

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Next week marks the beginning of celebrating Black History Month here at UNM. I invite you to join me on Wednesday, February 1st at Noon outside of Scholes Hall for the raising of the Pan-African flag to mark the official start of recognition and events on campus which will continue throughout the month. I continue to be grateful for all of the ways you serve our students and community and hope to see you around campus for these events and others as our semester continues.

As we enter week 2 of the semester, learning and growth are at the top of my mind. Our field offers many high-quality opportunities for professional development including mentorship, engagement with national organizations, training and certifications, and academic pursuits. One outstanding resource to begin self-assessing where you may want to grow is the joint project between NASPA and ACPA (two of our premier student affairs professional organizations) that resulted in the [Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Educators](#). As you think about how to best budget time for professional growth, I encourage you to become familiar with this resource and think about ways you'd like to advance your knowledge and practice. One participation opportunity available right now is assisting with the planning of a New Mexico NASPA event this year. [Reynaldo Maestas](#) from New Mexico Highlands is leading the charge, and I encourage you to reach out to him if you are interested in contributing to this event or finding pathways to be more engaged with NASPA more broadly.

“Finally, I want to congratulate the Lobos on their incredible win over Boise State last week in the pit. What a game!”

With Appreciation,
Eric

Black History Month



You're invited to join African American Student Services for their "When I say Black, I mean very colorful" celebration of Black History Month throughout February. The month is centered around the theme that Blackness is not a monolithic experience, but rather a celebration of culture and all of its hues. All staff are invited to help kick off the celebration at the Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb 1, at the flagpole on the south side of Scholes Hall at noon.

Apodaca Named President-Elect-Elect for National Career Development Association



Marty Apodaca has been elected as the President-Elect-Elect of the National Career Development Association (NCDA) for 2024-25. As the association's 105th president—a professional goal he set early on in his career—Apodaca holds the honor of the being the first UNM alumnus, New Mexican, and person of Hispanic descent to ever be elected to the position.

The NCDA is the premier career association whose mission is to inspire careers and empower lives by providing members with professional development, resources, standards, scientific research, and advocacy. Apodaca is enthusiastic to represent the association where he's formed many meaningful relationships with its members.

"Honestly, I am still kind of in awe because this was a huge professional goal of mine and now a career milestone," he says. "A kid from Dexter, NM will become president of a national organization that represents some of the most prominent voices in career counseling, development, education, and research." [Read more...](#)

Welcome Back Days

Just a reminder that the Student Activities Center is hosting their final spring 2023 Welcome Back Day today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Stop by today and learn about student organizations.



WELCOME BACK DAYS
SPRING 2023

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| WEDS, JAN 18 Departmental & Greek Life Information Booths Stop by to get some great information from campus departments and UNM fraternities & sororities. Learn about their services, programs and the ways they can help make your UNM experience that much better! | WEDS, JAN 25 Student Organization Information Booths UNM has over 350 Student Organizations! Groups will be on hand to provide information about opportunities to join. Improve your UNM experience, leadership skills, have fun and start building your resume! GET INVOLVED! |
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EACH DAY RUNS 11:30a-1p in SUB Atrium
FREE Pepsi products from 11:30a till gone!

Career Expo



Career Expo
Thursday, Feb 9
10-2pm SUB Ballrooms

WE ARE HIRING!

Resume Days
Tues Feb 7 and Wed Feb 8
10am - 2pm Drop-Ins

Workshops: In Career Services
Tues Feb 7
Resume Writing for Expo Success 2pm-3pm
Wed Feb 8
Tips for Career Expo Success 2pm-3pm

CAREER SERVICES

Career Expo is the largest all major fair. On Thursday, Feb. 9, Career Services will be hosting over 100 employers from 10am-2pm in the SUB Ballrooms. All employers have internships and/or job opportunities. To help students prepare for the Career Expo, Career Services is also hosting multiple workshops and Resume Days on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students can drop in with their resume to get some help from Career Development Facilitators. Resume Writing for Expo Success is Tuesday, Feb 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. and Tips for Career Expo Success will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Save the date



You're invited!
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Spring 2023
All Staff Gathering

FRIDAY
FEB. 10
2023
9 a.m. - noon
SUB Ballroom C

9-10am Colleague catch-up & light refreshments
10-10:30am Human BINGO
10:30-11am Division update by Dr. Scott
11-11:30am Development update by Lisa Ellis
11:30am-noon Informal networking

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Just a reminder that all Student Affairs staff are invited to the All Staff Gathering on Friday, Feb. 10. Please don't forget to accept the calendar invite!

Save the date for The Big Give Day



SAVE THE DATE
2.28.23

UNM BIG GIVE

UNM Big Give is February 28! The UNM Foundation will hold this inaugural giving campaign to support The University of New Mexico. UNM Big Give is a comprehensive fundraising collaboration partnership with campus units, organizations, departments and branch campuses. UNM Big Give combines The University of New Mexico Foundation Giving Tuesday, Athletics' Lobos Give Day and UNMF Faculty and Staff campaign into one campaign.

During the 1,889 minutes of UNM Big Give, UNM alumni and friends from across the globe will support a variety of academic, healthcare, athletic, cultural, and student programs that make up The University of New Mexico's diverse community. This event provides opportunities to support Lobo Athletics, Academic Programs and Schools, Student Life, UNM Health System, and Community Programs. Departmental unique giving pages are being designed and you will be receiving a social media tool kit soon so you can promote the fund associated with your department. Stay tuned for more information.
#UNMBigGive.

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