



## PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

### What Makes Us Different, Makes Us Strong

I want to start by reiterating a [campus-wide message](#) shared last week regarding respect for each other at this time in our nation. Being a Lobo means being a part of a pack. And we respect and protect our pack.

The University will continue to strive for inclusive excellence. I, along with many of you, firmly believe that what makes us different, makes us strong—Lobo strong.

There are a number of offices sending [similar messages](#), and offering support to all of our students, faculty and staff. If you need support, please reach out. A [list of student resources is online](#). Staff and faculty are encouraged to utilize [CARS](#), as well as the UNM Ombuds Services office for [staff](#) and [faculty](#).

### Thank You to Voters

Thank you for every vote of support for the [New Mexico General Obligation Bond C \(GO Bond C\) and the UNMH Mill Levy](#). The passing of both of these ballot initiatives demonstrates that our community stands behind the continued advancement of education and healthcare.

Thanks to New Mexico voters, dozens of schools will be able to begin or continue facility projects that will enhance educational and research capabilities. The mill levy was renewed by voters in Bernalillo County, helping UNM Hospitals provide top-quality care to the state. This is a great victory for the State of New Mexico.

### Lobos Go Global for International Education Week

This week, UNM is participating in [International Education Week](#) (IEW) by showcasing the broad range of global expertise available on UNM's campus and in the community.

For the past several years, UNM has bloomed as a globally competitive university, attracting students from around the world, and helping even more of our own study abroad. I truly believe that this international connection has enhanced the academic and cultural experience of every student in some way. I want to thank our staff and faculty who have worked to welcome more international students to UNM.

Multiple departments will be hosting a variety of educational and interactive events that enhance cross-cultural understanding, inspire the development of new knowledge, and encourage Lobos to connect with

one another. UNM is a home-away-from-home for students, staff, and faculty from over 100 countries. I encourage you to visit the [IEW calendar](#) and participate in some of these exciting opportunities.

### **Great American Smoke Out**

On Thursday, Nov. 17 UNM will be participating in the Great American Smoke Out, an annual event that encourages smokers to quit smoking for even one day or for good. Quitting at any age can lead to marked health improvements. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Great American Smoke Out tables will be set up at five locations: the Health Sciences and Services Building, shuttle bus stop near the Dane Smith circle, Yale shuttle bus stop, inside the Student Residence Center, and the south side of Zimmerman Library. Stop by for free anti-smoking swag, cookies donated by Chartwells, and assistance with quitting.

As a reminder, smoking and other tobacco use on UNM's campuses, including the use of e-cigarettes is [limited](#) to a small number of designated smoking areas; smoking area maps are available online for the [Albuquerque](#), [Gallup](#) and [Valencia](#) campuses. In fall 2017, most of these designated areas will be eliminated as we continue our transition to a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus.

Have a great week, and Go Lobos!

Bob