

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos --

The spirit of gratitude and generosity at UNM is evident in the numerous ways in which we impact the lives of those around us, both through our institutional mission and the individual efforts of our fellow Lobos. If you're looking for ways to give back to the community this season, perhaps you might consider donating to our [Lobo Food Pantry](#), the [Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund](#), the ongoing [UNM Gives campaign](#), or another organization that resonates with you. Whether through volunteering or other forms of involvement, sometimes a simple act of enthusiasm or a kind word can make a significant difference.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to all my fellow Lobos; each of you plays a crucial role in enhancing the vibrancy and worth of our campus and community. As many of us enjoy a shorter week, I wish those who are away a safe and happy break. And for those dedicated clinical and essential University employees who continue their work over this long weekend, the entire Lobo community extends a very special thank you. We are grateful for your work and dedication.

Enjoy your upcoming break, and I'll see you back here next week as we make the turn toward the final weeks of the year and the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

Native American Faculty, Staff Share Experiences for Population Health

As Native American Heritage Month continues, The [UNM College of Population Health has asked several of their Native American faculty and staff to share their stories](#) and what they see as challenges and opportunities for Native American students, teachers, and the UNM community. It's inspiring to learn how their experiences have shaped their lives and careers as health providers, and I appreciate all who told their stories. Native American Heritage Month continues through November 31.

Lobo Students Construct Antennas for LWA Telescope Station

UNM Professor Greg Taylor recently led a group of Physics & Astronomy students in a groundbreaking venture to [construct antennas at the third Long Wavelength Array \(LWA\) station](#), just north of the iconic Very Large Array site in central New Mexico. Funded by a \$1 million grant from the Air Force Research Laboratory, the team traveled to the North Arm site and built 65 dipole antennas, which will gather radio wave data from celestial bodies. Students engaged in the entire process, from site layout to signal processing, giving them a unique hands-on opportunity to actively contribute to a significant radio telescope project on Earth while expanding our knowledge of what's 'out there' in the universe.

UNM Ranked 15th in Nation as a "Best for Vets" College

As an institution that prides itself on supporting veterans and military families, I am delighted that The University of New Mexico has been [designated as a Military Times Best for Vets College, ranking 15th in the nation](#). This designation demonstrates UNM's commitment to its military-affiliated population and salutes the

work done by the UNM Veteran and Military Resource Center (VMRC) to provide services for veterans, active military, and their families. Our high rank also indicates that UNM is a desired destination for military-affiliated students within New Mexico and throughout the country. As someone who grew up in a military family, I am honored that so many of our veterans choose to call UNM home.

Nominate a Lobo Alum for an Award

The University of New Mexico Alumni Association is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni to honor during its annual award banquet in February 2024. The UNM Alumni Association [presents a number of awards to alumni](#) who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the University or the community. Nominations are due by Friday, December 8, so [take a look at the award categories and see if any of our countless Lobo alums have inspired you to make a nomination](#).

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

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President