



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Many UNM summer events bring young students to campus to learn and to play. This can be an exciting experience for many children and teens, and open their eyes to campus life and the possibilities that come with a continued search for knowledge. I want to call out one such event that happened a couple of weeks ago, the [STEAM-H Career Exploration Extravaganza](#), which was organized by the UNM Health Sciences Center Office for Diversity, and was a great collaboration between many north and central campus departments and organizations.

The three-day event brought more than 1,000 students, ranging from fifth graders to college freshman, and provided hands on learning in STEAM-H (science, technology, engineering, arts, math and health) fields. The inaugural project was a great success because of all of the support it received. It takes a lot of hands to make an event like this successful, from residence hall staff that made weekend accommodations, and faculty in a variety of programs who worked with many of the students, to each worker and volunteer who kept students safe and where they needed to be.

I am sure this event will lead to inspired young adults pursuing studies with confidence and passion. Thank you to Brian Gibbs, the associate vice chancellor for Diversity and Cultural Competence at the UNM HSC, and to all of the staff and faculty members who made this extraordinary event possible.

### **An Innovation and Economic Prosperity University**

The Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU) announced last week its list of public universities designated as the 2015 class of [Innovation and Economic Prosperity \(IEP\) universities](#), which included UNM. This is an honorable title because it is awarded to universities that work diligently with the public and private sectors to enhance their local and regional economies.

Our University has been at the forefront of this work within Albuquerque, leading the way on projects like Innovate ABQ, the development plan that sparked a local entrepreneurial and innovation district. Thank you to all of our partners and project leaders and staff who have contributed to the University's growing momentum in efforts to boost the economy.

### **Alumni Award Call for Nominations**

The UNM Alumni Association has called for nominations for [three outstanding awards](#); Lobo Award, Zia Award and Inspirational Young Alumnus Award. The nomination deadline is tomorrow, June 30, so if you know a Lobo who has made notable service contributions to the University or community, please [submit a nomination](#) soon.

### **Taking Time to Recharge**

Many staff and faculty members take advantage of the slower paced summer to relax, have fun and gear up for the coming semester. UNM has an outstanding annual leave plan because it is well recognized that stepping away from stress associated with the workplace has a tremendous effect on productivity

and work engagement. I hope that you are planning some down time, if you have not already. If you do plan to travel, you might be interested in this [story about hotel reviews](#) that came out early this month from our Department of Computer Science. I will be taking some time off too, so I will not be sending my weekly message for the next two weeks.

The University will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July on Saturday. I wish you all a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

Bob