



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Making UNM the “Place to Be”

One of the [UNM2020](#) goals is for UNM to become a destination university – a place where everyone wants to be. UNM should be a place that attracts students and faculty from around the world for its exceptional programs and outstanding individuals. It should also be a notable place to work, where staff enjoy their jobs and feel that they make a positive contribution.

For the first time in the University's history, we are [asking our staff to tell us](#) what we are doing well and what we could do better through the [UNM Staff Engagement Survey](#). The survey link was sent to all benefits eligible staff this morning and will be open through Friday, Dec. 5. It will give us a benchmark from which we can improve the University's profile as an employer. It is important that our staff and faculty feel energized and empowered.

Celebrating Global Diversity

This week is [International Education Week](#) and our Global Education Office has organized events that celebrate the cultural diversity of this campus and the opportunities made available through global educational partnerships. The events this week, [including the International Cook-off tonight](#), will encourage students representing other nations to share their experiences and cultures with everyone else on campus.

Another part of becoming a destination university is enhancing our international profile by increasing the number of our students who study abroad, and the number of students who come from other countries to learn here. Events like these help UNM become a more diverse institution so that even students who have spent most of their lives in New Mexico can get a taste of worlds outside the Land of Enchantment.

Artistic Creations

The [51st Annual ASUNM Arts and Crafts Fair](#) will be at the SUB Wednesday through Friday of this week from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., bringing more than 70 vendors to campus with original art and goods.

I want to give kudos to the ASUNM Arts and Crafts Studio director and employees, as well as agency advisor Andrea Hart, for putting together this fantastic event. The eight ASUNM agencies bring many events and resources to campus that vastly improves the lives of our students and the quality of University as a whole. The Arts and Crafts Studio serves as an excellent artistic outlet for the entire community, coordinating workshops and maintaining membership facilities for all of us. It might be one of the lesser-known organizations that can truly benefit every Lobo.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob