



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



May 6, 2019

Good afternoon.

As we enter the final week of the spring semester, many of our students are busy with exams, finishing projects and papers, and getting ready to transition into summer. I wish all of our Lobos the best of luck on finals!

I also realize that this is one of the most stressful times of the academic year for our campus, and I want to remind everyone that we have many [resources available to help](#). Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) offers medical, counseling, and crisis intervention services for students, and UNM Counseling and Referral Services (CARS) provides counseling services for faculty and staff. Additionally, our numerous resource and advocacy centers offer many avenues for guidance and are at the ready to help any Lobo who might need assistance, advice or just a listening ear.

For those nearly 3,800 students who are completing their degrees this week, the spring class of 2019, my most sincere congratulations, and welcome to the Lobo Alumni family. Your dedication and hard work and are truly an [inspiration to us all](#). This is an exciting time for our graduates and their friends and families who have supported them along the way. Thank you for choosing UNM. Your time here as scholars, researchers, artists, athletes, and leaders has contributed to making UNM a place where each of us truly defines all of us. I encourage each one of you to continue to define all of us by being bold and fearless, and applying your innovative spirit to the opportunities and challenges, both simple and grand, that wait ahead.

Many of us will be attending [college, school and department recognition events](#) in the upcoming days, [culminating with the spring Class of 2019 commencement](#) on Saturday, May 11 starting at 9 a.m. at Dreamstyle Arena. I am looking forward to sharing in this momentous occasion. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, a two-time Lobo alumna herself, will deliver the commencement address, which is sure to inspire our Lobos as they take the next steps in their journey. For those who cannot attend in person, we will [live-stream the commencement](#) ceremony and post it on the [UNM Facebook page](#).

With chapters around the world, our [UNM Alumni Association](#) is here to help our graduates stay in touch with the friends they have made and connect them with the nearly 200,000-strong active UNM Lobo Alumni. Whether you continue to forge a path here in New Mexico or explore opportunities around the world, you will always be a part of the Lobo family.

A special thanks to our outstanding faculty and dedicated staff, who have challenged our students to be curious, courageous and compassionate. For those students who will be returning, and to those who will join me in working here throughout the summer, thank you for your tireless efforts during the semester, and I look forward to seeing you over the next few months or upon your return in the fall.

Have a great week, a wonderful summer and, as always, let's go Lobos!

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