



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

### ArtsUnexpected

The University benefits from many remarkable art venues and the inspiring and creative minds here, and ArtsUnexpected is an excellent way to spread our student talent even further. Thank you to the students, faculty and staff at the College of Fine Arts who brought this wonderful event together.

Perhaps you noticed the art performances and displays all around campus on Friday. Although the weather was not ideal for the outside happenings, the third annual [ArtsUnexpected](#) event was a great reminder of the surprising ways that art enriches our lives.

Later Friday night, Janet and I hosted a live auction and dinner at University House. This was part of the Progressive Art Ball and Auction, following the silent auction at the UNM Art Museum. The fundraiser was very successful, and I would like to thank everyone who attended. Janet and I are so pleased to help support the UNM Art Museum and art community.

### Scholarship Celebrations

Last week I had the pleasure of hosting a reception for our graduating Regents' Scholars. This is an exceptional group of students who are completing their undergraduate studies in a wide range of programs.

A few of these incredibly articulate and thoughtful students explained to me how this scholarship has made their studies more meaningful, because it has allowed them to be fully engaged in their undergraduate programs. Many of these students are in the Honors College, and almost all of them have studied abroad, which truly enriches the student experience.

Two weeks ago there was an event celebrating the Presidential Scholarship recipients. Again, I cannot express how impressive our student scholars are. This is a larger group of student awardees, and a wonderful testament to the talent and intellect of Lobos who graduated from New Mexico high schools.

Congratulations to all the 2015 graduating scholars, and best wishes to the next group who are now approaching their senior year at UNM.

### Fulbright Scholarship Awards

Five Lobos recently received Fulbright scholarships to teach or study abroad as participants in this prestigious academic exchange program. Congratulations to [Associate Professor Ruth Trinidad-Galván](#), [Assistant Professor Katherine Crawford-Garrett](#) and the [three students who were granted this fantastic opportunity](#). I am especially proud to see that former ASUNM President, Caroline Muraida, is one of the scholarship recipients.

- Ruth Trinidad-Galván, associate professor in the Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Studies Department in the College of Education, has received the award to teach in Mexico.
- Katherine Crawford-Garrett, assistant professor in Teacher Education, Educational Leadership and Policy in the College of Education, has received the award to teach in New Zealand.
- Anna Adams has received the award to be an English teaching assistant in Germany.
- Caroline Muraida has received the award to be an English teaching assistant in Malaysia.
- William Taylor has received the award to continue archeological/anthropological research in Mongolia.

### **Adding Voices to the President's Perspective**

The UNM community hears from me weekly through this message, when I briefly address the issues that are top-of-mind to me as President. For those of you who would like to hear a higher level of detail about the University, next week I am going to add a web-stream of a special panel discussion. I will be joined by Provost Chaouki Abdallah, Executive Vice President David Harris and Chancellor for Health Sciences Dr. Paul Roth. Our moderated dialogue will cover our academic and research enterprises, the management of University resources, our health system and highlights about areas in which UNM is leading the way. The panel will stream from the web on Tuesday, May 4 at noon, and will be archived on the President's website. A link will be available from the UNM home page prior to the streaming. I look forward to your feedback on the content and form of the presentation.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob