

## PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon Lobos and welcome to the last week of the semester!

I can't believe how quickly the past two months have flown by as we head toward commencement this weekend. The occasion is twice as meaningful for me as I will be [officially installed as UNM's 23rd president](#).

### **Congratulations Lobo Class of 2018!**

Our students and their accomplishments are at the heart of our 129-year story. Each student has their own unique story to contribute, some of which [we've been able to capture and share](#). Of course, it doesn't end here, but you have all earned a well-deserved celebration for your part in writing one of the most significant and difficult chapters.

For those about to graduate, my sincerest congratulations on all of the hard work and effort you have put in to earning your degree. I also want to express my thanks to the faculty and mentors who guided you, and the wonderful staff and administrators who make UNM such a vibrant learning community. The list of those to thank would not be complete without also acknowledging the many people within your personal networks of family, friends and peers who supported you along the way.

I hope the connections you create in the years to come are as rich and rewarding as those you have made here. As each of you continues to define all of us in the best ways possible, forging ahead on the next leg of your journey, don't forget to occasionally look back over your shoulder at where you've been.

### **Doing Well, and Doing Good**

Ian and Sonnet McKinnon are shining examples of those who have achieved great success and seek to amplify that success through mentorship and philanthropy. Native New Mexicans with strong Lobo ties, they have given generously to support numerous UNM programs and scholarships and have been true partners in providing outstanding educational opportunities that reflect their passion and vision for the University. On Friday, the [McKinnon Center for Management becomes a reality](#) as we officially open the doors to a facility that been designed to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for success in a competitive global environment. We are fortunate to also have [Ian as our commencement keynote speaker](#), where he will no doubt inspire our Lobos to not only to go into the world and do well, but to also do good.

There is a lot to focus on in the coming months. For those of you who will be here over the summer, I hope to see you on campus. If you are taking this time off, I'm looking forward to welcoming you back in fall. Again, many thanks you for all you do for UNM in service to our mission. I wish everyone an enjoyable and productive summer!

Go Lobos!

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