



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon.

One of my greatest passions is for the work done by public research universities. The foundation of a great research institution is built on developing students as scholars and innovators and preparing them to create solutions that enrich both our campus and our larger communities. The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is offering a [one-day workshop for faculty and program staff](#) to learn more about the current trends in undergraduate research. [“Facilitating and Expanding Undergraduate Research”](#) will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6 here on campus, and it aims to broaden participants' knowledge of UNM research efforts and resources. It's a great opportunity for collaboration and examination of possible ways to expand and improve inquiry and curricula at UNM.

## **School of Public Administration Celebrates 50 Years**

Throughout the past 50 years, our School of Public Administration (SPA) has produced generations of public service professionals. Next Monday, [the School will officially celebrate five decades of excellence](#), during which more than 1,600 graduates have received a master's degree in Public Administration (MPA). Those students have served the public in federal, state, local, tribal and nonprofit agencies in managerial, policymaking and other leadership roles. Happy anniversary to all the faculty, staff, students and graduates of the UNM School of Public Administration!

## **UNM Named a Top 10 Military Friendly School**

It is one of my priorities for The University of New Mexico to provide programming and support that fit the needs of military service members and their dependents, so I'm pleased to let you know that UNM has been designated among the Top 10 Tier One Research [2019-2020 Military Friendly® Schools](#). The designation is awarded by VIQTORY, a veteran-owned business that helps veterans transition to civilian employment and education. VIQTORY collects data on 8,800 schools involved in veteran and military communities and annually publishes the results. Thanks to the Veterans Resource Center for diligently working on attaining this distinction. I am proud of our commitment to providing a quality and welcoming environment for our veterans and other military-affiliated students to thrive both on campus and in the surrounding community.

## **Chancellor Roth Recognized for Service to Hispano Community**

'Each of us defines all of us' - a mantra that reflects a spirit that unites us in the appreciation of the exceptional work and reputation of our fellow Lobos. Last week the Hispano Round Table of New Mexico honored Dr. Paul Roth, Chancellor of the UNM Health Sciences Center, at their 25th Annual Tribute to Hispano Legislators event in Santa Fe. Chancellor Roth was recognized for his significant contributions to the advancement of the Hispano community and health services in New Mexico and beyond. This was the first time an honoree was not Hispanic or Native American. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Roth for his exceptional representation of the University for New Mexico.

## **Executive Leadership Announcement**

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Terry Babbitt as my permanent Chief of Staff. Since accepting the interim appointment in August, he has shown himself to be a highly effective and insightful leader, well respected across campus and the greater community. I have been greatly impressed with his energy, knowledge, and commitment to higher education. He will serve as a critical part of the university's senior leadership team, advancing the mission and strategic initiatives of our university by engaging with the entire UNM community and working collaboratively across the institution. Please join me in congratulating Terry and thanking him for his leadership and service to UNM.

This transition will leave a critical vacancy in the Division of Enrollment Management. Interim Provost Rich Wood and I will work together to fill the senior Enrollment Management position, to which Brian Malone has been selected to be the acting administrator. The field of enrollment management has become increasingly important due to demographic shifts that have led to increased competition for students as well as added reliance on tuition and fees to fund the mission of public research universities. We will launch a national search in the coming weeks and will engage a search firm to assist us. Representatives from the campus community will be invited to participate in this important leadership search.

Have a great week, and let's go Lobos!

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President