



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



December 2, 2019

Good afternoon.

Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful long weekend spending time with family and friends. We are now in the last two weeks of the semester, and UNM is here to support our students in the home stretch before finals. In addition to reaching out to professors and classmates, the [Center for Academic Program Support \(CAPS\)](#) is a great resource for our undergraduates, offering peer tutoring and academic support services for over 800 classes. Also, the [UNM Graduate Resources Center](#) offers one-on-one assistance and writing support. Asking for and providing help create a stronger community and allows us to build on that strength together.

Also, this Wednesday will be my last regular traveling office hours this calendar year. Please join me at the Department of Psychology, Logan Hall, Rm. 125 on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - I look forward to seeing you!

I will be scheduling special traveling office hours in Health Sciences this month to hear the thoughts of faculty, staff and students about the upcoming search for Dr. Paul Roth's successor. More to come later this week!

UNM Health System is Delivering More

As many of us have experienced first-hand, the UNM Health System is committed to providing a truly integrated medical network of primary and specialty care that improves the health of patients in all corners of our state. Through messages of health, healing and hope, UNM Health is sharing their story through its ['Delivering More' campaign](#), which you may have recently seen or heard advertised. UNM Health delivers more by strengthening the platform of teaching and research as New Mexico's only academic medical center, a place of knowledge where breakthroughs, innovation and discovery happen.

Hanging of the Greens

One of my favorite times of the year is when we welcome the entire Lobo community to celebrate UNM's oldest student tradition, the [annual Hanging of the Greens](#). I hope you will be able to join Jeff and me on Friday evening, to stroll through the more than 13,000 luminarias artfully arranged by our student organizations, planned and run by UNM's Mortar Board Senior Honor Society. The event will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 6 in front of the UNM Bookstore with hot cocoa and biscochitos. Carolers will then make their way around campus, stopping at University House for the presentation of the traditional wreath, and then on to Hodgkin Hall for a reception from 6:30 - 8 pm. If you bring an unwrapped children's book, you can place it under the tree at Hodgkin and it will be given to a special little Lobo at UNM Children's Hospital.

Lobos Support Giving Tuesday

Tomorrow, people across the world will participate in Giving Tuesday, including countless Lobos. Giving Tuesday is a global day that connects diverse groups of individuals, communities and organizations around the world for one common purpose – to [celebrate and encourage generosity through giving](#) gifts of support to organizations that have impacted their lives.

Our campus community can participate in the ongoing [UNM Gives campaign](#), along with the UNM Foundation that will celebrate the global event with [#LobosGiveDay](#). This is an opportunity to show your support by giving a gift that will have a positive impact on the lives of students, faculty, staff and the community.

Lobos Can Now Go Paperless on Tax Forms

The end of 2019 also brings our employees the last paycheck of the year. As an alternative to the paper Form W-2 and 1095-C, our UNM employees and retirees can choose to go paperless by consenting to receive your tax documents online through LoboWeb. This initiative, announced by our [Human Resources Department last week](#), seeks to improve your online experience with easy and earlier access, further protect your personal data, and achieve more efficiency by reducing paper and mailing costs. We are asking that employees complete the E-Consent by 1/15/20.

Have a great week and let's go Lobos!

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