

Message from the Vice President



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,
What an incredible homecoming week we had. Although the football game did not go as we hoped, campus was alive with lobo spirit and I had the opportunity to eat French toast at the IFC cookoff and attend the MGC homecoming showcase as well as visit with the homecoming court on the field at halftime. Last week a panel also gathered to discuss careers in student affairs and I greatly enjoyed hearing from my colleagues about their pathways and perspectives in the profession. A special thank you to Rosa Cervantes, Amanda Butrum, Ryan Linqvist, and Nasha Torrez for your keen insights and reflections as well as to

Ian May who served as moderator. On the horizon, members of the division are planning outstanding activities around Dia de Los Muertos and Halloween which are highlighted below. Be sure to stop by the VPSA office in Scholes hall for a special treat next Monday. Finally, I am looking forward to Student Fee Review Board deliberations this Saturday and thank everyone for your work representing your units and engaging with this important governance process.

With appreciation,
Eric

Celebration of Life for Muhammad Afzaal Hussain

A Celebration of the Life of Beloved Muhammad Afzaal Hussain	
About: Afzaal immigrated to New Mexico from Pakistan as an international student at UNM and served as President of the GPSA. He received his MA in Community Regional Planning in 2020. He was the Director of Planning in the city of Española. This vigil is organized by a coalition of friends, colleagues, and community members who would like to remember Afzaal and keep his memory alive.	When: Friday, October 28, 2022 from 3 to 5 pm Vigil location: UNM Kiva Hall (Building #69) Reception: Asian American and Pacific Islander Resource Center, University of New Mexico, Education Classrooms 211-212. For inquiries: aapirc@unm.edu gpsa@unm.edu
<p>أَلَيْسَ إِذَا أَمْسَيْنَهُمْ مُعِيبَةً قَالُوا إِنَّا بِلَهُ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ "Indeed we belong to God, and indeed to Him we return."</p>	

A celebration of life is planned for this Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m. in honor of Muhammad Afzaal Hussain. Afzaal passed away on Aug. 1 after being shot near his apartment in Albuquerque where he lived with his older brother's family. He held leadership positions in the Graduate and Professional Student Association at the University of New Mexico and Rep. Melanie Stansbury's campaign team as well as working as the Planning and Land Use Department director in Española at the time of his death. [Read more about Muhammad's life](#)

2023 NASPA Foundation Pillars of the Profession



Congratulations to Pam Agoyo, Director of American Indian Student Services and Special Assistant to the President for American Indian Affairs, University of New Mexico on being recognized with a NASPA Foundation [Pillars of the Profession award](#)! Each year the NASPA Foundation recognizes a series of distinguished individuals who have served as leaders, teachers, and scholars in student affairs and higher education. Each individual is nominated and supported for designation as a Pillar by colleagues, students, friends, or others who find them deserving of this honor. Congratulations Pam!

El Centro invites you to a Día de los Muertos Celebration



Each year, El Centro hosts an annual Día de los Muertos celebration, one of their most profound and meaningful traditions. This Thursday they are hosting The Art of Papel Picado from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, they will commemorate El Día de los Muertos from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at El Centro de la Raza. During this celebration, traditionally celebrated on the first & second day of November, we honor our loved ones by setting up a traditional altar followed by a blessing in remembrance of those who have passed on.

Annual Trick of Trot Fun Run and Food Drive



Join Recreational Services and Army ROTC in the annual Trick or Trot fun run and food drive to benefit the Lobo Food Pantry. Bring a donation of 2 non-perishable items (see list of most needed on the graphic), dress up and participate in the 2.5 mile UNM campus run!

AISS Spooky Bash



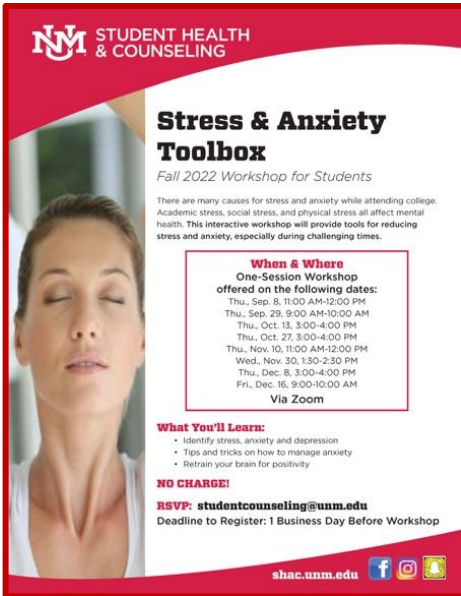
Lobos: Join us for a spook-tastic afternoon of costumes, food, prizes, and contests!! More details to come....don't miss out! [#AISSUNM](#) [#SpookySZN](#)

SUB Pumpkin Carving Contest



The Student Union Building is hosting the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest in the atrium, Monday, Oct. 31 from noon – 2 pm. Pumpkins will be judged on most creative, cutest, scariest, and audience favorite. Prizes will be awarded to first place in each of these categories as well as the best department pumpkin. Judging begins at 2:00 p.m. but participants do not have to be present to win. All winners will be notified to receive their prizes. Prizes are small pumpkin baskets with various candy bars and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Departments win a catered lunch!



Stress and Anxiety Toolbox Workshop

Learn how to identify situations that stress you out, and how to keep that stress from making you feel anxious and/or depressed. This **one-session** Zoom Workshop is for UNM Students Only. **NO CHARGE!** **RSVP:** studentcounseling@unm.edu **Deadline to Register: 1 Business Day Before Workshop** For more info, see: [SHAC Counseling Workshops](#)

UNM Gives Campaign



The [2022 UNM Gives United Way campaign](#) is in full swing until Nov. 30 and includes [#GivingTuesday](#), a global movement of generosity designed to unleash the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Donating is easy and many of our division's programs and services can be selected on the unmfund.org page. When you give using UWCNM, 100% of your gift goes where you choose. Please consider giving to United Way. Every contribution counts, every gift makes a difference! [Read more...](#)

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