



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

This will be a very busy week on campus as we gear up for the fall semester. I am excited to welcome our Lobos moving onto campus over the next few days. For those preparing for your first year living on campus, my advice is to make the most of all of the events sponsored and organized by the Student Activities Center, Residence Life & Student Housing and our other departments so that everyone can get ready for another fun and fruitful semester. I would also like to remind everyone who will be on campus this week that [we are anticipating a lot of traffic](#) while many of our students begin moving into campus housing, so please plan accordingly. Thank you to our student housing staff, Parking and Transportation department and everyone else who is working to make sure that [Operation Lobo Move-In](#) goes as smoothly as possible.

Family Involvement

My staff and I have been very pleased to see and be a part of some of the freshman orientation sessions this year. I was thrilled to see the energy among students, parents, staff and faculty in the sessions I attended. There have been a lot of changes to our orientation programs, and I give kudos to our New Student Orientation Leaders and everyone involved in the program for working so hard over the summer to ensure that our new students start school with as many advantages as possible.

It's great to know that so many parents have taken part in the Family Connection Program during orientation sessions. Support for students in their first college year is critical, and parents are often the best advocates for their students. I look forward to seeing our incoming class and their families on Sunday at [Freshman Family Day](#) and Freshman Convocation.

Flood Damage

UNM is fortunate to have an award winning Physical Plant Department constantly working to keep our campus safe and beautiful. It is thanks to this department, and many other exceptional staff, that we have been able to recover quickly from the [damage caused by the recent storms](#). There is certainly more to be done, but I would like to recognize everyone's ongoing efforts to restore our facilities before classes begin.

NCAA

Last week I represented our conference, the Mountain West, at the NCAA meeting in Indianapolis in which the vote was taken to give the five resource-rich conferences fewer restrictions in supporting student-athletes. NCAA changes are of great importance for those who follow athletics, particularly football and basketball. It was a very interesting meeting and we will assess the impact on Mountain West as things develop.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob