Hello OSA Colleagues,

It’s hard to believe that we are already in March of 2018! As we are almost through the Spring 2018 semester here at UNM, this edition of the Connection will be a culmination of what has happened thus far in the semester, as well as a recap of some of the many exciting events and programs our Division provided to inspire learning and academic success and enhance the lives of our students during the latter part of 2017.

Over the past months, as we welcomed new and returning students to campus, the Division also welcomed new fellows to Student Affairs. We were honored to recognize outstanding students and staff through awards and ceremonies. We graciously gave back to the community and those in need, and educated students through conferences and fairs.

As the primary student services provider for the University’s large and varied student population we provide access, support, and encouragement to all students in pursuit of academic excellence. We strive to establish inclusive partnerships, programs, facilities and services, build leadership, enrich academic and career goals, and enhance the quality of life for potential and current students, and alumni.

-Dr. Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, VP for UNM Student Affairs

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**Student Affairs Connections Newsletter**

**You Are Welcome**

New employees, fellows and students

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**Welcomes**

**UNM President Garnett Stokes**

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**2018 Fellows**

- **Victoria Dimas**, program specialist with UNM Children’s Campus; **Brian Ferguson**, student success manager with the Athletics Academic Services; **Carli Maldonado**, career development facilitator in the UNM Careers Services department; **Felipe Mendoza**, undergraduate student majoring in Computer Engineering; **Aaron Ochoa**, undergraduate student majoring in organizational communications and psychology.

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**Student Affairs Employees**

- **Ivy Duewall**, Account 2, Student Union Building
- **Carmen Houser**, Administrative Assistant, STEM Collaborative Center
- **Ryan Logan**, Manager, IT Systems Operations, Student Health and Counseling
- **Patricia Lott**, Administrative Assistant, African American Student Services
- **Marissa Martinez**, Accountant 1, Student Government Accounting Office
- **Tonya Morgan**, Unit Administrator I, American Indian Student Services

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Spring 2018
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Students, staff, cultures, recognized and celebrated

Women’s Resource Center Celebrates Women’s HERstory Month

In March, the UNM Women’s Resource Center celebrated Women’s HERstory month (in accordance with the National Women’s History Month). The monthlong celebration featured several free events including movies, an open house, midwifery panel, and much more. Cheo recorded a video with Reina Davis and Mercedes Metzgar from the Women’s Resource Center to talk about the month’s events. The video can be found on our Youtube channel @unmstudentaffairs, Women’s History Month.

African American Student Services Celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time to recognize the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The 2018 celebration kicked off with the 33rd annual brunch themed “Reaffirming Black Studies for the 21st Century and Beyond,” featuring Corey D.B. Walker, vice president and dean of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology and Professor of Religion & Society at Virginia Union University. Walker discussed “The Challenge of Blackness: Africana Studies and the Fate of the University.” Throughout the month, African American Student Services hosted several lectures, talks and events.

Honoring Farmworkers

Next time you bite into a juicy apple, enjoy a ripe watermelon, or add spicy green chile to your burger, try to imagine what it takes to get that food from the farm to your table. Farmworkers work long hours often in unbearable conditions. They are exposed to the blazing hot sun, pesticides and fertilizers, and are often hunched over or on their knees the entire day.

According to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the NM chile industry is the most prosperous in the world employing about 15,000 chile pickers. Yet, the farmworker population as a whole remains underrepresented and socioeconomically vulnerable. Their wages are low, they have little to no benefits, and education is a luxury.

CAMPerinos (supported by the College Assistance Migrant Program), teamed up with several...
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Farmworkers (cont. from p.2)

UNM student groups, departments, and community organizations to host their annual Farmworker Awareness Week (FAW). The goal was to shine light on the hard work and suffrage that has carried the agricultural industry.

The week kicked off with Dia de la Mujer Campesina celebrating women farmworkers, and a showing of the film Rape In the Field to bring awareness to the hardships women face in their profession. During Dia del Estudiante Campesino student farmworkers talked about their experience, and a birthday celebration honoring Caesar Chavez and the Farmworker Movement also took place. The week concluded with the 25th Annual Cesar Chavez Marcha Y Fiesta.

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is a federally funded program established to identify, recruit, admit, and enroll students from migrant and seasonal farm working backgrounds in higher education. CAMP provides students with academic, social, and financial support to enable the completion of their first year of college.

For more information on FAW, please visit the UNM FAW FB page or call 505-277-6084.

Student Leaders Honored

The UNM Leadership and Involvement Award recognizes students who have excelled in leadership, as well as academic and co-curricular activities. In February, a reception was held to celebrate these students for their contributions to the campus and surrounding communities.

Louie Award Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

The Louie Awards is in its 10th year with the Division of Student Affairs. This April, employees from within the Division will be honored as the recipients of this year’s Louie Awards. The coveted golden Louie is given in the following categories:

• Employee of the year
• Student Employee of the year
• Fellow of the year
• Department of the year
• Outstanding Service Provider (University-wide award)

This year’s theme is Super Louies and features superheros and will also feature some special 10th anniversary fun.
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Torres Receives Prestigious HACU Honor

Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, vice president for Student Affairs was honored with an induction into the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Hall of Champions. This prestigious honor is awarded to those who embody HACU’s mission of championing Hispanic success in higher education.

“Throughout his 47-year career in higher education—the last 21 years at The University of New Mexico—Dr. Torres made Hispanic student success one of his main priorities,” says UNM Interim President Chaouki Abdallah.

Torres’ career in higher education began in 1970 at Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) where he served as an administrator and parental involvement director. While there, Torres created institutes for those who serve migrant populations in South Texas, directed the Migrant and Bilingual Staff Development Program and coordinated all state and federal programs for migrants.

