



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

New Dean of Students

I'd like to start this week by congratulating our new [Dean of Students, Nasha Torrez](#), who will begin her new role next week. She is a two-time Lobo alumna, and has served as an associate counsel in our Office of University Counsel. Her experience in working with Student Affairs on Title IX issues, Clery Act sexual assault reporting, and student confidentiality and grievances are only a few of her previous associate counsel responsibilities that will serve her greatly as Dean of Students. I look forward to working closely with Dean Torrez, and hope you join me in welcoming her into this new leadership position.

Food for Thought

Not many people would expect a class about food to be taught in the department of Communication & Journalism. But when you think about the intricacies of how we communicate with and about food, it makes perfect sense that a ["food communication" course](#) would now be offered. Kathy Isaacson, a lecturer in the department, offered a graduate level course this semester, in which students analyzed how culture and human interaction is affected by food, and other food impacts on the world. From gastronomy to food marketing, food politics to The Science of Mmm, food has an enormous, although likely underestimated, impact on each of us. I encourage you look at some of the idea's and sources presented by the class, while you consider 'what's for dinner?'

Celebrating Lobos Making the World a Kinder Place

"I believe that we can greatly improve our world by encouraging and preserving the good in life - wisdom, beauty, insight, humor that enlightens - and using these positive forces to heal discord." - Paul Ré

Paul Ré is an artist, writer, poet and peace worker who is recognized internationally for promoting world peace and harmony through his masterful art creations. Since 1972, he has shown how serene and elevating art can act as a model for living and can inspire us to find our inner depth and express it outwardly through good works. In keeping with these ideals, the [Paul Ré Peace Prize](#) is given to the UNM student, faculty or staff member, alumnus or retiree who has promoted peace, harmony and understanding among people of the world, both from within or outwardly through tangible works. The award, administered by The University of New Mexico Foundation, is given biennially.

This year's recipients include: alumnus David R. Muñoz, in general category awardee, for his efforts in combining engineering and humanitarian efforts; alumnus William M. Brown III, lifetime achievement awardee, for his environmental conservation and sustainability work; alumna Denise Elia Chávez, lifetime

achievement awardee, who has focused her writing and advocacy on the border corridor of southern New Mexico, West Texas and northern Mexico; Vincent Barrett (V.B.) Price, lifetime achievement awardee, for his work as a distinguished poet, human rights and environmental columnist, editor, journalist, architectural critic, novelist and teacher; and student Carolina Belmares-Ortega, Emerging Promoter of Peace awardee, who has been dedicated to helping others through her research and academic experience as well as her leadership experience, including involvement in several university and community support programs.

To this year's recipients, I would like to offer congratulations!

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob