



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

I would like to thank everyone who made Homecoming such a tremendous success. Our student and alumni organizations put a lot of time and effort into organizing such a spirited week of events and I think we all owe gratitude for their dedication, especially those who volunteered their services to the University.

I would also like to thank Ed Lewis for joining us in the festivities. Ed took the time to discuss his new book "The Man from Essence: Creating a Magazine for Black Women" at our Honors College and give a presentation, "Launching a New Business," at Anderson School of Management. He is a very prominent alumnus and I hope that his homecoming inspired students to reach new heights in leading businesses and communities. Ed's journey from being one of the very few African Americans on our campus to creating the leading black women's magazine is fascinating. Through it all, he has never forgotten his UNM roots.

UNM@125 movie

Last week our Alumni Association premiered the UNM documentary [UNM@125](#) at the Hispanic Cultural Center. The movie is not only a great representation of the distinct history of the University; it is an exceptional production. I commend the phenomenal work of Arcie Chapa, Dr. Tobias Duran and the UNM Center for Regional Studies. To everyone who was not able to attend the premiere, I encourage you to watch the video [UNM@125](#) or catch it when it is playing in the SUB in the near future. You will really enjoy learning about New Mexico and how UNM has been instrumental in the history of our state.

Legislative Session Insight

The 2015 session of the New Mexico Legislature is still five months away, but the University has been preparing for it since the conclusion of the last session. UNM has also been hosting many interim legislative committees, providing information and insights to certain programs and special projects. We thank those of you who have presented and helped make the committees visit to campus a success. The [Office of Government and Community Relations](#) is committed to providing a high level of quality service and communication prior to and during the session. We encourage your interest and involvement in the process through your respective constituency groups. We will keep you informed on legislative activities that interest UNM throughout the interim and into the session. The [OGCR](#) website has calendars and archived information from Santa Fe.

Awarding Excellence

On Saturday, the [Alumni Association presented several Lobos with awards recognizing excellence, dedication and inspiration](#). Tim Cass received the Lobo Award for his "outstanding personal service to the University." John Draper, Charles Lanier, Damon Martinez, Don Power, Ruth Schifani and Barbara Vigil received the Zia Award for distinguishing themselves in philanthropic endeavors, public office, service to the University, community and volunteer activities, business professional fields and/

or educational fields. The Inspirational Young Alumnus Award went to Michael Chicarelli for his innovations in and dedication to health care and emergency services. Congratulations to all of the award recipients who have most definitely made their mark on the University and the community.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the [Presidential Award of Distinction](#). If you would like to nominate someone for this distinguished award, please submit a letter stating in sufficient detail the reasons for the nomination. I ask that submissions include a letter with biographical information, a record of accomplishment, and supporting letters from those who can speak to that record. Because the selection committee must review many illustrious and notable nominees, please provide as complete a nomination as soon as possible. Nominations must be received by the Office of the President, Scholes Hall, Room 144, no later than Friday Oct. 10, 2014. If you have any questions please call (505) 277- 1540.

This is also a final reminder to nominate fellow Lobos for [Sarah Belle Brown](#) award recognizing commitment to community service. The nomination period closes today at 5 p.m. The award ceremony will take place in November.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

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