UNN Office of the President

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

Campus Safety Week

Next week, Sept. 6-9, is <u>UNM Campus Safety Week</u>, a kick off to National Campus Safety Awareness Month. Among the safety education events, are a <u>LoboAlerts</u> campus warning siren system drill and a shelter-inplace exercise on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 11:05 a.m.

There is sometimes confusion around the term "shelter-in-place," a safety status that can be activated in a variety of situations ranging from a severe lightning storm to an active shooter. Please remember these basic instructions:

- Move away from glass doors and windows
- Monitor LoboAlerts or the <u>www.unm.edu</u> for information and updates
- Stay calm and stay put unless there is an immediate need to leave
- Stay put until an all clear notification is received

Football Season Start-up

The first Lobo Football game is this Thursday, Sept. 1 at University Stadium. Our student athletes will take on the South Dakota Coyotes at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see the stadium filled with fans, showing Cherry and Silver pride in true Lobo fashion. The game will be televised on ROOT SPORTS, so this is a great opportunity to show the country the level of school spirit we have here at UNM.

I'm also excited to share that <u>THE NOMS</u> will perform a pre-game show in the Howl Zone from 5:30-6:30 p.m., as well as a short set at halftime. The Noms are a Lobo favorite when it comes to homegrown musicians. Lobo Spirit wristbands will also be given away to the first 5,000 fans through the gate.

Students, don't forget that all UNM athletic event tickets are <u>free for you</u> if you are enrolled in at least six credit hours. Staff and faculty also receive discounted season tickets.

Supporting Lobo Athletics is about more than great sportsmanship and competition—it is about community, too. Thursday's game has been generously dedicated to the <u>Children's Cancer Fund of NM</u>, kicking off Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

The Online Face of UNM

The UNM homepage was updated last week to reflect the UNM brand and the forward momentum of our institution's image.

For many people worldwide, visiting <u>www.unm.edu</u> may be their first impression of the University. That is why it is critical for the UNM homepage to be a dynamic, enticing entry point. I want to thank the University Communication and Marketing Web Services team, and commend them on the excellent work that led to this website revitalization.

Internship Opportunities

Tomorrow, Aug. 30, the Innovation Academy, in collaboration with STC.UNM, will host an internship fair. Employers will be on site seeking to hire students for semester-long appointments. The Innovation Academy can also facilitate ways for students to earn credit hours while interning. The <u>event is open to all students</u>, and will be held at STC.UNM, 801 University Blvd. from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

In my remarks at last week's Freshman Convocation, I challenged students to intern at some point during their college career—to get real world experience and make meaningful connections with industry professionals. Attending this event is a great first step towards that goal. Don't miss this opportunity.

For more information about the event, please contact <u>Robert DelCampo</u>.

Sarah Belle Brown Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2016 <u>Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award</u> are being accepted by my office now through Monday, Sept. 26. The award was established by Doug Brown, a former UNM Regent and dean of Anderson School of Management, to honor his wife Sarah for her dedication to outreach in our community and her compassion for those in need. Each year awards are given to a faculty member, a staff member and a student who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to our community by volunteering their time and expertise. The recipients receive \$1,500 cash or scholarship, thanks to a generous endowment by Doug and Sarah Brown. If you know someone who selflessly gives to those in need, please recognize their kindness with a nomination.

Innovation Excellence

Congratulations to Avisa Pharma, a STC.UNM startup company developing diagnostic breath test technology, on being selected as a <u>"Best University Startups 2016"</u> awardee. Avisa is one of 18 university companies to be recognized in the first round of finalists. A second round, selected by a committee of 25 Fortune 500 corporate representatives, will be announced this week.

Avisa is one of five STC.UNM companies named as a finalist. Impressively, STC.UNM has more finalists than any university startup program in the country. Tony Stanco, executive director of NCET2, articulated why university innovations are so important, saying "universities with deep networks of students, alumni, researchers, faculty and staff, are uniquely positioned to create the world's most important new companies."

Global Lobo Perspectives

The number of Lobos studying abroad has increased by 66% since UNM created a focus on global learning and campus internationalization through UNM2020: A Vision for UNM. Studying abroad is one of the many ways we provide opportunities for our students to enhance their learning and gain a competitive edge as they complete degrees and enter a more globally-oriented workforce. These students also return to UNM with new perspectives and enrich classroom conversations through their experiences. With more than 300 programs in 50 countries, including short-term and faculty-led options, all the way up to semester and academic year-based programs, international education experiences are more accessible than ever to UNM students. The UNM <u>Global Education Office</u> has made significant progress to increase study abroad opportunities for students and will host a <u>Study Abroad Fair</u> this Thursday, Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Cornell Mall.

Have a great week, and Go Lobos!

Bob