



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



November 6, 2023

Good afternoon, Lobos—

This Saturday, November 11, is Veterans 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. This year will be particularly special, as the [Veterans Alumni Chapter](#) and [Veteran & Military Resource Center](#), along with the [Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC units](#), will host a [Veterans Day Celebration and Remembrance](#) in the Chapel on Friday, November 10, at 10 a.m., featuring guest speaker, and New Mexico native, [Brigadier General, USAF \(Retired\) Hanson Scott](#).

It is an honor to offer the many veterans who are a part of our Lobo family and the UNM campus community the opportunity to continue their education at UNM, and I am delighted that we are continually ranked among the nation's [Top Military Friendly Schools](#). Our [Green Zone Training](#) also 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. This Veterans Day, please take a moment to say thank you to those who have served, and to those who serve today.

Anderson Dean Finalists Visit Campus

We're one step closer to choosing a new dean for UNM's Anderson School of Management (ASM) as we [welcome three finalists to our campus over the next two weeks](#) to meet with faculty, staff, students, and the Lobo community. The three finalists are **Julie Coonrod**, interim dean of ASM, who will be available on November 6-7; **Rami Zwick** of the University of California Riverside, who will be here November 9-10; and **Alina Chircu** of Bentley University, who will be on campus November 16-17. More information on the position and each candidate is available on the [Executive Search website](#).

National Compliance Week

The University of New Mexico is proud to join organizations worldwide in celebrating Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week. UNM's Ethics and Compliance Program, led by Chief Compliance Officer Francie Cordova, emphasizes our commitment to integrity and accountability, as well as our ongoing efforts to promote ethical values and professionalism within our university. With engaging virtual sessions, online training, and a spotlight on ethical decision-making, this event amplifies our work to instill a culture of integrity. Together, we are proud to uphold the highest academic and professional standards, and we strive constantly to embody our values, ambitions, and responsibilities as the state's flagship university.

American Indian Heritage Month Continues

As [American Indian Heritage Month](#) continues throughout November, our American Indian Student Services (AISS) is pleased to make available a [calendar of ongoing events and activities](#), which will continue to be regularly updated throughout the month. Our Department of Anthropology has also created a [comprehensive website of resources related to American Indian Heritage Month](#), including information on UNM organizations,

Native American scholars, and related news and research. You'll find plenty of information on upcoming events across our community, including several film screenings at the UNM Language Learning Center.

Luhman Named Assistant VP for Human Resources

A familiar face moves back to a familiar place as [Emily Luhman has been named assistant vice president for UNM's Human Resources Division](#). Luhman comes to HR from UNM's Office for Academic Personnel, where she has served since 2021; prior to that, she served as human resources manager for UNM's HR Client Services, making her new position a return to the HR team. In her new role with HR, she will provide support across several units, including recruitment and hiring, consulting services, and HR-shared services. Congratulations on your new position, Emily; we're delighted to have you back in HR.

Cross Country Clinches Mountain West Title, Coach of the Year

The Men's Cross Country Team made a spectacular showing at the Mountain West Championship in Boise, Idaho, with Lobo runners finishing in first, second, and third place as [our team won the Mountain West team Championship title](#), its first since 2014. And what a thrill to see **Darren Gauson**, in his first year as our Head Coach, named as [Mountain West Cross Country Coach of the Year](#). Additionally, Lobo **Habtom Samuel** was named the Mountain West Men's Student Athlete of the Year, while teammate **Evans Kiplagat** was the Mountain West Men's Freshman of the Year. Up next for our team, now [ranked #19 in the nation](#), is the NCAA Mountain Regional Championship in Lubbock, Texas, on Friday, November 10. Good luck, Lobos!

New Deans at Population Health

As our College of Population Health (COPH) continues to expand on its way to becoming New Mexico's only accredited School of Public Health, its leadership team continues to similarly grow, ensuring our health professionals have the support and resources they need to succeed. Joining COPH Dean Tracie C. Collins are [four new associate and assistant deans](#) who will help guide the college to its next stage: **Lauri Andress** as associate dean of COPH; **Julie Reagan** as assistant dean for education; **Elizabeth Yakes Jiminez** as assistant dean for research; and **Kenneth D. Ward** as assistant dean for faculty affairs. Welcome to this new team of Lobo leaders.

And the Winner of the Salsa Showdown Is . . .

I'm pleased to announce that the winning salsa recipe of the 2023 UNM Gives Salsa Showdown is Salsa #2—the black bean and corn salsa—submitted by **Patrick Cruz**, a Medical Education Program Coordinator with the School of Medicine. Congratulations, Patrick! Apart from having the costs of your parking covered by PATS, you officially have bragging rights for this year's favorite salsa recipe.

Registration for Spring Semester Begins Today

[Registration for the Spring 2024 semester officially began today](#) and continues through Friday, November 10. The full class schedule is [available online](#), and students may confirm their registration date by selecting the Registration and Records menu on their [myUNM account](#). We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

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

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