



President's Weekly Perspective

Good morning.

Recognizing and celebrating UNM's rich blend of intellectual, academic and cultural life is an important part in valuing our people, as is taking the time to celebrate our experiences. Celebrations provide a moment to stop and to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

UNM Students Connect with Policymakers

I had the pleasure of attending the Domenici Public Policy Conference at New Mexico State University this past Thursday, where speakers addressed highly relevant subjects such as the energy future of the United States, U.S. policy in China and the Middle East, and health care reform. One of the greatest highlights of the conference was the participation of students. Twenty students from across New Mexico were selected as panelists to connect with national and international policymakers and experts, and were the only members of the audience invited to ask questions of the speakers.

Six of those panelists were UNM students, who developed comprehensive and relevant questions to be addressed by some of the top policy experts in the country. Congratulations to this impressive group of students for representing UNM so well. They did an outstanding job and I would like to recognize Nicolas Cooper, International Studies & Spanish; Nicole Devereaux, Biology & Sociology; Holly Marquez, Communication & Spanish; Veena Patel, Biology & Psychology; Earl Shank, Economics & Entrepreneurial Studies; and Chandni Sharma, Biomedical Science & Health, Medicine & Human Values.

Appreciation for UNM Administrators

Our administrative support staff is an important part of our institution, keeping the day-to-day operations of the university moving smoothly and efficiently. These dedicated employees work hard to support administrators, faculty, residents, staff and students. In recognition of the importance of their positions and to encourage cross collaboration and training, the Administrative Support Alliance (ASA) of the University of New Mexico and the UNM Division of Human Resources, Employee and Organizational Development are hosting their [2nd bi-annual administrative professional conference](#) on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the UNM Student Union Building (SUB).

This year's conference theme is "Self-Empowerment for Administrative Professionals in a Climate of Change." The keynote speaker is Ann Rhoades, who is a dynamic and visionary human resources executive with more than 25 years of successful experience working with Southwest Airlines, JetBlue Airlines and with her own company. I encourage supervisors to send their support staff to this valuable conference, and for our administrative professionals to register and attend.

Howllywood Homecoming!

Each year, [Homecoming](#) gives us the opportunity to reconnect with former students from around the world. As a proud Lobo alum, I understand the importance of this tradition. A celebration of the Lobo spirit and of alumni contributions, Homecoming is a time when the many elements that make UNM

a strong, dynamic university come together. Past, present and future students with a wide range of backgrounds and interests converge on campus, representing UNM's continually unfolding history as a vibrant institution.

Homecoming means so much more than many people realize. It is not just a way of having fun, but celebrating the unity of the campus, reuniting with old friends, and creating new memories. The spirit of Homecoming should be encouraged and embraced throughout the year, within every activity, developing and representing UNM's character and pride. This week is not just for alumni and students, but also for the entire campus and UNM community. That is why I hope you will take time to participate in and enjoy the many activities that are planned. Let's all show our Lobo spirit throughout this year's "[Howllywood Homecoming!](#)"

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Each morning when I walk out of my front door, I am greeted by the sight of one of the most historic and iconic buildings on our campus, and one in which I spent much time. Like many students, I have spent many hours in Zimmerman, often in a fugue of anxiety, swearing I would begin studying for my next test much earlier. This fall, [Zimmerman Library celebrates 75 years](#) of supporting scholarship, research, and discovery. The heart of any great university is its library, and the growth of Zimmerman Library over the past three quarters of a century reflects our aspiration to be a preeminent public research university.

Today, the Library offers students and researchers one of the most comprehensive information resources in the Southwest and continues to build its print, multimedia, and networked information. The [75th anniversary](#) includes a slate of events and exhibitions over the course of the semester in celebration of the Library's enduring mission of connecting people to knowledge, and the vital contributions that Zimmerman Library has made to the advancement of University of New Mexico, its faculty, students and alumni.

Have a great, safe, Homecoming Week and Go Lobos, beat UNLV!

Bob