“I saw the higher education needs of first generation Hispanics in South Texas, and my goal was to improve services for this population.” Torres says.

At Texas A&M, Torres created the Office of Special Programs to serve first-generation Hispanics through projects such as Upward Bound and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and continues those and other efforts at the University of New Mexico.

As the current Vice President for Student Affairs at UNM, he developed a $100,000/year scholarship fund for students of Hispanic descent, and negotiated the Prince of Asturias Endowed Chair for Science and Technology at UNM, and has taught numerous courses on Hispanic topics.

He also serves as a professor for the Department of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies and teaches the popular annual Traditional Medicine without Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico class. Now in its 18th year, the class has received major acclaim and is the first and only class of its kind in the country. He also authored several books and a new textbook on the topic.

Kloeppe1 and Yelvington Honored

Dr. Kim Kloeppe1, from the Vice President for Student Affairs Office, and Jesse Yelvington from Recreational Services were honored with the 2017 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. This prestigious honor is awarded to those who serve both the UNM and outside communities.

The Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award was established to support and promote The University’s commitment to public service. Former Regent and Anderson School of Management Dean Doug Brown initiated this award in honor of his wife, Sarah Belle Brown.
Good Gracious
Staff and students pay it forward through kindness

UNM Celebrates Kindness

Student Affairs and the BeKind UNM Committee along with several other departments and programs hosted a successful kindness celebration on campus in February. Various events including a kindness carnival, Lobo basketball games, Fill It Forward, and the Lobo Food Pantry, had students, staff, and community members showing their generosity and gratitude by paying it forward with kind deeds.

The Kindness Carnival (pictured right) was the biggest draw and included nearly two dozen departments and programs hosting several games including the teddy bear toss, kindness rocks, photo booth, cuddle a canine, stuffed animal stuffing, kindness card making and more. Several great prizes were donated from each participating department and the UNM Bookstore and UNM Athletics supplied the big prizes.

This year, the Fill It Forward event sponsored by Nusenda Credit Union and Satellite Coffee, offered free coffee refills in exchange for donations and raised $230 for the Lobo Food Pantry. The teddy bear drive to benefit children through the Albuquerque Police Department collected over 400 bears which will be donated this spring.

2018 Kindness
BY THE NUMBERS:

- 2000 BeKind UNM pins given out
- 400+ bears were donated for APD
- $230 raised for the Lobo Food Pantry

Alternative Spring Break 2018

Students visit New Orleans to help the city rebuild as part of Alternative Spring Break.
Academically Speaking
Conferences, lectures, panels and fairs

NM Association of Student Affairs Professionals Symposium

Student Affairs professionals and students from around New Mexico and our neighboring states gathered for the 2018 New Mexico Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NMASAP) symposium, Unpacking Today’s Student Affairs.

Four diverse panels made up of faculty and community experts, students, and staff discussed funding for higher education, campus climate, immigration and the student lottery scholarship.

Constructive conversations were held about today’s college campuses that are feeling the effects of our ever-changing, more complex world; how to do more with less funding while remaining not only productive in our roles and supportive of our students; how campus climate pertains to inclusivity on campus; and how we can decode what’s happening with regard to immigration both on a national and local level.

NMASAP is an organization established to unite student affairs professionals across the state to improve communication, promote collaboration, and provide an avenue to disseminate information pertinent to student success.

UNM Career Expo 2018

In February, Jenna Crabb and her staff from UNM Career Services held their annual Career Expo in the SUB Ballrooms on the UNM Campus. In total, 95 employers were in attendance prepared to interview students for positions available at their companies. Over 775 students attended the event and employers remarked at the quality of the students they saw visiting their booths. Students were prepared with resumes and professionally dressed.
Career Services Hosts Suit Up Event

UNM Career Services teamed up with JCPenney to host an exclusive College Suit Up event. The goal of the event was to make the transition from casual wear to business attire a little smoother for our students. The event provided students with a jump start on making a good impression while keeping a little more money in their pockets. Students, alumni, faculty, and staff were welcome and offered an additional 40% discount on select men’s and women’s career and dress apparel, and shoes.

“Finding career clothes can be a daunting and expensive task,” Dr. Jenna Crabb, Career Services director says. “If you just graduated in December, are graduating in spring or applying to internships, this is a great opportunity for our students to have a competitive edge in building their professional wardrobe.”

This is the second time Career Services and JCPenney have hosted this event and they are hopeful to continue it in the future.

Transforming the Heart of UNM

Smith Plaza/Union Square, the “heart” of UNM is undergoing a facelift. Earlier this year crews began tearing up the mostly concrete plaza and transforming it into an outdoor “great room.”

Smith Plaza/Union Square encompasses the area south of Zimmerman Library, north of the Student Union Building (SUB) and Humanities Building, south of the Student Union Building (SUB) and east of the Duck Pond.

It’s estimated that 10,000 students, staff and faculty flow through this area every day, yet never really had a reason to hang out there. The renovation will create a safe, accessible, comfortable, social space for students to relax and study.

The work is expected to be completed in August just in time to welcome new and returning students to campus.
Freshmen Residency Requirement

IT’S AN “ONLY IF” REQUIREMENT

Only if you live OUTSIDE a 30-mile radius of campus AND

Only if you’re under 20 years of age at the beginning of the academic year AND

Only if you’re a first-year undergraduate enrolled full-time

visit housing.unm.edu for all the details

Looking Ahead

April 16
Annual Louie Awards Ceremony

April 23
American Indian Student Services Miss Indian UNM Pageant

April 28
African American Student Services Awards and Recognition Ceremony

May 4
Raza Graduation

May 10
American Indian Student Services Convocation

July 16-27
Traditional Medicine without Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico Class

August 19
10th Annual El Mezquite Golf Tournament

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