



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

Yet again, we are shocked by the news of innocents killed in a senseless act of violence, with the mass shooting in Las Vegas that claimed the lives of almost 60 people and left more than 500 injured. My heart and thoughts go out to all those affected. As I hugged my family this morning, I thought of those who were not able to do so in Las Vegas and elsewhere. My deepest condolences go out to the victims, their families, friends and anyone associated with those lost or injured last night. This is certainly a very sad day for our country – now is a time to reflect and help – please consider [donating to the Red Cross](#) or the [National Compassion Fund](#).

Twitter Town Hall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Twitter Town Hall today. I received a lot of excellent questions and tried to answer as many as time allowed. I appreciate your thoughtful questions – the level of engagement regarding issues on campus, in our city, state and country make me proud to be a Lobo and your interim president. As with the live Town Halls, we have compiled the questions and answers and posted them on the [president's website](#).

UNM Gives Campaign

As I mentioned in a message to campus earlier, today kicks off the annual [UNM Gives Campaign](#) – through our partnership with the United Way of Central New Mexico and the UNM Foundation – where faculty, staff and employees contribute time and money to charitable organizations, in an effort to change lives and circumstances.

The UNM Gives Campaign runs through Friday, Nov. 17. Please consider making a monetary donation, or highlighting the way you give back to the community through volunteerism, at UNM Gives.

Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

The Office of the Secretary hereby requests nominations for honorary degree recipients. Strong candidates will be eminent individuals and scholars whose contributions are of general significance, and transcend geographical limitations.

Nominators should submit a letter stating, in sufficient detail, reasons for the nomination. Please send nominations to the Office of the Secretary, Scholes Hall 103, MSC05 3340 or univsec@unm.edu no later than Friday, October 13, 2017. For more information regarding submission criteria, visit: [Honorary Degrees](#).

Until next time.

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