



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

The Spring 2017 semester ended with our commencement celebration, and for the more than 3,900 students who crossed the finish line, earning degrees from associates all the way to doctorates, a new chapter in their journeys has just begun. Families and loved ones came to celebrate with them at the various colleges, as well as at the Pit on Saturday. The air was filled with the positive energy of our students, and on that day, UNM delivered on its promise to send another pack of well-prepared Lobos into the world. Their lives, and those of their families, are forever linked to this university, and their careers, health, and their citizenship were positively impacted by their years as UNM students.

Our commencement speaker, Joshua Cooper-Ramo, reminisced about growing up in New Mexico, before describing the power and potential of networks and connections. Mr. Cooper-Ramo drew on his international experiences to give our graduates a glimpse into the future of what might await them in a complex and uncertain world. And while cautioning, he struck a positive note, in challenging them to attack the problems of our state, nation, and the world, using their knowledge and the power of their networks.

As the academic year comes to a close, I want to thank the entire campus community for their outstanding work and commitment to our students and our mission. Next week's special session will determine our state appropriation, after which we will go on to complete our budget process. As I have promised, we will set our sights on planning for the future. While some of you will be busy conducting research or taking a well-deserved break in the coming months, many will be engaged in the process of designing a more robust university, one that will take advantage of the power of the network. During the summer, and extending into the Fall semester and beyond, you will hear more about this process, and you will be asked to participate in its various stages. The network we build during that time will help us frame and address the long-term challenges of UNM. We have demonstrated that [well-planned strategies and have been paying off over time](#). May your summer be productive and may you come back shortly (or in a while) ready to rejoin the pack.

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Until next time.

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