



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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“So the problem is not so much to see what nobody has yet seen, as to think what nobody has yet thought concerning that which everybody sees.”

- Arthur Schopenhauer, “Parerga und Paralipomena,” 1851

Good afternoon, Lobos --

Curiosity about our world leads us to pursue and enhance new knowledge. As New Mexico’s only [Carnegie-designated Research 1 institution](#) — and among only 20 or so in the nation that is also a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) — infusing and cultivating that curiosity throughout everything we do is an inextricable part of our institutional DNA, whether it’s pondering the infinite extent of the universe, or scouring for the real-life influences for a particular character in the works of Shakespeare or Shelley. Our commitment to innovation and research spans across all five of our goals articulated in [UNM 2040](#), from advancing opportunities for all New Mexicans, to strengthening our university and its local and global impact. I am constantly amazed and excited by the endless possibilities explored by our innovative researchers.

This week, The University of New Mexico is hosting its first [Research Discovery Week](#), as the [Office of the Vice President for Research](#) (OVPR) showcases a broad swath of UNM’s expansive research while also providing information on resources and opportunities available to all UNM scholars. Participants will have the opportunity to listen to presentations from top-tier keynote speakers, attend open houses, and talk with our researchers about their exciting work. New events are still being scheduled daily, so please keep checking the [2022 Research and Discovery Week Calendar](#). OVPR has put together an impressive lineup of events and hopes to make this an annual celebration.

And while we’re on the subject, the research taking place at our largest academic unit on campus, the College of Arts & Sciences, demonstrates the power behind being a Carnegie designated R1 institution. From the laboratory to the field to one-on-one connections, the 24 departments and programs at the College are crafting endless opportunities for knowledge creation. To advance these efforts, the College recently launched its [new research website](#), which will serve as the “front door” to current and potential students, faculty, and donors who are interested in learning more about the significant impacts the College is making in our communities and around the world. This is yet another example of the power of people coming together for a common goal, and a reminder that research is education at the University for New Mexico.

Integrated Campus Plan Needs Your Input

The University of New Mexico is [kicking off its Integrated Campus Plan](#)(ICP), and your input is needed. The ICP will replace the 2009 Master Plan and includes all UNM branches and properties. Supportive of the

mission and vision outlined in [UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined](#), the ICP will guide our decisions on UNM's physical environment, including the safety, access, mobility, sustainability, and character of each of our campuses. I encourage you to [learn more about the plan and share what you think is essential to improve or preserve The University for New Mexico](#).

American Indian Heritage Month Celebrations and Programming Continue

As American Indian Heritage Month continues throughout November, UNM's Health Sciences Center is [celebrating the contributions and influence of Indigenous peoples](#) across our region, and across the nation, with a number of [online lectures and presentations](#). The festivities began over the weekend, with a dance by the Fire Oak Dance Group from the pueblos of Jemez and Cochiti, and [events and programming](#) will continue regularly in the coming weeks.

Adobe Creative Commons Hosts Grand Opening

As an Adobe Creative Campus, the UNM community can access the Adobe Creative Cloud software under the special [licensing and price structure](#) negotiated with Adobe. The Adobe Creative Commons, which includes a collection of more than 20 apps for photography, video, design, web, UX, and social media, has been a collaborative project between UNM University Libraries, UNM Information Technologies, and Adobe to create a digital media workspace and resource center for all creative pursuits on campus. Several UNM organizations and Adobe are excited to host a grand opening for the space on [Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first floor of Zimmerman Library](#), an event that will also feature speakers from Adobe, UNM Information Technologies, and UNM University Libraries.

Celebrating Our First-Generation Students

With the 55th anniversary of the enactment of the historic Higher Education Act, The University of New Mexico is proud to [celebrate the achievements of its first-generation students](#). As a first-generation college graduate myself, it is particularly rewarding to lead a university that has been designated as [a First-generation Forward Institution](#) by the Center for First-gen Student Success, and which supports the first-gen students who make up nearly half of our student population. UNM Student Affairs is inviting first-generation students to show off their pride on this anniversary, through social media or in-person on campus with a free "first-gen proud" shirt.

Honoring Our Veterans

This Friday, November 11, is Veteran's Day, a time when we celebrate, commemorate, reflect on, and remember our nation's veterans and their families. At UNM, we traditionally mark this occasion by gathering in the [Alumni Memorial Chapel](#), which was dedicated in 1962 to honor UNM's fallen soldiers. We are honored to have so many veterans as part of our Lobo family and the UNM campus community. It is an honor to offer our veterans the opportunity to continue their education at UNM, and I am delighted that we are ranked among [the nation's Top Military Friendly Schools](#). Our [Green Zone Training](#) helps ensure that UNM is a supportive environment for veterans and their families—for we recognize, too, that the families of veterans also serve and sacrifice in their own ways. On this day, please take this moment to say thank you to those who served – and those who serve today.

Spring 2023 Registration Begins This Week

Registration for the Spring 2023 semester [officially begins this week](#). Registration has never been easier: [look for your registration date](#), check the [online class schedule](#), then use the [College Scheduler](#) to build your class schedule.

Election Day is November 8

Remember that tomorrow is Election Day—and one of the best things we can do to honor those who have fought for our rights is to freely exercise our right to vote. Among the initiatives you'll be asked to consider are a number of state General Obligation Bonds, including [GO Bond 3 for Higher Education](#) to help provide New Mexico's colleges, universities and special schools with the ability to ensure students have the tools and resources they need to be successful—for UNM, this includes expansion of our [Children's Psychiatric Center](#) and a new [Center for Collaborative Arts](#) in Albuquerque—as well as [GO Bond 2](#), which provides more than \$19 million to improve public libraries, public school libraries, academic libraries, and tribal libraries statewide. Thank you for expressing your voice through the power of your vote.

Mask Up in McKinley County

With several of UNM's home counties classified by the CDC as having [medium or high COVID-19 Community Levels](#), masks are currently recommended at our UNM-Gallup campus. As always, we are continuing to monitor conditions around the state, and around the nation, which may require us to revisit our mask protocols from time to time.

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

Regards,

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