



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon!

TEDxABQ

Next weekend Popejoy Hall will certainly be busy as more than 2,000 people join in the [TEDxABQ experience](#). The same event last year was a huge success, so I have no doubt that this will be another exciting program. Several speakers will talk about healthcare, science, policy, technology, the arts and other topics, all related to our great state. What is more exciting is that UNM students, staff and faculty get a significantly discounted ticket rate. The standard ticket rate of \$65 has been reduced to \$25 for students and \$45 for staff and faculty. Thanks to funding allocated by the Student Fee Review Board for supporting the student discount. This is a full day event on Saturday, Sept. 12. Discounted tickets are available at the Popejoy Box Office.

Institutional Bonds Student Input Forums

Please join our ASUNM and GPSA student governments on September 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB Atrium to learn more about UNM plans for new buildings and facility renovations. There will be information on each proposed project, along with experts to answer questions and listen to student feedback. I would encourage all of our students to attend and learn more about these important proposals. For more information about the proposed projects, visit bonds.unm.edu.

Generosity Recognized

Last week I announced the Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award nomination period. I want to make sure that everyone is aware of the [nomination process](#). At UNM, we talk about commitment to our community, and this award is one way to tangibly recognize those who lead the way. Each year we receive nominations for inspiring individuals, and I know there are many more who are not recognized. I want to encourage everyone to [nominate charitable and selfless students, staff and faculty members for this outstanding award](#).

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Early this year five departments that support institutional needs conducted customer satisfaction surveys and reported their findings to the Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The [survey was recently published online](#), and has generated discussion about what the five departments are doing well, as well as opportunities to improve. Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. Your feedback will be very important as we continue to enhance all aspects of the University's day-to-day business operations.

Emergency Alerts and Advisories

Tomorrow morning the University will be [testing emergency notification systems as well as the siren](#). The test is a routine activity to make sure that our alert systems are working properly and ready in case of a real emergency. If you do not receive a notification via text or email, please go to the [LoboAlerts website](#) and make sure that your contact information is correct. This messaging tool is one of the best

and quickest ways to notify the campus community of critical situations. LoboAlerts notify the campus of an immediate emergency, while LoboAdvisories send information about potentially dangerous situations. Emergency management and preparedness is a large concern on any campus. I would like to thank the University Emergency Manager Byron Piatt, Clery Compliance Officer Rob Burford and all staff working to keep UNM emergency ready.

Labor Day Weekend

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful three-day weekend. The University will be closed next Monday for Labor Day. Please be safe, and have fun. If you are looking for Lobo activities over the break, don't forget that our [football team](#) will kick off the season on Saturday. Our [Men's Soccer team](#) played an exceptional game last weekend. The game was close, but in the second half they fell to the UCLA Bruins, the number one soccer team in the nation. They will play a home game on Friday at 7 p.m. and the [Women's Soccer team](#) will play this Thursday at 2 p.m. The [Volleyball team](#) will play in the Lobo Classic Friday and Saturday at Johnson Center. Students, these are free events for you, so take advantage of the opportunity.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob