



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



June 17, 2019

Good evening.

UNM Research Provides Hope

Most of us know someone who has been affected by Alzheimer's disease, which currently afflicts nearly 43 million people worldwide. UNM researchers made national headlines that are giving hope to many, after reporting promising [vaccine results that could stem Alzheimer's](#). This groundbreaking study is a testament to the societal importance of our research mission, and to the dedicated faculty and graduate students who are advancing knowledge within the scientific community.

Cultural Celebrations Across Albuquerque

This summer has started off with a number of community-based events across our city. We celebrated PrideFest 2019 last week and the [National Senior Games](#) kicked off this weekend. This week, the 32nd annual [Festival Flamenco Albuquerque](#) (the spelling is a historic nod to the 18th century Spanish viceroy for whom the city of Albuquerque is named) celebrates this folkloric musical tradition, featuring 52 flamenco artists from Spain, 14 performances, and 40 workshops and classes for flamenco artists of all levels, from beginners to professionals. One of our points of pride is being home to the only dance program with a focus on Flamenco dance and history, and we are delighted to be a part of this important aspect of our UNM story.

June Traveling Office Hours

Opportunities for face-to-face engagement with the campus community have been one of the best parts of being president. I've heard your professional and personal stories; campus history and lore; and questions, concerns, and suggestions. What is most evident is the pride and passion you have for UNM—together we are building on 130 years of excellence, tradition and innovation. I'll be holding [traveling office hours](#) this month at the Health Sciences Center on June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Domenici Center, and look forward to meeting with anyone who can attend.

Tackling Annual Trainings

The summer semester is a great time for UNM employees to fulfill their annual training requirements, or even consider additional learning opportunities offered through Learning Central. In addition to the required trainings, [Learning Central](#) also offers a recording of the workshop designed last year to create a deeper awareness of the factors that impact UNM's student Veterans in their transition to civilian and student life—this is an outstanding opportunity for those who may be newer to UNM or weren't able to attend the training event last year.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

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