



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon!

### **Sarah Belle Brown Award Nominations**

[Nominations for the 2015 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award](#) are being accepted by my office now through Monday, Sept. 28. The award was established by Doug Brown, a former Regent and Dean of Anderson School of Management, in honor of his wife Sarah for her remarkable dedication to outreach in our community and her compassion for those in need. Each year an award is given to a faculty member, a staff member and a student who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to our community by volunteering their time and expertise. The recipients receive \$1,500 cash or scholarship, which has been generously endowed by Doug and Sarah Brown. If you know someone who selflessly gives to those in need, please recognize their kindness with a nomination.

### **Fall Sports**

The Lobo football team is gearing up for the season, and I know that many of you share my excitement for the tailgates and touchdowns. The first football game is Saturday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m., against Mississippi Valley State. I hope to see the stands filled this year with excited Lobos and fans cheering on our teams at every opportunity.

The men's soccer team played well in their recent exhibition games, with two wins and a draw. The women's soccer team played well against two highly ranked teams. Although they did not prevail, I'm sure that we will see great things from them this year. I encourage you to attend many fall sports events, and show our competitors a fierce Lobo Nation. As a reminder, [students get free admission](#) to football, men and women's soccer and volleyball games. Staff and faculty receive [discounted season tickets](#) for football, 50 percent off for all seven home games at Branch Field at University Stadium.

### **Game Day Friday**

In the spirit of Lobo pride, the UNM Bookstore began the Game Day Fridays sales last week. All Bookstore locations, Main Campus, Medical/Legal Store and the Lobo Den at Wise Pies Arena, offer 25 percent off all Lobowear, Spirit items and imprinted supplies every Friday through March 2016. Take advantage of these savings. I look forward to seeing Cherry and Silver covering the campus every Friday.

### **Information Technology Strategy**

It is critical that our institution is nimble and agile enough to respond to needs of our students and our state. This is particularly important with respect to information technology, where we must move quickly to keep up with evolving technology and the demands of our students, faculty and staff. However, solutions are often complex and costly, and security requirements are a constant concern. I am writing about this today to let you know that we are working hard to enhance information technology services throughout campus, and specifically to announce the creation of the UNM Information

Technology Strategic Advisory Committee. This new committee of campus experts will advise me on issues concerning the strategic direction, alignment and priorities for information technology campus-wide. This will facilitate improved long-term planning, and also allow for quick decisions when necessary to ensure effective and efficient delivery of cutting-edge information technology services.

Have a great first week of the semester and Go Lobos!

Bob