



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



September 30, 2019

Good afternoon.

As the University for New Mexico, we have the capability of effecting positive change throughout our state. Tomorrow, the [2019 UNM Gives Campaign](#) officially launches, with a goal of raising more than \$1 million dollars for the United Way of Central New Mexico and the UNM Foundation.

This is one of the biggest giving opportunities we take part in every year, and every contribution makes a difference. There are three ways to participate: you can make a pledge directly to [United Way](#), through the [UNM Foundation](#), or by [donating volunteer hours](#). This year, everyone who gives between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 will be entered in a [random drawing](#) for prizes including dinner with my husband, Jeff, and me at University House, lunch with Chancellor Paul Roth, and VIP basketball and football tickets.

[I give because each of us defines all of us](#), and together we can help our community grow and thrive. Please consider joining me in taking part in the 2019 UNM Gives Campaign, and be sure to come to the [Salsa Showdown](#) kickoff event for a delicious launch to the giving season!

Call for Designs for a New UNM Seal

The University Seal is used in the most formal expressions of the University's identity, and as such must represent our traditions, culture and aspirations for the future. The Division of Equity and Inclusion has been leading a campus committee-led effort to develop a new seal design for UNM that encompasses these distinctive attributes. The committee is now [taking design submissions](#), and will then provide an opportunity for campus community input before forwarding the recommended design to the President and Regents. Dates for workshops on guidelines and best practices for design, as well as updates on the process, will be forthcoming.

Global Security Lecture Series

We are incredibly fortunate to be in such close proximity to national research institutions like Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Air Force Research Laboratory. Not only do these partners provide our students with real-world training and careers, they also offer the community meaningful learning opportunities. This month we are hosting the Global Security Distinguished Lecture Series from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 15 at UNM Continuing Education. This free event will feature Sandia Labs Director Stephen Younger, who will be [speaking about arms control](#) and how we navigate changing technological advances and international tensions.

'Champions of the Skies' Come to UNM

You might have seen the posters around campus, or on social media – and the rumor is true: tomorrow I'm doing a tandem jump with the [U.S. Army's Golden Knight Parachute Team](#). This elite team will be conducting

a parachute demonstration on Johnson field from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy the aerial performance and show support for our [UNM Army ROTC](#). As the wife of a retired U.S. Army Colonel, I'm proud to say GO ARMY.

Vote for Your Favorite New Lobo License Plate

As I drive around the city, I enjoy seeing Lobo pride displayed on stickers and decals on people's vehicles and, of course, on license plates. The UNM Alumni Association is asking for your help in choosing which new plate design will be offered in 2020. There are [several online polling options](#). I am looking forward to seeing the final result!

Sarah Belle Brown Award Nominations Extended

Showing gratitude to those around us through community service is one of the many ways we celebrate our students, faculty and staff. To that end, we're extending the deadline for [nominations for the 2019 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award](#) to Oct. 4. The award recognizes one faculty member, one staff member and one student who show dedication to their community through volunteering and lending expertise. The recipients receive \$1,500 cash or scholarship, thanks to a generous endowment by Doug and Sarah Brown. If you know a Lobo who selflessly gives to those in need, please [consider nominating them](#).

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

Garnett S. Stokes
President