



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos—

At The University of New Mexico, our beautiful Lobo landscape is always a work in progress as we are continually adding facilities, amenities, and improvements to make the Lobo community an even better place to learn, work, relax, and reflect. This week, we'll be celebrating two exciting new additions to our campus, as we [break ground for the new Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology](#) (CCAT) on Tuesday and then cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Rudolfo Anaya Sala in Zimmerman Library on Thursday.

The CCAT is of special importance for UNM's [College of Fine Arts](#), currently spread out across 13 buildings, as it provides a much-needed base to continue to nurturing future creatives and audiences and advancing the critical, creative workforce that helps invigorate New Mexico's economy.

When completed, the CCAT will house a 600-seat Concert Hall, an [ARTSLab](#)—which stands for Art, Research, Technology, and Science, an award-winning interdisciplinary research center for emerging media—as well as a new Art Gallery and a high-tech Sound Stage. With its state-of-the-art technology, multiple performance spaces, and updated *everything*, this striking new building not only keeps our entire arts community thriving and inspiring, but also makes our university an even more attractive option for artists and other creatives from around the world who want to learn and practice and hone their passions as they pursue their degrees. This will be an exciting asset not only to our campus, but to the entire State of New Mexico.

On Thursday, I am honored to help [cut the ribbon on the Rudolfo Anaya Sala](#), a very special new space in Zimmerman Library that celebrates the life and legacy of one of New Mexico's most influential writers as well as one of our most distinguished Lobos. This sala will serve as a quiet study space for academic exploration, where scholars can delve into Rudolfo Anaya's works and engage in critical discussions about Chicano literature, culture, and history. The sala will also feature memorabilia from Anaya's long career and other [special collections held by the library](#).

More importantly, it is a place for reflection and inspiration that will encourage our students to tell their own stories and contribute to the literary landscape with the same tenacity and authenticity that Rudolfo Anaya embodied. As we continue to advance as a leading institution in research and education, spaces like the Rudolfo Anaya Sala remind us of the importance of celebrating our unique stories and speaking with our genuine voices.

It is a privilege to welcome these exciting new additions to the Lobo community.

Reflect on our Lobo History as Part of Indigenous Peoples' Day

As [we continue today's celebration](#) of [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#), I encourage all Lobos to reflect on, and find strength in, our unique culture and history here in New Mexico and at UNM. For thousands of years, native

peoples have lived in the Southwestern United States; today, Native Americans make up [12.4 percent of our state's population](#), putting New Mexico among the largest Native populations per capita in the country. UNM is very fortunate to benefit from the students, faculty, and staff who come to us from New Mexico's 23 tribal nations, including 19 Pueblos, three Apache Tribes and the Navajo Nation, and the many more who come from tribes beyond the borders of our state. We take pride in recruiting Native students and in providing campus resources like [American Indian Student Services](#) to give our Native students access to the support they need to ensure they arrive here as enthusiastic students and leave as proud Lobo graduates and alumni.

We also recognize that The University of New Mexico sits at the very heart of Indian Country, and, specifically, on the traditional homelands of the [Pueblo of Sandia](#). Our branch campuses, too, occupy lands of Indigenous people in their respective regions, whether it's the Red Willow People of the Taos Pueblo or the Pueblo of Zuni Nation and Navajo Nation. By respectfully honoring our history through our [Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgment](#)—we have similar acknowledgments for our campuses in [Taos](#) and [Gallup](#)—we formally, and gratefully, recognize Indigenous Peoples as a vital part of our Lobo DNA.

New Mandatory Security Training Added on “Securing the Human”

In today's digital age, all institutions—public and private—are vulnerable to ransomware, malware, and other cyber threats. To better protect the Lobo community and safeguard sensitive information, UNM Information Technology, the Information Security & Privacy Office (ISPO), and Human Resources have introduced a [new mandatory security training: “Securing the Human.”](#) This annual training is designed to help university employees recognize and respond to cyber threats, ensuring both personal information and the critical systems we rely on remain secure. All four mandatory training courses must be completed by December 1, 2024, and may be accessed by logging into [Learning Central](#). Thank you for helping to keep our infrastructure, our information—and yours—safe and secure.

Compliance Week at UNM Begins November 4

From November 4 to November 8, 2024, [UNM hosts its annual Compliance Week](#) as part of our participation in National Compliance & Ethics Week. During this week, UNM will host daily events to spread awareness about promoting compliance and ethics on campus, giving Lobos plenty of opportunities to learn, meet compliance partners, and share their thoughts on fostering a culture of integrity at UNM. The week kicks off with a meet-and-greet at the SUB atrium on Monday, November 4th and continues with a series of virtual “Lunch and Learn” sessions on topics like the Clery Act, research compliance, FMLA, and FERPA. Additionally, [nominations are open for the ACE Awards](#), recognizing individuals committed to advancing compliance and ethics at UNM.

Move from the Lab to the Community on This Week's Podcast

How do scientific breakthroughs make it from *eureka!* moments in the laboratory to everyday products you find in your home? [This week's episode of It's \(Probably\) Not Rocket Science](#) drops in on participants at UNM's annual BioVenture event, which helps clear the path between the lab and the public, whether it's a

cure for cancer or knowing when to reapply sunscreen. As always, you can find [the latest episode](#), as well as [any you may have missed](#), wherever you download your podcasts.

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

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