



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

The UNM community is not only a diverse community but also an accepting one, in which the individual is supported by the pack. A [candlelight vigil](#) held on Thursday honoring the victims of the Orlando massacre was a great reminder of that support. Students, staff, faculty and community members alike came together in memory of those lost, to show our compassion, concern and, most importantly, unity.

I thank the leaders and staff of the LGBTQ Resource Center for [hosting this vigil](#) and for all they do everyday to make this a place where everyone can flourish. I applaud them as well as the Division of Equity and Inclusion, the Office of Equal Opportunity, and many other support groups and individuals on campus that are dedicated to promoting inclusion, respect, and responsibility to our community as guiding principles of our University.

Innovation and Invention

Innovation happens daily on our campuses and in our facilities. Lobos are inventive, looking for solutions and ways to better the world. Our students, faculty and alumni change the world through research. We see innovation as a way our faculty and students can grow New Mexico.

This week, I read a great story about a [UNM alumna's invention](#) that will make life easier for many parents. Her patent is a tangible example of how Lobos are finding new ways to simplify life. Gina Cormier is a former UNM soccer player and a College of Education graduate who created the Yummy Spoon, a self-feeding spoon to feed kids health food on-the-go.

For the next several weeks, the Manufacturing Training and Technology Center (MTTC) at STC.UNM will host the Sandia National Laboratories [Nonlinear Mechanics and Dynamics Summer Research Institute](#) (NOMAD). That's a mouthful, but it means that some of the world's greatest developing researchers have come here to solve world problems.

Our facilities, our people, and our location make UNM a great place to foster scientific advancement. This is one of many ways this institution is helping to shape our future.

Thank you to STC.UNM, the School of Engineering, MTTC, the Center for Advanced Research Computing and everyone working to make the NOMAD institute at UNM a success.

Emergency Alerts and Advisories

Tomorrow morning the [University will be testing emergency notification systems](#) as well as our siren system. The test is a routine, semester 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.

LoboAlerts are used to notify the campus of an immediate emergency, while LoboAdvisories send information about potentially dangerous situations. This messaging tool is one of the best and quickest ways to notify the campus community of critical situations.

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