



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon.

Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful long weekend and time with family and friends! We are now in the final weeks of this semester, and UNM is here to support you in the home stretch before finals. In addition to reaching out to professors and classmates, the [Center for Academic Program Support \(CAPS\)](#) is a great resource for our undergraduates, offering peer tutoring and academic support services for over 800 classes. And the [UNM Graduate Resources Center](#) offers one-on-one assistance and writing support. Asking for help and giving it creates a stronger community and allows us to build on that strength together.

This week's [traveling office hours](#) will be at the Willard Room in Zimmerman Library on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Giving Tuesday

Tomorrow, people across the nation will participate in Giving Tuesday, [including countless Lobos](#). Giving Tuesday originated about seven years ago and has since become a rallying point for charities around the world. This year, UNM staff, faculty and students can participate through the [UNM Gives campaign](#). For those who want to connect their passions with UNM, contributions can be made directly to the [UNM Foundation](#), which will go to supporting UNM programs and scholarships – an area of focus may be chosen at the time of the donation. Alternatively, [volunteer hours](#) or monetary contributions may also be made to the United Way of Central New Mexico to benefit a variety of charities in our community.

Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award Winners

I would like to extend personal congratulations to this year's winners of the Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award: Jaelyn deMaría (faculty), Patty Keane (staff) and Maia Polinger (student). The award was established by former Regent and Anderson School of Management Dean Doug Brown in honor of his wife, Sarah Belle Brown, to celebrate those among us who go above and beyond to serve our communities. The 2018 winners embody these values through their habit of volunteer work, mentorship, community contributions and activism. It was a pleasure hosting the recognition event at University House, where I had an opportunity to meet the winners along with truly exceptional nominees and their friends and families. [Their stories are an inspiration](#) to get involved.

Hanging of the Greens

UNM's oldest student tradition is taking place later this week, and I hope you'll consider joining your Lobo family and me as we sing carols across campus, and enjoy hot cocoa and biscochitos at the annual [Hanging of the Greens](#). The entire community is invited to stroll through the more than 1,000 luminarias artfully arranged by our student organizations. [Hanging of the Greens is on Friday, Nov. 30 at 5:45 p.m.](#), beginning in front of the UNM Bookstore. And, if you bring an unwrapped children's book, you can place it under the tree at Hodgin Hall to be given to a special little one at UNM Children's Hospital.

Lobo Football Ends Season; Kudos to Basketball Teams

It was certainly a busy weekend for some of our Lobo student-athletes. Saturday afternoon offered spectacular weather in Albuquerque, perfect for a football game. Our Lobo team ended a tough season in its game against Wyoming. It was great to be there on the sidelines when our seniors were recognized for playing the last game of their Lobo careers. Many of these young men have inspiring stories to tell, and it was good to see them surrounded by their family and friends.

I was also pleased that both our men's and women's basketball teams won on Saturday and that [Jaisa Nunn earned the Mountain West Women's Basketball Player of the Week honor last week](#), for the second time in her career.

Have a great week and let's go Lobos!

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