



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos —

We've had our first official snow day here at UNM, which means winter is just around the corner as we enter the final five weeks of the Fall 2024 semester. That also means it's time to remind you that [registration for the Spring 2025 semester begins this week](#).

I know registration can sometimes be stressful—is that *one class* you need going to be available? —but we're here to help make the experience as hassle-free as possible. You might want to [check in first with your academic advisor](#) for some idea of the classes you may still need—you can meet either in person or online—and then [look at the online class list](#) to begin building your schedule. If you need additional help juggling all the different class options into a cohesive schedule, [the College Scheduler tool](#) can help.

As always, if you need additional assistance, feel free to [ask the Office of the Registrar](#). And remember to breathe. You've got this.

Lobo Alum Interviewing for Rhodes Scholarship

Congratulations to recent Lobo graduate Abrianna Morales, who will be interviewed this month as a [finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship](#). Morales, who graduated *summa cum laude* in May 2023, was a 2022 Truman Scholar and participated in research through our McNair Scholars Program. Since graduating, she has been working for the National Organization for Victim Advocacy as a program manager overseeing the nationwide Victim Advocacy Corps, a direct reflection of her passions and priorities. She is hoping to be one of the 32 American students selected annually as [Rhodes scholars](#); if selected, she says she'll spend her two years at the University of Oxford studying Political Thought.

A Brief Change of Address for Duck Pond Residents

Work has begun on the much-needed [revitalization of UNM's beloved Duck Pond](#). If you're wondering where its residents will go for the six months that the work is underway, you may be relieved to know they won't be going far. [After a bit of detective work by Lydia Thomas](#), Marketing & Communications Manager for Institutional Support Services (ISS), to find a comparable environment for the Duck Pond's many flightless ducks, turtles, and fish, a perfect home was found in our own backyard: the ponds of [UNM's Championship Golf Course](#). My thanks to Adam Roybal, General Manager of UNM's golf courses, who eagerly agreed to offer the course's ponds as a temporary habitat. I'm delighted with this collaboration, which will provide our local Duck Pond Denizens with a place to call home until work is completed in the Spring.

Four Win ACE Awards for Excellence in Compliance and Ethics

Each year, The University of New Mexico presents the Advancing Compliance and Ethics (ACE) Awards to four outstanding individuals who exemplify a commitment to fostering a healthy, ethical, and compliant work and learning environment. This year's [ACE winners, which were announced at a reception last Friday](#), are **Laura Burton**, Associate Director, UNM Health Sciences Rio Rancho Campus; **Kate Davis**, PHR, Director,

Office of Academic Personnel; **Adrienne Helms**, Clery Coordinator, Office of Compliance Ethics & Equal Opportunity; and **Jessica Hermosillo**, ISP, SFPC, Facility Security Officer, Industrial Security, Office of the Provost. Congratulations to these four winners; their dedication to the principles of compliance and ethics makes UNM a better place for all of us.

And while we are on the subject: due to last week's snow-related closure, the Compliance Week event *Risky Business: Learn about Risk Management* at UNM, has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 21, at noon. You'll need to [register in advance](#) for this event, which comes to you courtesy of UNM Risk Services.

UNM Celebrates International Education Week

The week of November 18-22 is [International Education Week](#), and the UNM Global Education Office (GEO) invites all students, staff and faculty to [celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide](#). UNM is proud to have been designated as a Fulbright HSI Leader for a fourth consecutive year in recognition of our noteworthy engagement with the Fulbright Program, the educational exchange program of the U.S. government. GEO will be celebrating International Education Week with an international movie night, dance performances, game nights, and stories from those who have studied abroad. Take a week to take yourself around the world!

LoboBITES Spotlights Graduate Research

This Thursday, the Lobo community is invited to the annual [LoboBITES competition](#), where our graduate student researchers compete for cash prizes by impressing the judges with only the briefest of presentations. Students have three minutes to present their research to the judges and to spectators, with the first and second place winners taking home \$1,000 and \$750, respectively, and \$500 going to the "people's choice" winner, as chosen by the crowd. It's all part of our Annual [Research and Discovery Week](#), so come celebrate the accomplishments of our talented graduates while you learn more about some of the amazing research underway at The University of New Mexico. LoboBITES takes place on Thursday, November 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom C.

This Week's Podcast . . .

This week's installment of *It's (Probably) Not Rocket Science* [features a conversation on pedestrian safety with Lobo associate professor of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Nick Ferenchak](#), who also serves as the director of the Center of Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. Ferenchak looks at possible changes in infrastructure and technology that might make it easier for pedestrians to be seen on roadways, especially on the kind of high-speed state highways that often serve as the main streets of some of our state's smallest communities. You can [download the latest episode here](#), or wherever you may get your podcasts.

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

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