

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

We are a true community of scholars, and active participation in the intellectual life of our university is a hallmark of a UNM education. What our students discover and create during their time here at New Mexico's flagship university, working alongside the talented faculty and dedicated staff, will not only enhance their research and educational experiences, but also those of future Lobos.

Engaged Learning Through Undergraduate Research

Research transforms our students' undergraduate experience, allowing them to learn through hands-on practice. The skills acquired through research activities offer a valuable foundation for future career or academic pursuits. This week, thanks to a generous donation, University Libraries announced six recipients of the inaugural [Jim and Mary Lois Hulsman Undergraduate Library Research Award](#), which celebrates outstanding undergraduate research that incorporates use of the libraries' resources and demonstrates sophisticated information literacy skills. Congratulations to: Jesse Yelvington, Ashley Koger, Patrick Latimer, Ellerie Ann Freisinger, Anastasiya Andriyash and Luisa Pennington. You inspire us all and remind us of the value of dedicated and engaged research.

Additionally, the [Undergraduate Research Opportunity Conference \(UROC\)](#), a campus-wide event to showcase our undergraduate research activities, will be held on April 19. With the assistance of UNM faculty, staff and student volunteers, the conference will afford 184 students the opportunity to present their research and creative works.

Lobos Receive NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

I am proud to recognize that nine of our students were among the recipients of the prestigious and highly competitive Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation (NSF). This program draws high-potential, early-career scientists and engineers and supports their graduate research training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Congratulations to: Sarah Blair, Chemical Engineering; Jessica Carrasco, Psychology; Tybur Quinton Casuse, Environmental Engineering; Danielle Harrier, Chemical Engineering; Jaylene Reyane Martinez, Mechanical Engineering; Adam David Quintana, Biomaterials Research; Orion Staples, Chemistry; Emigdio Turner, Chemistry and Brittney White, Life Sciences. This well-earned national recognition is a testament to their talent and dedication, as well as that of their faculty mentors.

#GlobalLobos

One of the great benefits of having a globally diverse student body is learning from the experiences international students bring to our campus as they enrich our academic and social environment. Our Global Education Office (GEO) hosts the [UNM International Festival](#) this Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on

Cornell Mall. The Festival includes musical performances, cultural art and crafts and food from 104 different countries represented by UNM's international student community. Please join us in attending this showcase of international talent!

Campus Commitment to Sustainability

One of the things I quickly learned in coming to UNM, is the dedication of its community to the principles of sustainability. From the way we plan our buildings to simply turning off a light, our sustainable practices are integrated into the everyday lives of this campus. I am appreciative of the many efforts of [UNM's Office of Sustainability](#), and have even [recently added more recycling bins to my own office](#). I encourage all of you to continue to improve and enhance our sustainability profile, while reducing our carbon footprint.

Ask a Lobo

This week, I would like to get your input on a short summer reading list. What books would most benefit me in getting a flavor for New Mexico's history and culture, as I'm traveling around the state? Please feel free to respond [via email](#) or on Twitter ([@PresidentStokes](#)) #AskALobo. Thanks again for helping me learn more about UNM!

Go Lobos!

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