



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos --

For the many of you who were able to take some time to leave campus for Spring Break, welcome back! I hope our students and faculty were able to get some well-deserved downtime. For those who were keeping the University running, my sincere appreciation for all you do. With about two months left in the semester, I encourage you to not only apply yourselves in achieving success in the classroom and the office, but also to explore ways in which you can engage with your campus and your community.

Community engagement plays a crucial role in higher education, enabling students, faculty, and staff to use their knowledge and skills to address real-world challenges, gain valuable experience, and cultivate responsible citizenship. This involvement encompasses service learning, community-based research, and volunteerism.

In 2020, [UNM achieved recognition as a Carnegie Community Engagement institution](#), underscoring our profound dedication to translating knowledge into impactful initiatives.

I would like to thank Professor of Architecture Tim Castillo, whom Provost Holloway has appointed as the Director of [Community Engagement Initiatives](#), for leading our efforts to actively seek avenues to apply our discoveries and talents to uplift the state and its residents.

We are committed to upholding this significant designation, as evidenced by our upcoming [Community Engagement Week on April 1-5](#), which examines the ways in which we can better collaborate, serve, and strengthen our scholarship and community bonds.

Registration Now Open for 2024 Lobo Hackathon

As New Mexico's only Research 1 institution, we're used to asking tough questions and looking at the world a bit differently. The [Lobo Hackathon](#), presented by UNM Rainforest Innovations, UNM Health Sciences, the UNM School of Engineering, and the UNM Anderson School of Management, provides an opportunity for the Lobo community to collaborate on the creation of exciting new ideas or to refine an existing solution to a current challenge. The competition is open to students, faculty, staff, entrepreneurs, and others in the community, who will work in teams and present their ideas to a panel of judges for a chance to win cash prizes. This year's Hackathon will take place on April 11-12 at the Lobo Rainforest Building. All majors are welcome, and you can also earn UNM credit for participating in the Lobo Hackathon and learn the basics of entrepreneurship. The event is free, but space is limited so [please register soon to hold your spot](#).

Incentive for Students to Register for TimelyCare Now

If you are a student and are feeling stressed or overwhelmed in any area of your life, we're here for you. I'd like to remind you that [UNM's partnership with TimelyCare](#) provides you free 24/7 virtual access to licensed providers for your mental health needs. While I hope many of you have already downloaded the app and

created a TimelyCare account, for those who have not, here's a bit of an incentive for to do so right now. Beginning today, students who [create their TimelyCare profile](#) before April 12, 2024, will be in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon Gift card. Please register your account now so you have it when you need it.

UNM Hospital Lifeguard Team Prepares for Anything

At UNM, our specialized education often goes beyond the classroom. A great example is our [UNM Hospital Lifeguard Team, which diligently prepares for worst-case scenarios](#) four times a year. With two planes and one helicopter, this medical transport crew swiftly responds to emergencies statewide, catering to diverse patient needs from urgent cancer care for rural children to major accident victims. Training encompasses pediatric and adult simulations, leveraging cutting-edge equipment and advanced procedures. This comprehensive approach ensures unparalleled preparedness, ultimately making a significant impact on patient outcomes and providing invaluable reassurance to their families.

\$1M Donation Creates Two New Endowments at CULLS

The College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences (CULLS) has received a \$1 million donation from Jim and Mary Lois Friday Hulsman to [establish two groundbreaking endowments aimed at enriching mentorship culture and advancing technological empowerment within the academic community](#). The Mentorship Endowment for Libraries will bolster CULLS' mentorship initiatives, providing crucial training for mentors and offering incentives such as stipends and scholarships. Meanwhile, the Technological Advancement Endowment will fuel scholarship and professional development, supporting students in technology integration and facilitating faculty and staff participation in emerging technology-focused programs. As always, I am grateful to Jim and Mary Lois Friday Hulsman for their extraordinary generosity and foresight, ensuring a transformative impact on education and research.

Lobos Clinch MWC Championship, NCAA Berth

What an exciting week it was in Las Vegas for our men's basketball team as [the Lobos won the Mountain West Conference championship with a thrilling 68-61 victory over San Diego State](#), marking the first time in conference history a team has beaten four opponents on their way to the title. The tournament win also secured our Lobos a spot in the NCAA Tournament, where [we're seeded 11th in the West Region and will take on Clemson this Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Memphis](#). You can join your fellow Lobos in the SUB Atrium for a Watch Party, hosted by [ASUNM Lobo Spirit](#), [UNM Student Activities Center](#), and the [Student Union Building](#). Congratulations to Coach Pitino and his team for this exclamation point on an already exciting season! And a special thanks to all the Lobo fans who made the trip to Las Vegas and turned the Thomas & Mack Center into "Pit West." The stands were a loud and enthusiastic sea of New Mexico flags and cherry and silver Lobo gear. It was a great week for Lobo fans, too!

Let's have another great week, and let's go, Lobos!

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