



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



September 23, 2019

Good afternoon.

This weekend I was joined by many of you watching the Lobos take on New Mexico State at the 110th annual rivalry game. What is special about this game is that it is distinctively about New Mexico, bringing fans from across the state to cheer on their team – and either way, New Mexico wins. And what a game it was! It was wonderful to see so much cherry and silver in the stands of Dreamstyle Stadium as the Lobos took a 55-52 victory over the Aggies.

Jeff and I also had a great time getting to know Lobo fans, alumni and community members at the tailgate before the game; and celebrating American Indian Day with tribal leaders from across New Mexico. Many thanks to these distinguished guests, who came to the game representing the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, San Ildefonso and Santa Clara.

UNM Dreamer's Star Continues to Rise

Our alumni never cease to amaze me as I continue to hear stories of their success, innovation and collaboration. Time and again, Cindy Nava (class of 2015) has brought [national recognition to UNM](#) through her leadership and advocacy on behalf of young people of color. Now, she has become the first former DACA recipient to be accepted onto the [leadership team of the Aspen Institute](#) – an educational and policy studies group. Cindy is an embodiment of what it means to be a Lobo for Life, taking her education out into the world and using it to better pave the way for first generation, Hispanic and other underrepresented students to succeed. I can't wait to see what she will accomplish in this new position and am hopeful that other students will be inspired by her story.

Visiting with our Global Lobos

With more than 1,500 students representing close to 100 countries, our international Lobos bring with them a diversity of culture and experience that enhances the vibrancy of our campus. This week I'm hoping to learn more about their thoughts and opinions of our university while hosting traveling office hours at the Global Education Office, Mesa Vista Hall room 2120. I'll be there from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and all are welcome to join. Traveling office hours are my way of getting to know the people on our campus in a more casual, face-to-face and conversational way. If your department is interested in hosting a traveling office hour, [please submit a request](#) and the Office of the President takes care of the rest.

'Imagining America National Gathering' at UNM

This year, UNM was chosen as the institutional host for the [20th Anniversary Imagining America National Gathering](#), which brings together a national consortium of higher education institutions and community organizations to support and celebrate public scholarship in the arts, humanities and design. UNM faculty, staff and students are helping to organize the event, which will include sessions, workshops, seminars,

performances and installations focusing upon the theme of “Mighty Dreams: Designing and Fostering Belonging in ‘America’.” It promises to be a beneficial learning, networking and volunteering experience, with more than 500 people expected to attend. The gathering is taking place Oct. 18 – 20 at the UNM SUB and other locations around the city. You can register to [attend](#) or [volunteer](#) at the event online.

University Policies Serve to Promote UNM Mission

Many of you may have noticed a few more emails coming to your inbox recently regarding University Policies. I've asked that these standalone communications be sent out so that all students, faculty and staff are kept up-to-date and informed on current University policies. You can also always find [proposed changes and draft policies](#) that are under review on the UNM Policy Office web site. If at any point you are unclear on a policy or procedure, please refer to the [University Administrative Policies portion](#) of the website or simply [email the Policy Office](#). It is my hope that the expectations we set for our University continue to enhance our operations and campus culture.

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

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