



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos --

Among the many pleasures of serving as the president of The University of New Mexico is having the privilege of living on our beautiful campus. With its careful blend of Pueblo Revival and modern architecture, walkways lined with colorful native trees and plants, and countless peaceful vistas just begging you to stop and take them in for a moment, UNM looks like no place else. With Spring seemingly determined to stick around at last, it's getting easier and easier to stay outside, and I hope my husband and I see you on campus during one of our frequent walks.

If you're able to commute to campus by bicycle, now is a perfect time to [sign up for the UNM 5K Commuter Club](#), a new initiative launched through a collaboration between [Recreational Services](#), the [UNM Outdoor Adventure Center](#), the [Division of Student Affairs](#), the [Office of the Provost](#), and [Parking & Transportation Services](#) to encourage safe bike commuting. Commuters are challenged to bike for 5,174 miles—matching UNM's elevation—and are eligible for tune up services, parking passes, and discounts on gear. And you'll be helping us strive toward our [UNM 2040 sustainability goal](#), working to improve our natural environment, as you look out for your physical and mental health.

Speaking of mental and physical health, April 29 marks the [sixth annual Stadium Stair Challenge](#), in which participants are given an opportunity to walk or run the 1,668 stairs in University Stadium as they raise money for our [AGORA Crisis Center](#). It's a great way to get your blood flowing for a good cause, and [registration is now open](#).

Finally, the warmer weather makes it a great time to check out some of our Lobo athletes in action, whether it's catching a [baseball](#) or [softball](#) game, watching our [men's](#) and [women's](#) tennis teams, or rooting for the [Track & Field team](#), which is beginning its outdoor season at the UNM Track & Field Complex. There are plenty of events to choose from; tickets for students are free while faculty and staff can still [pick up a Lobo Pride Pass](#) for access to all home games and competitions for these teams.

I'll see you outside, Lobos!

## Undergraduate Researchers Shine at UROC 2023

Some of the major benefits of being the state's only Research 1 institution are the everyday opportunities our students are afforded to work closely with faculty mentors on innovative research across a wide range of disciplines. Each year, our students [are afforded the chance to showcase their research as part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Conference \(UROC\)](#), and compete in the UROC 180, in which students are provided just 180 seconds to present their research. [This year's conference](#) will be held in person in the SUB on Friday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are also still needed, so [please sign up here](#) if you'd like to lend a hand.

## Celebrate the World at GEO's International Festival

The University of New Mexico is proud to be home to countless international students from every corner of the planet and, as one of only 35 Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institutions in the nation, embraces its role as a leader in the global community. Each year, [UNM's Global Education Office \(GEO\) celebrates and supports international fellowship by hosting its International Festival](#), which begins on Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m. on Cornell Mall and continues until 2 p.m. As home to more than a thousand international students and scholars from 94 countries, UNM and GEO are excited to highlight our global community and cross-cultural awareness with this free festival. Come celebrate with live performances and cultural presentations and enjoy food from plenty of international cuisines.

## UNM Athletics Offers Free CPR Training

Sometimes, an hour of your time can save someone's life; that's how long it takes to learn about and be trained in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). [UNM Athletics is proud to co-host three hour-long CPR training sessions](#) on Saturday, April 15, between 9 a.m. and noon at University Stadium. These sessions are free and open to the public, but space is limited so you are encouraged to [pre-register](#). Register in advance and you'll receive two complimentary tickets to the Lobo Football home opener on September 9; once you complete the training, you can also show your CPR completion card for free admission to the Lobo Softball game later that afternoon at the Lobo Softball Field. Getting trained only takes an hour—and someone's life may depend on it.

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

One of the best ways we can increase awareness of sexual assault on our campus is by coming together as a community. April is [Sexual Assault Awareness Month \(SAAM\)](#), and [centers across The University of New Mexico are joining together to support this year's national theme, "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity."](#) This national campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to build racial equity and respect. UNM's [LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) have several events planned in recognition of sexual assault awareness, including a Town Hall and panel discussion on victim assistance on April 24. More information and updates will be posted to the [LoboRESPECT](#) and [Women's Resource Center](#) Instagram pages.

## Athletic Department Seeking Feedback on Strategic Plan

Planning for the future is truly a never-ending process, but a necessary one for the continued growth and success of any institution. Following the launch of UNM 2040, as well as the work initiated by Health and Health Sciences, [The University of New Mexico Athletic Department is beginning its preliminary work on the department's updated strategic plan](#). Working under the leadership of Vice President and Director of Athletics Eddie Nuñez, this new plan will build upon the previously established culture of excellence to create a five-year roadmap to the future for Lobo athletics. As part of the process, the strategic planning committee is seeking input from Lobo fans. If you'd like to take part, please [let the committee know](#), and you'll receive a link to the survey. I appreciate your taking part in this important process.

## Climate Survey for Students Open Through April 23

UNM's Division for Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is continuing in its effort to create a campus climate that

fosters diversity and success at The University of New Mexico. As part of this process, Lobo students across all UNM campuses are encouraged to take part in the [UNM Student Campus Climate Survey](#), which remains open through Sunday, April 23. Help us create a safer, more inclusive climate for every Lobo.

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

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