

THE PACK IS BACK





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AASS WELCOME BACK COOKOUT

Thursday, Aug. 26 5 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard

Suit-Up Event August 27-29 <u>online</u>

RAZA JUNTA

Wednesday, Sept 1 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Ethnic Center Courtyard**

AISS WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

Thursday, Sept. 2 noon - 2 p.m. Mesa Vista Southwest Courtyard

Welcome back everyone! I believe most of you all are aware that Dr. Eliseo Torres retired on August 1, and I have the honor of taking on the role of the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. I want to thank many of you who have been supportive of me in the past and continue to be so now.

As we move forward this year, a lot of unknowns remain regarding student engagement, programming, facilities, student well-being, and how we will ensure a safe and productive environment for students, faculty, and staff. We have a lot to accomplish and we need to stay focused on our goals for student success.

This week we have seen students who are excited to be back on campus and have the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as staff and faculty. Welcome Back Days, referred to as "The Last Great Event of the Summer," reflects the years gone by. The food tent is busy as usual, and departments and organizations are reaching out to provide support to students. Student Activities Center has done a great job of organizing and re-establishing this important annual student event.

As the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, I plan to work closely with everyone across the Division to see what we can improve on to help us be successful at providing a supportive, engaging, environment for students. I've seen our departments and programs, and the entire University campus successfully adjust their operations to serve students both face-to-face and virtually. This is a model which will most likely continue for some time to come. I want to thank all of the directors for the time and effort they put into their departments to meet the needs of this new and constantly changing environment we now live in.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with all of you on the ways we can have a productive year moving forward. Even when there is change, some things never change.

~Tim Gutierrez

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EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Many of our departments took part in the week-long event showcasing the many programs and services our Divsion has to offer as the primary student services provider for UNM's large and diverse population.

WELCOME **BACK DAYS**



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