



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

There are numerous rankings in higher education from a variety of sources, all of which have different processes and data. I think these rankings should be taken with a grain of salt, but many of them do serve as a benchmark for where we stand among our peer institutions. Comparing universities is a difficult task, and there are many opponents to the merits of the results. However, it is good to see successful measurements announced on some of the more reputable and viewed rankings.

### Law School Ranking

Congratulations to our [School of Law on the recent recognition as 18th in the nation](#) for "Top 50 Law Schools." [Above the Law](#) ranked law schools based on graduate outcomes like job placement and cost of attendance, and it is fantastic to see UNM listed with many prestigious schools. This reiterates what we already know – the UNM School of Law has exceptional programs. Thanks to the school's dedicated faculty and staff, our students are leaving UNM with the skills and resources they need to be successful in legal careers. Thanks also to Dean David Herring for his leadership that has led to this recognition.

### ZipRecruiter

I would also like to note Albuquerque's recent recognition by [ZipRecruiter](#) as No. 8 on the list of "[Top 10 Up-and-Coming Cities for College Grads](#)." Major metropolitan areas in the country were ranked based on factors like the number of available jobs and median cost of rent, and Albuquerque's position on this list tells us that people are noticing the increasing opportunities in the Duke City.

Albuquerque is a great place for new graduates. I have no doubt that an upward trend in opportunities will continue thanks to the public-private partnerships and projects like [Innovate ABQ](#). These initiatives aimed at boosting the state's economy and encouraging young entrepreneurs, continue to attract attention to Albuquerque as the place to be. I just returned from a series of meetings in Silicon Valley with several entrepreneur and venture capitalists. I was very impressed by the interest in the work at UNM and Innovate ABQ.

### Flamenco

Last night the [Festival Flamenco](#) kicked off with New Mexico True Fiesta de Apertura, showcasing talent from schools and artists around the nation. This is one of the many extraordinary cultural events in Albuquerque, and we as a university are proud to be a part of it. I encourage you to attend one or more of the performances throughout the week, several of which will be on the UNM campus in Rodey Theatre.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

Bob