



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



August 27, 2018

Good afternoon.

What a great first week, with students back on campus and the feel of increased energy all around. I have had the opportunity to be a part of several exciting activities this past week. I especially enjoyed getting out and meeting so many of you during last Monday's ice cream social! Seeing the campus back in full swing following summer term is always one of my favorite parts of the year.

Statewide Tour Wrap-Up

As many of you know, I spent a lot of time over the summer visiting each region of the state to not only immerse myself in New Mexico's long history and diverse culture, but to meet the people to whom UNM matters most: UNM alumni, community members, elected officials, students, faculty and staff. [A wrap-up of my statewide tour](#) is now available on my website. I will be convening several work groups from among the campus community in the weeks and months ahead to build upon this important foundational work. Specifics regarding these imperatives and opportunities will be highlighted in my State of the University address on Sept. 17 at noon in the Student Union Building (SUB).

I am so appreciative of the candor, critique and optimism I've received from so many of you to support advancing UNM as the University for New Mexico. I will continue to keep the campus updated through regular communications as well as [on my website](#). As always, please share your ideas via email at presidentstokes@unm.edu.

UNM's Impact on New Mexico Economy

Research universities are critical economic drivers for their communities and states, and the learning and discovery missions are interconnected to driving economic and social prosperity. Tomorrow morning, I will have the pleasure of joining STC.UNM CEO Lisa Kuuttilla in announcing "The Statewide Economic Impact of the University of New Mexico," which focuses on how UNM contributes to jobs creation, higher salaries, and workforce productivity in the state. Stay tuned for some specifics on the incredible economic contributions of UNM to the statewide economy.

STEM Shout-outs

Advance at UNM, an NSF project to recruit, retain and promote women and minority STEM faculty, has been highlighting the work of 31 faculty during the month of August. Each day, they have published a "STEM shout-out" for a [UNM professor or researcher doing innovative or interesting research or teaching](#). Some of the accolades so far this month have gone to women studying the benefits of quantum computers, crisis-related behavior on social media and late pre-Hispanic water management and agriculture.

Show Your Lobo Spirit!

Lobo athletic season is off to a great start. Congratulations to both our men's and women's soccer teams for their victories in last week's double header here at home and to the women's team for their shutout of Idaho State (5-0) yesterday afternoon. The Lobo football home opener is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. vs. Incarnate Word. Eligible students can get free tickets to all football games by going to the UNM Bookstore Ticket Office or the Lobo Ticket Office in The Pit. There is also a free game day student shuttle that runs between campus and University Stadium. I would like to encourage all members of the UNM community to come out and loudly, proudly support our Lobos. If you need some cherry and silver gear, the UNM Bookstores has brought back Game Day Friday (GDF) at all its locations, where all Lobowear and spirit merchandise is 25 percent off in-stores and online every Friday until the end of basketball season.

Connecting to Our Community

As an urban campus, we have unique opportunities to partner with our local community to improve the lives of our neighbors. Please join us in supporting the #OneAlbuquerque Challenge "Connecting seniors and youth" by donating items for senior emergency kits to donation sites at the SUB, in Scholes Hall outside Community and Government relations, in the HSSB building on the HSC campus and in the UNM Hospital administration suite. Items needed include canned goods, can openers, flashlights and batteries and will be accepted through August 31st. Special thanks to the UNM Women's Soccer team, the Department of Athletics and the Health Sciences Center Office of the Chancellor for their work coordinating this community effort.

Sarah Belle Brown Award Nominations Now Open

[Nominations for the 2018 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award are being accepted](#) now through Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. The award was established by Doug Brown, a former UNM Regent and dean of Anderson School of Management, to honor his wife Sarah for her dedication to community service and her compassion for those in need. Each year an award is given to a faculty member, staff member and student who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to community service by volunteering their time and expertise. Recipients receive a \$1,500 cash award or scholarship, thanks to a generous endowment by Doug and Sarah Brown. If you know someone who selflessly gives to those in need, please nominate them today.

The President's Weekly Perspective will be back after the Labor Day Weekend on Sept. 10. Have a great week and let's go Lobos!

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