



## PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

First and foremost, with the end of the semester near, I would like to wish every student the best of luck on final exams, term papers and presentations. This has certainly been a challenging semester for many, and I hope a rewarding one as well for students and faculty alike.

### **Congratulations Lobo Graduates**

Congratulations to the many hundreds of students poised to join an alumni network of more than 170,000 Lobos. This is a monumental milestone in your professional life, and I wish you the best in whichever path lies before you. I hope to see most of you at [commencement this week](#).

The Graduate Commencement, celebrating doctoral and master's degree candidates, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at WisePies Arena aka The Pit, with a keynote address by the President of the UNM Alumni Association Board of Directors James B. Lewis.

The Undergraduate Commencement will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., also at The Pit, with keynote speaker Pamela Agoyo, director of American Indian Student Services and special assistant to the president for American Indian Affairs at UNM.

### **Military Friendly Award**

In the past several months, I have written a lot about the University's continued support and pride in our Veteran students. This morning, I am pleased to share with you that UNM has been recognized nationally as a [Top Ten Military Friendly®](#) school. UNM is ranked #8 among Tier One Research universities. This is a wonderful recognition of our Veteran students and all who encourage their success.

### **Affirmation of Support**

I have joined with presidents nationwide to clarify our support of existing federal regulations concerning DACA students. More information about this is [available online](#).

### **Winter Setback**

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of our annual [Winter Setback Program](#) that will begin next Friday, Dec. 23. The energy savings program reduces campuswide energy consumption and costs, further demonstrating our continued commitment to sustainability. Our Physical Plant Department will lower controlled building temperatures in areas not utilized during the break. The buildings will return to normal temperatures on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Thank you for supporting this energy conservation program and upholding our value in sustainability.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob