



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

CIA Director to Visit Campus

The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, in collaboration with the UNM Global and National Security Policy Institute, will host the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) John O. Brennan in an exclusive campus community event.

Director Brennan will lead a discussion titled, "Intelligence and Security Challenges in the Next Decade." A moderated Q&A with Director Brennan is part of the program. He will also talk about the new CIA Signature School Program, an initiative to develop long-lasting, sustainable relationships with key campus constituents.

The event, which is open only to the UNM campus community—including students, faculty and staff, is this Thursday, Nov. 10 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in UNM Student Union Ballroom (SUB) C.

Interested attendees are required to pre-register online for the event. Attendees will be required to check in by presenting a valid UNM ID at the RSVP table upon entry on the day of the event. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for security processing and a bag search.

The deadline to register is today—Monday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

Supporting Student-Veterans

This Friday, on Veteran's Day, [we honor and pay tribute to the proud men and women who have served our nation](#), both in times of peace and war. Our country's Veterans have given a part of their lives to protect and serve the nation. This day is just one opportunity we are given as Americans to collectively recognize this selfless service.

I'm proud to say that we have many Lobo student-Veterans. I would like to sincerely thank those here at UNM who are a part of and who work to support our student-Veteran and military student populations. Transitioning from military to civilian and college life is challenging, even for our nation's bravest men and women. Programs like [Green Zone Training](#) strengthen our community. Additionally, UNM's Counselor Education program has had commendable success in developing [Veterans-Transition courses](#) that help our troops transition into college life.

One major topic of concern, nation-wide, is the mental health of troops returning home. Veterans often face mental health challenges following service. The concern is worsened by a mental health stigma that

affects vets and many civilians—a perception that acknowledging mental distress or seeking help indicates weakness or a character flaw.

This Wednesday, Nov. 9 the UNM community is encouraged to stop by the northwest corner of Smith Plaza to learn more about support programs and smash a pumpkin, symbolize smashing mental-health and Veteran related stigmas.

Also this Friday on Veterans Day, [UNM is honoring its Veterans and military service members](#) with a ceremony at the Alumni Memorial Chapel starting at 9 a.m. The celebration includes guest speaker UNM Regent Bradley C. Hosmer and other representatives of the different branches of the military. Sgt. Matthew Q. McClintock's name will also be added to the Memorial Wall.

I'd like to send a special thank you to our [Veteran's Resource Center](#) for leading the way in supporting our Lobo Veterans, and the greater New Mexico Veteran community.

GO Bond

Tomorrow is an important day for our country. I hope you take the time to get out and vote, if you have not done so already. I want to stress the importance of the General Obligation Bond (GO Bond) and Mill Levy one last time before you check your ballot. There is a lot on the ballot to consider this year. This is just a reminder that the [GO Bond C](#) is not just about UNM's main and branch campuses—it is about the success of education in New Mexico, [impacting dozens of campuses](#) across the state.

A vote for the bond is a vote for thousands of students, staff and faculty who will benefit from the various projects, and for the hundreds of jobs created by this funding. For those who live in Bernalillo County, a vote for renewal of the mill levy will allow for UNMH to continue providing trauma care and many other critical services to New Mexicans. For those of you living in Sandoval County, a vote for the mil levy will support UNM's Sandoval Regional Medical Center and Presbyterian's Rust Medical Center.

Women's Cross-Country Team Wins Championship Ninth Year in Row

Continuing to dominate the field, the UNM women's cross country team captured their [ninth consecutive Mountain West Cross Country Championship title](#) this season. Congratulations to head coach Joe Franklin and the team on this hard-earned and well-deserved honor.

I hope to see Lobo hoops fans this Friday at the season-opener for our UNM Lobo Men's Basketball Team against Idaho State at the Pit, followed by the women's team against Fairleigh Dickinson at the Pit on Saturday.

Have a great week, and Go Lobos!

Bob