



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



January 13, 2020

Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

As we begin returning to campus in anticipation of the semester's start, many of us have undoubtedly made some inspired resolutions related to our health. We know our world can be stressful at times, whether on a personal level or on a national or global scale. To support all of our Lobos as we make our way into the new year with new goals to achieve and new challenges to overcome, we are prioritizing a healthy living and learning environment and reminding the [campus of the resources and support available](#) for a safe and successful 2020.

2020 Legislative Session Begins Next Week

Our State Legislature convenes in Santa Fe this year for a 30-day session beginning next Tuesday, January 21. UNM's public higher education mission supports providing the greatest opportunity for personal and societal impact on the lives of our students, patients, and all those whom we serve. Our Government Relations team, in collaboration with institutional leadership, has outlined [UNM's key 2020 legislative priorities](#), and we will be working closely with our students, faculty and staff to advocate for their success. I will continue to communicate to campus as the session progresses, but please be sure to also [sign up for the listserv \(GOVREL-L\)](#) to stay informed about initiatives that affect UNM. UNM Day at the Roundhouse will be on Monday, January 27, followed by the UNM Alumni Association's legislator appreciation reception.

State of the University Address

On Thursday, January 23, it will be my great pleasure to deliver an address on the State of our University at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C. I will be discussing the progress made over the past year on several university initiatives and outline future directions in a number of key areas, as we work together to set and meet our institutional goals. I hope to see many of you there, and for those who cannot attend in person, the address will also be live streamed on the [Office of The President web site](#).

Transform Ideas to Action at Health Hackathon

The UNM Health Sciences Center and School of Engineering are co-sponsoring the second [UNM HSC Health Hackathon](#), where applicants pitch healthcare problems and then form teams to develop solutions. Students, faculty and community members are invited to signup and participate on Feb. 21-23 and [can register online now](#). A bootcamp will be held on January 28 to provide information about the Hackathon. This is yet another exciting opportunity for our university community to innovate collaboratively for the greater societal good.

Inclement Weather Plan Reminder

As we all know, the weather in New Mexico can change quickly and sometimes unpredictably. During times of inclement weather, [UNM uses several methods of communication](#) to provide the campus community with specific information regarding weather-related closures and delays for the Albuquerque campus, including

LoboAlert text and email announcements, television, radio and social media. On the days that UNM closes for inclement weather, there are several essential employees who are still required to come in to work. I'd like to extend a personal thank you to those employees who keep our health clinics open, our campus safe, and our facilities in working order - among many other jobs. Your dedication to UNM is part of what allows us to create a thriving city within a city for our students and patients, no matter the weather.

Have a great week and let's go Lobos!

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