



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos--

While the summer months are relatively quiet at our Lobo athletic facilities, many of our student athletes are already training and preparing for their upcoming seasons. Lobo Athletics is a proud part of our shared UNM experience, with more than 400 student-athletes representing our university across 16 teams in the Mountain West Conference, and a dedicated group of coaches, trainers, administrators, and support staff working together to ensure our student-athletes have the support and resources they need to succeed.

Joining our crew of head coaches this year is **Darren Gauson**, who was recently selected by UNM Vice President/Director of Athletics Eddie Nuñez to serve as the [new head coach of our Lobo track and field and cross country teams](#). Gauson comes to us from Bradley University in Illinois where he led his teams to 10 Missouri Valley Championships over the past eight years and was the Missouri Valley Coach of the Year 10 times. We are fortunate to have him leading our nationally recognized Lobo track and field and cross country teams, and I look forward to the coming season.

Although it's always a privilege to note the accomplishments of our Lobos on the field, I'm just as proud of their achievements in the classroom. Our [volleyball team recently earned its fourth straight USMC/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award](#), which honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.3. The team also earned an Honor Roll distinction, one of only 45 schools in the nation, and one of two in the Mountain West, to earn such recognition.

Similarly, our softball team also had six players named Easton/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholar-Athletes. **Maddie Boldt, Samantha Fohrman, Amber Linton, Grace Rana, Peyton Robinson, and Jenna Trim** were recognized for having a 3.50 or higher GPA for the 2022-2023 academic year. Meanwhile, the team ended the spring semester with a 3.48 GPA—their 26th straight semester with a 3.20 or better.

Schedules are being finalized for our fall sports, including [football](#), [volleyball](#), and [soccer](#). For updated schedules, and to keep up with the latest news, Lobo Athletics has recently launched its daily Lobo Brewnewsletter, which you can have delivered to your inbox by [subscribing here](#).

Lobo Athletics officially kicks off the Fall 2023 season with a home exhibition soccer game against UTEP on Wednesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now, and let's go Lobos!

## **New COO at UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center**

As New Mexico's only academic health center, The University of New Mexico is proud to provide compassionate, quality health care for citizens in every corner of our state. Our commitment to our communities begins with hiring great people, and [we have a new Chief Operating Officer settling in at UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center \(SRMC\)](#). **Adrian Larson** comes to SRMC with 13 years of health

care leadership, including serving as COO of the Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces. As COO at SRMC, his responsibilities will include overseeing the hospital's Support Services Division, Quality, Radiology, Lab, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Ambulatory services. Welcome to UNM, Adrian; we're pleased to have you at SRMC.

### **Finalists Announced for Career Services Director**

Following a national search, UNM's Division of Student Affairs has selected [two final candidates for the position of Career Services director](#). As part of the selection process, finalists [Autumn Collins](#) and [Patrick Gallegos](#) will each be part of a community open forum, hosted in person and over Zoom, and open to all members of the Lobo community. The Career Services director oversees career counselors, as well as the planning, organizing, and implementing of all career services programs for our students. This position plays a key role in helping us meet our UNM 2040 goal regarding [Student Experience and Educational Innovation](#), and I encourage you to participate in each open forum.

### **Run, Step, Walk, or Climb for the Lobo Cancer Challenge**

[Registration is now open](#) for the Lobo Cancer Challenge, [UNM's annual community effort to raise money to support cancer research, patients, outreach, and education and training at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center](#). This is the seventh straight year for the challenge—even COVID couldn't stop our dedicated and generous supporters--with participants being given the choice of a 5K run/walk, bike rides of 25 and 50 miles, or a stair climb at University Stadium. [It all takes place on September 23](#), and you can register now as an individual or as a team; every dollar raised by participants will go directly to the UNM Cancer Center fund of your choice. As the state's only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, your support helps our health care providers deliver the best cancer treatment and care anywhere.

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

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