



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon, and welcome back from fall break.

Creating and Sustaining Social Justice

The UNM Division for Equity and Inclusion will present two workshops today with the Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington, the president and founder of the Washington Consulting Group (WCG), a multicultural organizational development firm, and the president and founder of the Social Justice Training Institute. Dr. Washington was named by the Economist as one of the Top 10 Global Diversity Consultants in the world, he is one of only two from the U.S. He has served as an educator, administrator and consultant in higher education for more than 32 years.

Dr. Washington's keynote on [Creating and Sustaining Social Justice Institutional Change for UNM staff, students and faculty](#) is today from 1-2:30 p.m. in SUB Ballroom B & C.

An additional workshop on the "Conflict Within: Working with Historically Oppressed Populations in Healing and Action" will be from 3:30-5 p.m. in Stamm Commons Room 104 at the School of Engineering. Both workshops are free to attend and open to anyone interested.

100&Change

Earlier this year, the MacArthur Foundation announced a grant competition for proposals to change the world. The [100&Change competition](#) award is a "\$100 million grant to fund a single proposal that promises real and measurable progress in solving a critical problem of our time."

There are numerous such programs happening on our campus, and I am excited to share that our very own [Project ECHO has thrown their hat into the ring](#) to win this grant. For those who are not familiar, [Project ECHO](#), led by Dr. Sanjeev Arora, is a revolutionary way of providing medical education and specialization, making it possible for the best medical care to reach every corner of the world. I wish the best to Dr. Arora and his team as they seek this grant.

Town Hall

I would like to invite everyone to an informal town hall discussion this Friday, Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the SUB Ballrooms. Provost Chaouki Abdallah, Executive Vice President David Harris and I will be speaking about a number of critical university issues, including an update on the UNM budget and state funding reductions, and an update on the Department of Justice review of UNM Policies and Procedures. I hope that you will join us to take part in this important conversation.

Seeking Award Nominations

The UNM Alumni Association is seeking [nominations](#) for its prestigious James F. Zimmerman, Bernard S. Rodey, Erna S. Fergusson and Faculty Teaching Awards.

In order to be considered for an award, nominees should meet the following criteria:

- **James F. Zimmerman Award** is given to an alumnus of The University of New Mexico who has made a significant contribution that has brought fame and honor to The University of New Mexico or to the State of New Mexico.
- **Bernard S. Rodey Award** is presented to an individual who has devoted an unusual amount of time in a leadership capacity and whose efforts have contributed significantly to the field of education. The recipient need not be an alumnus of UNM.
- **Erna S. Fergusson Award** is given in recognition of exceptional accomplishments, or for commitment or distinguished service to The University of New Mexico. The recipient need not be an alumnus of the University.
- **Faculty Teaching Award** recognizes outstanding teaching and service to students.

Have a great week, and Go Lobos!

Bob