



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos --

And just like that, we've reached the final full week of the Summer 2022 semester. I want to thank all our extraordinary faculty and staff who made this a successful semester for our Lobo students, and I hope everyone enjoys the rest of this hot but beautiful summer. Take some time, if you can, to [explore some of our incredible state](#), take a vacation, or just give yourself some much needed and well-deserved down time before we're back in full swing.

And as hard as it may be to believe, preparations are already well underway for the Fall 2022 semester, which will be here before you know it—students start moving onto campus in only three short weeks, with the first day of classes beginning on Monday, August 22. And as you get ready for the beginning of the Fall semester, please remember that all UNM faculty, staff and students accessing campus facilities, housing, programs, services, and activities in person [must be up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccination, subject to limited exemptions, before Friday, September 30](#). Thanks, as always, for keeping our pack safe, and we can't wait to see you back for another successful semester.

Congratulations to our 2022 summer semester students, and good luck wrapping up your final projects and exams!

## **UNM College of Nursing Launches New Pathway to Practice**

As the largest comprehensive nursing program in the state, The University of New Mexico College of Nursing is constantly working to respond to the chronic and severe shortage of nurses by expanding access both to undergraduate and graduate programs across the most in-demand disciplines. As part of this effort, I am proud that [our College of Nursing is introducing a new, modified pathway to pursuing a doctor of nursing practice \(DNP\) degree: a post-baccalaureate DNP](#). This new program will allow registered nurses who already hold a bachelor's degree to become advanced professional nurses/nursing leaders in less than three years. This helps us to more quickly meet New Mexico's health care needs, especially in rural and under-resourced communities, and to keep on [delivering more](#), where we're needed the most.

## **LOBOmotorsports Driving for Excellence**

Our LOBOmotorsports student engineers are constantly striving—and constantly driving—in their quest to design quicker, more efficient, and sportier-looking electric cars. In a recent international contest of electric cars at the Michigan International Speedway, [our Formula Society of Automotive Engineers team came in 16th out of 65 teams](#), despite issues involving a bad relay switch that kept the team from competing in several of the points-generating events. Judges were extremely complimentary of our LOBOmotorsports team's car, scoring it highly enough across several other categories to place it 16th overall, and the team was rightly proud of its showing. We're pretty proud of you, too, Lobos.

## Women's Golf Leads Nation in GPA for Fourth Consecutive Year

As I often remark, when it comes to our student-athletes, Lobo pride doesn't just translate into success in their sport; it also means excellence in the classroom. For the fourth year in a row, [our women's golf program recorded the highest collective GPA in the nation among all NCAA Division I teams](#), earning the 2021-22 Women's Golf Coaches of America (WGCA) All-Scholar Team GPA Award. This season, the 12 Lobos on the roster finished the season with a 3.961 team GPA. We also had six team members honored as WGCA All-American scholars: Caroline Jansson, Chloe Lauer, Lauren Lehigh, Jenny Lertsadwattana, Myah McDonald and Lisa-Marie Pagliano. Congratulations to head coach Jill Trujillo, her coaching staff, and the entire team on this fourth consecutive award--an amazing accomplishment, and a testimony to your hard work on and off the golf course.

## Don't Forget Your Mask

The University of New Mexico continues to recommend that masks be worn indoors at all UNM campuses. Bernalillo, McKinley, Valencia, and Sandoval counties continue to be categorized as ["high COVID-19 community levels"](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please continue to [check our Bring Back the Pack website for the latest updates](#).

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

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