



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Thanksgiving is only days away, which means the end of the semester is just around the corner. I'm sure many students are thankful for that fact alone. I want to express my thanks for the most important thing that drives UNM forward – its people. Thank you to our students, whose curiosity and creativity pushes UNM beyond limits. Thank you to our staff and faculty who share a passion for innovation, education and academic support and who always go above and beyond. Thank you to our alumni and institutional partners who prove time and time again their dedication to the success of the University. I wish the best to you and your loved ones this holiday weekend.

### Cross Country Success

Congratulations to our [Lobo Women's Cross Country team](#), which won the NCAA title last weekend, the second national title of its kind in the history of UNM. This is an incredible feat for these student-athletes, who have represented the University well through their achievements. This is a huge triumph for the team and a great point of pride for UNM.

### Green Technology Award

The University of New Mexico and Sandia National Laboratories have received the [2015 Gold Award in Green Technology](#) from R&D magazine for development of the CO2 memzyme. CO2 memzyme is an ultra-thin membrane that is the first cost-effective technology for carbon dioxide separation and capture to meet and exceed the Department of Energy's (DOE) targets for helping to reduce the threat of climate change. Jeff Brinker, Ying-Bing Jiang and their collaborator from Sandia National Labs Susan B. Rempe, along with team members Yagin Fu, Dian Jiao, Juan Vanegas and Joseph Cecchi participated in the development of the technology. It was selected as one of the 100 most technologically significant new projects of the year in Mechanical/Materials for the R&D 100 awards.

### Admired Educators

Geraldine Forbes-Isais, dean of the UNM School of Architecture and Planning, has been identified by DesignIntelligence as one of the 25 "Most Admired Educators for 2016." This is an outstanding compliment, recognizing her outstanding leadership and devotion to education. Congratulations Dean Forbes-Isais, it is an honor to have the industry's most respected professionals leading and teaching at UNM.

### Hanging of the Greens

Be sure to mark your calendars for Hanging of the Greens next Friday, Dec. 4. Join the UNM Mortar Board Senior Honor Society in the University's oldest student tradition, caroling through campus after it has been beautifully decorated with thousands of luminarias. The festivities will begin with hot chocolate and biscochitos in front of the central campus UNM Bookstore at 5:45 p.m. I look forward to joining the crowd in, what I believe is, one of the greatest community events on campus.

Have a great week and a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Bob