

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

June is a time for longer summer days and celebrating fathers. As many of you know, I love being outdoors, so I'm excited that June is also National Great Outdoors Month and National Camping Month. With a significant number of closures and restrictions due to fire danger, it's a reminder to all of us to care for the outdoor spaces we are so fortunate to have. Here's hoping for some much-needed moisture across the state and relief to the current fires in Ute Park and the Gila National Forest.

Tour Continues to Branch Campuses and Their Communities

As I continue my listening tour across New Mexico, I'm repeatedly struck by the depth of history, culture, and pride in our state. Over the past two weeks, I visited both eastern and northern New Mexico with stops at the Gallup and Taos branches and the surrounding communities they serve. I would like to thank the many students, staff, and faculty who met with me, as well as community, tribal, business and civic leaders. As always, my favorite thing about these trips is the chance to connect with New Mexicans and learn more about how to make UNM the University for New Mexico. I will be at the Valencia branch later this week on June 7. I am also continuing to document the [highlights of each visit on my website](#). If you'd like to join me on the road, virtually, consider following my Twitter account [@PresidentStokes](#).

2018 Women in STEM awards

For the third year running, Advance at UNM released its [2018 Women in STEM awards](#). The awards recognize 10 female scientists from The University of New Mexico for their work on eight separate projects. I would like to offer personal congratulations to Heather Canavan, Judy Cannon, Melanie Moses, Amy Neel, Jessica Richardson, Svetlana Poroseva, Irene Salinas, Eirini Eleni Tsiropoulou, and Kira Villa. These accomplished women not only represent The University of New Mexico with their outstanding research, but are also role models for young girls looking to enter STEM fields – some of the fastest growing career sectors.

UNM Tech Days 2018

This Thursday and Friday, June 7-8, the Office of the Chief Information Officer for Information Technologies will host [Tech Days](#), a two-day event featuring technology sessions, discussions and hands-on demos of current and future technological innovations at UNM. The event also helps align the entire technology ecosystem to a common vision. Our CIO, Duane Arruti, and members of his department will share how the IT campus community has come together to improve the transparency, effectiveness and efficiency of IT service delivery at the University and what the future holds for the UNM IT services of tomorrow. Registration is open through the end of today, and I encourage you to attend if you can.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

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