



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon.

Summer is a good time to consider our goals for the upcoming academic year and to reflect on the things that make the University run smoothly. One of the greatest assets at UNM is the dedicated and hard-working staff. They also have innovative ideas and perspectives, and that's why today I am excited to announce a town hall specifically focused on employee engagement. It will be held Monday, Aug. 5, from 12 to 1 p.m. in SUB Ballroom C. Since we are starting the academic year with several new campus administrators, I am also looking forward to introducing this new leadership team. You are all valued members of the campus community and your opinions matter to me. If you're not able to attend in person, we will be livestreaming the town hall on the [UNM Facebook page](#). You can also [submit written questions to me](#) prior to the town hall.

Lobo Student-Athletes Shine in the Classroom

Our student-athletes bring more to campus than just their performance skills. They promote a culture of healthy competition while exemplifying the merits of hard work and dedication. Last week, the [Mountain West office announced 135 UNM athletes](#) will be receiving the prestigious MW Scholar-Athlete award. This is the eighth consecutive year we've had the highest number of awards given in the conference. In addition, the men's golf team earned the [top GPA in the NCAA Division I men's golf](#), while the women's golf team was the recipient of the [2018-19 WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award](#). The list of recognitions highlights the diligence of our student-athletes and the UNM Athletic program as a whole - congratulations to all the awardees, their coaches and the Lobo Athletics staff.

Funding UNM Grand Challenge on Successful Aging

Our Grand Challenge on Successful Aging continues to develop and gain momentum in seeking out ways to help New Mexicans live their fullest lives in their golden years. Today is the last day to submit proposals to [fund pilot research and community-engaged research development projects](#). The chosen proposals will directly impact the research through addressing any of the four multi-disciplinary research priority areas we have identified as linked to our overall goals: science & technology; organizational innovation and effectiveness; engaging multigenerational and diverse communities; and economic development.

Time for Family

I will be taking a little time off to spend with my family before the semester starts and won't be sending out a message next week. Look for the next President's Weekly Perspective on Aug. 5.

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

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President