



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon.

Moving into the final week before winter break, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your outstanding and dedicated work throughout this year. It is a great pleasure to work at an institution whose employees are deeply committed to our community and students. Your commitment to creating an innovative, collaborative learning environment is both commendable and measurable, as evidenced at Friday night's commencement ceremony where more than 2,000 students received their degrees. It is also reflected in the accepting and supportive ways you treat one another, and the in the way in which you've so warmly welcomed Jeff and me to UNM. I would also like to thank those who continue to serve UNM in critical positions through the break for their service and dedication. Whether you are traveling or staying here in Albuquerque, I wish you peace, joy and a happy start to the New Year.

## **Final Week to Participate in UNM Gives Campaign**

This is the final week to pledge time or monetary donations to the UNM Gives Campaign. With your help, we raised almost \$500,000 for United Way in 2017 and I am proud to be part of such a caring, [committed group of givers](#). Our partnership with United Way of Central New Mexico is another way we give back to our community to help those in need. Thanks to the many of you who have already made generous contributions. If you are still considering participating, you have until Dec. 20 to make your pledge, [which can be done online](#). Every gift makes a difference.

## **Winter Setback Program**

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of our annual [Winter Setback Program](#) that will begin on Dec. 21. Our Facilities Management Department will lower controlled building temperatures in areas not used during the break, through Jan 1. The effort is energy efficient and allows crews to do necessary upgrades to control systems while saving the University about \$18 million in utility costs. Right now, Facilities Management is looking at which areas will bring the most savings and will work with people whose offices are temperature sensitive, such as labs or other research environments.

My President's Weekly Message will resume Jan. 14. Until then, have a great rest of the week and a wonderful winter break. Let's go Lobos!

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