The Recreational Services Department is a service-oriented program that provides recreational and wellness programs and services for the University community. The Department was founded in 1958 and currently serves approximately 27,000 enrolled students as well as University faculty and staff. A primary function of this Department is to provide for the total well-being of the University community in accordance with the University's commitment to educate the total individual and to care for the individual’s needs while they attend or are employed by the University. Recreational Services is housed in Johnson Center on the UNM Main Campus.

**Who We Are**

The mission of the Recreational Services Department at the University of New Mexico is to provide a wide variety of opportunities to enhance the recreational, educational and social experiences for a diverse University community. The Department is committed to excellence by offering programs that promote wellness, physical activity and a healthy lifestyle while contributing to the intellectual and cultural development of those we serve.

**Vision**

Recreational Services is committed to being recognized by the University as an outstanding advocate for fitness and wellness and the leader in offering recreational and leisure activities on campus. We will develop and continue to improve a comprehensive recreation program that supports student learning and lifelong participation in fitness and wellness. We are dedicated to excellence in student development, collaboration and professionalism.

**Impact on Students**

National research has shown that student satisfaction is highly correlated with extracurricular involvement, specifically in intramural and other recreational programs. The research also shows that participation in campus recreation programs has a positive effect on student recruitment, retention, persistence, grade point average, graduation and degree aspirations.
**Programs and Services**

**Aquatics** – Seidler Natatorium consists of 3 pools: Olympic Pool, Johnson Pool and Therapy Pool. Pools are used by the University community for recreation, education, lessons and the UNM Lobo Swim and Dive team.

**Bicycle Shop** – Offers bicycle rentals, repair and sales at significant savings to the University community.

**Challenge Course Program** – Offers team-building and experiential sessions to the University Community. The Challenge Course Program manages the Low Ropes Course located on UNM Main Campus.

**Fitness** – Offers group exercise, personal training and other activities to help the University community achieve their fitness, health and wellness goals. Collaborates with the Student Health and Counseling Center and the Employee Health Program.

**Getaway Adventures** – Offers outdoor, cultural and social trips and experiences for the University community. Collaborates with multiple University organizations and student groups.

**Intramurals Sports** – Offers competitive and recreational sport leagues and tournaments for the University community.

**Open Recreation** – Offers recreational facilities for informal or drop-in recreation to the University Community. Provides supervision of the facility during Open Recreation to ensure safety of participants and proper use of facilities.

**Outdoor Shop** – Offers camping, sport and recreational equipment rentals and sales to the University community. Also offers skateboard sales and snowboard rentals and repairs.

**Special Events** – Provides facility rentals and event services for the University community.

**Sport Clubs** – Offers non-varsity sport teams the opportunity to compete against other universities. Only UNM students are eligible to participate on sport club teams.

**Youth Programs** – Offers summer recreational camps and year-round swim lessons for children. Priority is given to the University community for registration.

**Facilities**

- Fitness Center – Strength and Cardiovascular
- Aerobic and Dance Studios
- Racquetball Courts
- Martial Arts
- Gymnasiums
- Equipment Issue
- Olympic Pool, Johnson Pool and Therapy Pool
- Locker Rooms
- Intramurals Fields (Lighted)
- Tennis Courts
- Outdoor Jogging Track
- Challenge Low Ropes Course

**Facility Fact**

- Johnson Center is shared by the College of Education, UNM Athletic Department and Recreational Services.
- Johnson Center’s footprint on campus is currently around 290,000 square feet.
Participation by Head Count

Participation showed a decrease of 85,117 participations by head count over the year 2018. The decrease was due to many facilities being closed due to the Johnson Center Renovation and Expansion Project.

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Relationship Between Semester GPA & Recreation Center Usage

Descriptive statistics were conducted to determine if the mean semester GPA by frequency of usage of Johnson Center was significant. The average cumulative GPA for all recreation center participants ($M = 3.62$, $SD = .75$) was significantly higher than those who did not access the facility ($M = 2.99$, $SD = 1.11$).

**Fall 2015 Recreational Services Student Participants Mean Semester GPA**  
N=27,778

- **HighUsage (100 +)**: 3.62
- **ModUsage (50-99)**: 3.37
- **LowUsage (Below 49)**: 3.16
- **No Usage**: 2.99

Student Employment

Recreational Services employees between 175 and 200 student employees per semester. In addition to job specific duties, student employees receive training and gain experience in skills and values that transfer to their life and careers post UNM. Students can be employed in the following areas:

- Graduate Assistant
- Intern
- Sports Official
- Customer Service
- Bicycle Mechanic
- Information Technology
- App Development
- Marketing
- Facility Supervisor
- Challenge Course
- Gym Attendant
- Coordinator Assistant
- Outdoor Shop
- Trip Leader
- Fitness Instructor
- Personal Trainer
- Lifeguard
- Facility Tech
### Fiscal Update & Revenues

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### Future Plans

**Johnson Center Expansion and Renovation Project**

The Johnson Center Renovation and Expansion Project started in June 2018 and is scheduled to be completed by January 2020. JCER is a 110,000 square feet renovation starting in June 2018. Approximately 53,000 new square feet of recreational space will be added, and 57,000 square feet of existing space will be renovated. The $35 million project is entirely funded by UNM Student Fees.