



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon, and welcome back to our students joining us for the summer session.

Summer is often a time of transition, and a notable change is taking place in Scholes Hall. Vivian Valencia, who served as the University Secretary for 22 years, has made a monumental contribution to UNM's mission of education and service. Under her guidance, the Secretary's Office coordinated scores of dignified and memorable freshman convocations, commencement ceremonies, and presidential inaugurations, and provided expert support for our Faculty Senate and other Faculty Governance entities. Her wise counsel and deep institutional memory will be missed, but her example of calm, cheerful leadership will continue to guide us.

Provost Abdallah recently announced that Kenedi Hubbard will be UNM's [new University Secretary](#). I congratulate Kenedi with mixed feelings. She surely deserves this new responsibility, but she is leaving my team where she has been an incredible asset for the past three years serving as our strategic support manager. Her commitment to this institution is inspiring, and I have no doubt she will be a successful and influential leader in her new role.

Mountain West Champions

Congratulations to our Lobo Baseball team on winning the [Mountain West Conference Baseball Championship](#) last weekend. This is a major accomplishment for Head Coach Ray Birmingham and all of our student-athletes, who went on to play in the NCAA Tournament this weekend. The team started out strong on Friday, beating Dallas Baptist University, but did not advance to the NCAA Super Regionals. I take great pride in their spirit, strength and sportsmanship throughout this outstanding season.

I also want to recognize Colton Thomson and Luis Gonzalez who were named the Mountain West Championship Most Valuable Players. This conference recognition highlights what our fans already know is true, that our students are some of the best college athletes around.

Technology

The Office of the CIO has hosted Tech Days for the past six years as an outreach to campus colleagues and users to showcase our work and the work of other information technology professionals across campus. Attendance has grown to over 600 participants, and this year will be no different.

This free event gives UNM's faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to learn about technologies on campus and participate in discussions of the current state of technology and future innovations at UNM.

This year, we have booked a combination of 49 presentations and training sessions, and will have several sponsors on premise as well. [Registration](#) for the event, which will be on June 9 and 10 is currently open and the [program](#) is available online. I encourage you to read more about the presentation topics and share this news with potential participants in the wider UNM community.

Go Lobos!

Bob