgin Hall at 5:30 pm hosted by the Alumni Relations Office.

Positive Government Relations Strengthen Our Institution

UNM is fortunate to be represented at the Roundhouse by a talented and committed government relations team that has built strong ties with members across political parties and in both chambers of the Legislature. UNM Government Relations has been working with all of our constituencies throughout the year and over the past 30 days to ensure that our priorities, which include our institutional budget (I & G), lottery scholarship fund solvency, the General Obligation (GO) Bond, and compensation are addressed. The 2014 Legislative session ended this past Thursday, and we are now waiting for the Governor to take action within the 20-day signing period. It is important that we recognize that our elected officials must balance not only a budget, but also tackle substantive issues during a fast-paced 30-day session. I thank all of you who voiced your support for higher education and student success. I would like to particularly commend the leadership shown by ASUNM President Isaac Romero and our other student government representatives; their passion and commitment to ensuring that not only current, but also future Lobos, will have access to obtain a UNM education is deserving of praise. More detailed information will continue to be provided by the [Office of Government & Community Relations](#).

The State of the University

This Friday morning it is my great pleasure to deliver my first [State of the University address](#) at 9 a.m. in Keller Hall. I will be discussing the progress made over the past year on several university initiatives and outline future directions in a number of key areas, as we aspire to meet our UNM2020 goals. I hope to see many of you there, and for those who cannot be at Keller Hall on Friday, the address will also be

live streamed on the [Office of the President website](#).

Go Lobos!

A well-deserved congratulations to our men's basketball team on their two stand-out victories this week over UNLV and San Diego State University. A special thanks to the more than 15,000 fans who came to Saturday's game at The Pit. The accomplishments of all of our student-athletes generate spirit, pride and recognition of the University of New Mexico. They are a part of what brings the UNM community together, and part of the overall Lobo experience.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob