



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

One of the greatest assets to my future success at UNM is to get to know and be involved with the community. Whether it's our campuses, our city or our state, community is about people. It is people whom we serve, educate, care for and employ. And it is understanding their perspectives, desires and goals that will be critical in shaping how this University is led.

I am very grateful for the many opportunities I am being given to meet and interact with so many individuals and organizations who have a vested interest in the success of UNM. Last week, I was invited to the twice-annual tribal consultation with UNM Hospital, where Chancellor Roth and I met with governors of many of New Mexico's pueblos and assured them that UNM would continue to meet their health needs and provide services to our Native American student population. I was also warmly welcomed at an event held by the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce where I met members of the business community who are passionate about UNM's role in our city's future.

Campus Town Halls

In the few short weeks we have before commencement and the summer semester, I will be holding two campus town halls to meet with and listen to students, faculty and staff across the University. These town halls are an opportunity for members of the UNM community to share ideas and observations, and engage in a university-centered dialogue. The first will be next Monday, April 30 from noon-1 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C. The second will be on north campus on Thursday, May 3 from noon-1 p.m. in the HSC Domenici Auditorium. Both events will be streamed for those who are unable to attend. I would love to hear any discussion topics you may have, in advance via [email](#) or on Twitter ([@PresidentStokes](#)), to help me frame the conversation.

Taking the Presidency on the Road

In the spirit of continuous community building, I am planning a statewide tour of the Land of Enchantment over the next few months. I hope to learn about New Mexicans' expectations of and aspirations for UNM. I have already gained an appreciation for how deeply people in the state care about their flagship university. This will be a chance for me to continue my conversations about how we can work together to advance The University for New Mexico, as well as begin to write and tell my own UNM story. I will be sharing more information as plans come together.

Today's Lobos, Tomorrow's Leaders

The experience we provide our students during their time here is not only built around teaching, but also preparing them to be contributing members of society through volunteerism, mentorship, and leadership. Many students take advantage of the hundreds of groups dedicated to student involvement, and some go above and beyond. Every year, in recognition of their academic success and campus leadership, [several UNM](#)

[students are named Clauve Outstanding Seniors](#)—one of UNM's most prestigious awards for students. This year, Noah Brooks, Hallie Brown, Sara Collins, Gabe Gallegos, Afra Hussain, Maria Kelly, Noah Michelsohn and Jesse Yelvington were commended for their achievements at the Student Recognition Reception late last week. Their dedication to bettering themselves, those around them, and our university is to be admired and celebrated.

Ask a Lobo

I am beginning to plan my itinerary for the aforementioned statewide tour, which extends into every region of New Mexico and, of course, includes our branch campuses. I would like to get your input on places you think I should visit, driving routes, restaurants and anything else you can suggest to make my trips more meaningful. Please feel free to respond via [email](#) or on Twitter (@PresidentStokes) #AskALobo. I look forward to learning from you.

Go Lobos!

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