

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon, and welcome back from Spring Break.

IT Updates

MyUNM is likely the only University website used by almost every person on campus. It serves all students, faculty and staff, providing access to transcripts, class schedules, financial operations, employee banner functions, pay information and more. MyUNM 2.0 will launch this Wednesday, refreshing the primary online UNM portal. The update to MyUNM will make the site easier to use, including on mobile devices, improving performance and accessibility of the website.

Additionally, UNM IT will launch a project that requires <u>two-factor authentication</u> in LoboWeb for direct deposit allocations. This update will not impact the majority of those who are receiving this message, but I think it is important to call attention to the measures that UNM IT takes to enhance our web security. Thank you to all of our IT staff members who have made these projects possible.

Finding Nemo in Navajo

New Mexico has many ties to the film industry, and UNM gets to celebrate a link that many people might not have expected. Disney Pixar's "Finding Nemo" has been fully translated into Navajo, with the help of UNM-Gallup Associate Professor Joe Kee. "Nemo Ha'deist'ii" premiered this past weekend.

This story grabbed my attention because of the connection between our branch campus and the film studio, but what impressed me most is Professor Kee's reason for working on the project.

"I am hopeful that the translations and dubbing of both 'Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope' in 2013 and 'Finding Nemo' in 2016 will continue to create momentum and excitement amongst the Navajo youth to learn and relearn their language, and that the translated movies will inspire them to communicate with their elders even more so." - Associate Professor Joe Kee

Council Elections

UNM staff members are asked to elect <u>Staff Council</u> Precinct Representatives this week, who will serve on the council from 2016 to 2018. I cannot stress enough how important it is to get involved in selecting your constituency leaders. Please take the time to learn about your candidates, so you can make an informed decision about your council representation.

Next month ASUNM and GPSA will hold elections for their associations' leadership. ASUNM elections will be held on April 13; GPSA Council Chair elections will be held on April April 30, and President elections will take place between April 4 and 7.

All our representative associations, including ASUMN, GPSA, Staff Council and the Faculty Senate, are a resource to you and help to ensure that your voice is heard. I'd like to extend special thanks to all who volunteer to stand for election and serve their constituents.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

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