



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon, and Happy Homecoming!

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Homecoming is a rallying point. It's one of the most exciting and concentrated weeks of institutional pride each year, filled with opportunities for Lobo alumni, students, faculty, staff and fans to connect.

There are [dozens of events](#) scheduled throughout the week that I hope many of you will attend. The various homecoming events include an [Alumni Open House and Silent Auction](#), Homecoming Community Service Event, [UNM Staff Council luncheon](#), an immersive digital projection experience student event and much more. The spirit events all lead up to one great Lobo Tailgate event before the UNM vs. San Jose State football game on Saturday at 2 p.m.

The UNM Bookstore will have a 30 percent off Lobo gear Homecoming Sale on Friday. I encourage you to gear up before the game as well.

Thank you to the Alumni Association for spearheading so many of the events planned in the coming days, and to every office, department and group that will also partake in this grand-scale celebration.

UNM Represented on NCAA Committee

Please join me in congratulating Vice President for Athletics Paul Krebs on being [appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee](#). As one of only 10 members selected nationally, Krebs will apply his expertise to selecting, seeding and bracketing the field for the NCAA Tournament. This is a great opportunity for UNM and the Mountain West Conference, and is reflective of the caliber of his leadership.

NM Higher Education Summit

This past Friday I attended a statewide summit on higher education where there was clear consensus that in order for higher education to succeed in New Mexico, universities need to be proactive and responsive to the current landscape. We are advancing the quality of the state's flagship university by developing and adhering to an aggressive, yet realistic, strategic plan that has kept us moving forward, while best stewarding our resources. The results are showing success. UNM has reached an all-time record graduation, and just last week our Honors College was named in the [top 25 nationally](#). Our work is far from over, but the foundations we have laid in recent years will make us more effective at giving every student the opportunity to achieve their academic goals.

Sarah Belle Brown Reminder

This is a final call for [Sarah Belle Brown Community Services Award nominations](#). The deadline is today at 5 p.m. If you know someone who should be recognized for this, now is your chance to finish the application and submit it to the award committee.

Presidential Award of Distinction Reminder

This Friday is the best consideration date for [Presidential Award of Distinction](#) submissions. This award, established in 2013, recognizes outstanding career achievement, scholarly excellence, leadership in the professions, noteworthy public service, or other humanitarian endeavors. A nomination letter should be sent to the Office of the President, Scholes Hall, Room 144, by this Friday, Sept. 30, along with materials that document the nominee's biographical information, a record of accomplishment, and supporting letters from those who can speak to that record. Questions regarding the award can be directed to Strategic Support Manager Abra Altman at 505.277.1540.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who came out last week for the [Town Hall Discussion](#). These conversations aren't always easy, but they are one way for us to come together to find solutions to institutional challenges. I hope to see even more of you in future, similar discussions.

Have a week, and Go Lobos!

Bob