President’s Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon, and happy homecoming!

Live Lobo and Prosper
Homecoming is undoubtedly one of the most exciting weeks in the academic calendar, filled with Lobo events and opportunities to connect alumni, students, faculty, staff and Lobo enthusiasts.

The theme this year, Live Lobo and Prosper, reminds me of one of our primary university goals – preparing Lobos for lifelong success. We have programs and initiatives to share proud Lobo stories, and excite people about being Lobos. And at the core of what we are doing, we want our students to leave the University prepared for careers, continued learning and never ending discovery. We want our alumni to say proudly that their success was made possible due to their ambition, skills and educational experience. Live Lobo and Prosper is a call to action for everyone at the University to combine the resources and experiences of UNM with their own strengths to create their success.

Thank you to the Alumni Association for sponsoring many of the events, and for coordinating the schedule of events. Here are a few of the many events scheduled for the week.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy has arranged the Homecoming Lecture, Brutal compassion or compassionate brutality: The paradoxes of care in setting of urban poverty, and the UNM Health Sciences Center will host an open house for guests to learn about the state-of-the-art health education facilities.

Staff Council will host a Homecoming Luncheon on Tuesday for all University staff, and the Alumni Association is sponsoring a Faculty and Staff Alumni Luncheon for UNM alumni now working for the University.

The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology will take guests on a “behind the scenes” tour of archaeological and ethnological collections, followed by a special Indian Bread Baking lunch on Wednesday.

The College of Fine Arts has arranged a Panel Discussion on “The Impact of Graduate School on Women Artists” as well as a Graduate Art Student Open Studio Tour on Friday.

On south campus, the Alumni Association, Global Education Office, UNM Lettermen and CELAC Program have sponsored a Homecoming Soccer Tailgate on Wednesday, before the Men’s Soccer team takes on the Valparaiso University Crusaders. The week comes to a head with spirit events like the Lobo Spirit Day and Pep Rally on Friday, several tailgates and finally the Homecoming Game, Lobos vs. Hawai’i Rainbow Warriors.

I hope that everyone will get to chance to participate in a few of the homecoming events. Have a great Homecoming week and Go Lobos!

Bob