



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

With the Thanksgiving holiday only days away, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for making UNM the inspired environment it is today. Every Lobo contributes something that makes our community distinct. I am grateful for everything that you do to make this institution one of the finest in the nation.

For many in our Lobo family this will be a sad Thanksgiving. We lost two students this weekend when a stolen truck crashed into a car that contained four UNM students. Briana Hillard and Matthew Grant were killed in the collision. Two students survived the accident. No words can soften this loss. As you gather around your Thanksgiving table, please remember Briana and Matthew and everyone affected by this tragedy.

I often hear great stories about students, staff and faculty who go above and beyond our daily expectations. From random acts of kindness to amazing discoveries, each one helps to make UNM a great university.

If you know of someone who stands out, please tell me about it. Perhaps you know a student who has inspired change in the community, a staff member who has taken a project to the next level, a faculty member who went out of his or her way to help you learn, or an unsung hero who works hard every day and deserves kudos. Please share that with me at unmpres@unm.edu so that I may share these exceptional stories with the entire UNM community.

Gerald May Award

I would also like to congratulate the four Gerald May Outstanding Staff Award recipients, and invite you all to join Staff Council and me as we celebrate and honor these individuals for their contributions to the University.

- **Amy Hawkins**, administrative assistant 3 in the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) for the College Enrichment and Outreach Program (CEOP)
- **Rosemary Melendrez**, supervisor of security for the UNM Police Department
- **Daniel Mulligan**, newborn transport tech for the New Mexico Newborn Transport Program
- **David Phillips**, curator of Archaeology for the Maxwell Museum

Hanging of the Greens

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Hanging of the Greens next Friday, Dec. 5. Hot chocolate and biscochitos will be served in the UNM Bookstore at 5:45 p.m. before caroling begins. I look forward to joining the fun again this year in the University's oldest student-run tradition.

Lastly, the Physical Plant Department will be adjusting the heating and cooling systems in buildings that will not be in use during the break this week. Similar to the Winter Setback Program, this helps

the University conserve a considerable amount of energy, a goal that supports our sustainability values. Help us further reduce our energy consumption by remembering to turn off and unplug electrical items that do not need constant power during the extended break.

Have a great week and a wonderful Thanksgiving. Go Lobos!

Bob