



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

I would like to take this occasion to say thank you to all of you...for your service to UNM, your dedication to our mission and for making this a truly wonderful place to live and learn. Everything we do here at UNM — from the application and admissions process, to the classroom and applied learning experiences, through commencement — is an opportunity to strengthen our campus community. Even the seemingly “little things” we do — like offering a warm greeting or praising a job well done — keep attitudes positive and reinforce the Lobo experience. Although there are so many people here at UNM that I have yet to meet, I know that taking the time to appreciate great work is the kind of simple practice that can dramatically affect our workplace culture — it is fuel for engagement. Recognition is a practice that is simple and powerful, and one that I hope we can all make a part of our lives.

Recognizing UNM Staff

In the time that I have been here as president, our staff have responded creatively to challenges, maintained the highest standards in their work, established positive and productive working relationships, and promoted a respectful and supportive workplace. During July we will celebrate [Staff Appreciation Month](#) at UNM, but I would like to express a special thanks now to our entire staff, who work with such diligence and dedication at their many and various jobs throughout the University. We would not be able to educate our students or conduct our research without you. You play a vital role in the life of UNM and, as we have needed to streamline and gain efficiencies, you have been asked to do more than ever. There is simply no questioning that the staff of this University have stepped up and done superb work.

Enjoying the Summer

No matter what the summer holds for you, I hope you are finding time to relax and recharge. University life follows an annual rhythm that creates seasonal moments such as this to reflect and plan for the future. I hope you can take these opportunities, even if this time finds you back in the classroom, the lab or the office. It will not be long before the campus is in full swing again. For the moment, though, it is good to pause and enjoy the summer. Janet and I will be doing just that later this week. We will be leaving on Thursday for a 10-day trip with my sister and her husband that we have talked about for many years. This is our first break since I became president. It is not always obvious to people outside the university, but the presidency is a family job. I would like to express my deepest appreciation for Janet, who spends numerous hours hosting and attending university activities with me and whose commitment and positive influence energizes my work.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob