



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

It is great to be back in Albuquerque and see so much going on all over campus. It has been a very busy month for everyone at UNM. As we wrap up staff appreciation month I would like to take another chance to say thank you to all of our staff for all that you do. You are crucial to the success of your departments, your organizations, your schools and colleges, and the University as a whole.

To everyone who took summer courses this year, I hope you are relieved to be closer to your degree. Please take some time over the next few weeks to refresh before the fall semester begins.

UNM School of Medicine Celebrates 50 Years of Vision

As UNM celebrates its 125th anniversary, the UNM School of Medicine (SOM) is proudly celebrating its own milestone of [50 years since its founding in 1964](#). Since its inception, the School of Medicine has pioneered the education of New Mexico's physicians, with a commitment to providing the citizens of our state the best quality of healthcare for our population's needs. There are several events planned over the next several months, in addition to the [50th Anniversary reunion](#) coming up this weekend. The School of Medicine, and the entire Health Sciences Center, are a critical part of the overall University mission and enterprise. Happy anniversary SOM!

Working Toward Results

An [article published online by the Chronicle of Higher Education](#) last week highlighted work done as a part of our [Results Oriented Management \(ROM\)](#) initiative. Kevin Stevenson, UNM's director of Strategic Projects, was among a group that presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, which was featured in the Chronicle article. In addition, Kevin was invited to join Bill Gates and staff from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in a discussion on the cost drivers of higher education, and the work that UNM is doing to better understand the cost, performance, and value of activities at our University. I am proud to see UNM recognized as a national leader on this critical issue and I thank the entire ROM team for their excellent work.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob