



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



June 5, 2023

Good afternoon, Lobos --

It's officially the first week of our summer semester and I'd like to welcome all of you who are joining us for the next eight weeks at UNM's campuses across the state. To the students and faculty studying, researching, and teaching abroad this summer, I wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you when you return in the fall.

June is National Pride Month

[National Pride Month](#) is a time when we celebrate and support the LGBTQQIA community and allies everywhere, as well as pay tribute to those who demanded and fought for LGBTQ+ rights in the wake of the raid of the Stonewall Inn in New York in June 1969. UNM will always be a place where the LGBTQQIA community is loved, accepted, and embraced. We're very fortunate to have an active, compassionate, and supportive [LGBTQ Resource Center](#) that strives to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, as well as a safe zone environment, for all members of UNM and our surrounding community.

All month long, the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center will be hosting or supporting a number of events, [both on and off our campus](#), to celebrate, educate, and advocate. UNM's Department of Anthropology has also compiled its [annual comprehensive website of Pride-related history, events, research, and news](#), to help you find plenty of other ways to celebrate in and around the Lobo community, including a series of lectures, fundraisers, and other special events. Among the many Pride-related activities is the [47th annual Albuquerque PrideFest](#), and we are honored that [UNM's Truman Health Services has been chosen to serve as grand marshal of this year's Pride Parade](#) on Saturday, June 10.

UNM is proud to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community, to work together to advance equity, success and a voice that is loud and PROUD for LGBTQ people, and to celebrate the mutual love and humanity that brings us all together.

Lobo Track & Field, Golfers Shine in Post-Season

Although the Spring semester officially concluded in mid-May, several of our Lobo student-athletes continued to compete in post-season play late into May and on into June. At last weekend's NCAA West Preliminary Championship, [12 Lobo athletes from our Track & Field team qualified for 15 berths across eight events in the upcoming NCAA Track & Field Championships](#). This is the first time since 1965 that UNM has had 15 separate national qualifiers—an exciting accomplishment for head coach Joe Franklin and the entire Lobo Track & Field team. Our qualifying student-athletes will compete at the NCAA National Championships starting this Wednesday in Austin, Texas, and we can't wait to see the outcome.

Our golf teams also wrapped up their seasons with distinction, with the women's team finishing its run through the 2023 NCAA Women's Golf Championship [tied for ninth place](#), earning the program's first top-

10 finish in 25 years. The men's team also turned in its strongest showing at the NCAA Championships in a decade by [finishing tied for 25th](#), with junior Matthew Watkins [finishing in 28th place as an individual](#). Congratulations to women's coach Jill Trujillo and men's coach Glen Millican and their spirited teams of golfers; it has been a joy to watch you compete this season.

Finalists Announced for VPHR; McIver Appointed Executive Director of SHAC

Three finalists for the position of Vice President for Human Resources & Chief Human Resources Officer have been [announced and invited to visit our campus, beginning next Monday, June 12](#). The three finalists are Carleen Thompson, Jay Stephens, and Kevin Stevenson. Finalist interviews will include open forums and meetings for each candidate with campus administrators, faculty, and staff. Open forums will have Zoom accessibility and feedback surveys for each candidate will also be available.

Within Student Affairs, Vice President Eric Scott recently announced the appointment of [Stephanie McIver as the executive director of Student Health and Counseling \(SHAC\)](#). Dr. McIver presently serves as SHAC's interim director and will begin in her permanent position on July 1, 2023. Working in tandem with Dr. Eric Scott, and with support from the newly formed SHAC oversight committee, McIver will lead an integrated, multidisciplinary team of mental health providers, medical professionals, and support staff in overseeing and administering the delivery of campus-based community health services. My congratulations to Dr. McIver; it's a privilege to continue working with you in this role.

Community Input Needed on Integrated Campus Plan

Following a series of successful open houses in April, work continues on UNM's Integrated Campus Plan (ICP), which will shape the future look and feel of The University of New Mexico's campus and landholdings--our wide collection of classrooms, labs, office spaces, housing halls, and other facilities, spread across 2,000 acres around the state. The next step in developing this comprehensive guide to our physical environment is input from the community to learn more about experiences on UNM properties, and submitting your views is as easy as completing [this survey](#). I encourage you to take a look at the planning process so far; our goal as a university is to create a campus environment that is sustainable, accessible, and inclusive, and your involvement is critical to helping us realize our goals.

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

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