

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Today marks the beginning of Black History Month with the official raising of the Pan African Flag on UNM's campus. I hope you can join me at noon at the flagpole outside of Scholes Hall for this symbolic start to the events and recognitions to come. Earlier this week, faculty, staff, and students made the trek to Santa Fe to represent the University of New Mexico's outstanding contributions to our state through a commitment to student success, economic development, high-quality research, the creation of knowledge, and progress towards solving complex societal challenges. I was deeply impressed and excited to see the showing of Student Affairs staff alongside our student leaders demonstrating the ways that work related to student success serves all facets of the university and is a quality and meaningful investment in the future of our state. Both ASUNM and GPSA brought passionate and professional delegations, no doubt a reflection of their commitment to UNM and quality advising, while Student Affairs departments including American Indian Student Services, African American Student Services, El Centro de la Raza, LoboRespect, and Women's Resource Center each represented the distinct contributions of their units to our elected officials. It was incredible to see all of the representatives of UNM showing up as one and it was a true reflection of how our work synergistically works together to create a diverse and supportive environment for student learning. This weekend, the Leadershape Catalyst program will offer our student leaders yet another opportunity to dream big and create pathways to bring their visions for the future one step closer to reality. In that spirit, I do hope to see as many of you as possible at the division All-Staff Gathering on Friday, February 10th where we will explore exciting new opportunities in our division including upcoming events like UNM Big Give day!

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 today, at the flagpole on the south side of Scholes Hall at noon.

Career Expo Returns to the SUB with Largest Number of Employers to Date



UNM Career Services is holding its annual Career Expo—traditionally their largest event of the year—and this year, the event is bringing in a record number of employers ready to hire Lobos for jobs and internships.

The [Career Expo](#) is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Ballrooms. This year marks the return of the in-person format which was paused during the pandemic. As of today, the fair is at the maximum capacity with 125 employers signed up.

"We haven't held this event in person since 2020," says Dr. Jenna Crabb, UNM Career Services director. "This is the largest number of employers we've had since 2008 when we had 122, and we currently are full and have a waiting list of employers who want to participate."

Students can [preview which employers are going to there](#) and [RSVP for the event here](#). [Read more...](#)

BeKind UNM Kindness Week



It's almost time for the kindest week of the year! The 2023 BeKind UNM Week is happening February 13-17 and will be fun for everyone! The week begins and ends with two Teddy Bear Tosses at the Lobo basketball games and features a FREE Kindness Carnival right in the middle. Lobo fans are encouraged to bring a NEW stuffed animal to either or both of the basketball games on [Tuesday, Feb. 14 when the men's team takes on the Wyoming Cowboys at 8 p.m.](#) at The Pit, and on [Thursday, Feb. 16 when the women's team takes on the Wyoming Cowboys at 7 p.m.](#) at The Pit. Fans bringing a NEW stuffed animal to donate will participate in a half time toss for a chance to win one of our great grand prize packs! All donated stuffed animals will be given to APD and AFR to give to children who are experiencing traumatic

situations. Everyone is welcome at the [BeKind UNM Kindness Carnival on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#) in the SUB Atrium. Carnival goers will be treated to games, music, a photo booth, giveaways, kindness goodies, and the chance to pet some pooches. During the carnival, stop by any of the [food venues in the](#)

[SUB](#) and make a donation to the [Lobo Food Pantry](#). You'll also have the opportunity to purchase a bear to stuff and either donate or keep. All proceeds from bear sales will benefit the [Lobo Food Pantry](#).

Free Leadership Workshop



The Student Activities Center is hosting Catalyst by LeaderShape on Saturday, February 4th and we are hoping to get your assistance in finding great student participants. LeaderShape is one of the leading companies in the country in transformational leadership development for university level students. Catalyst is their one day program focused on developing students' own authentic path, connecting them to groups and causes they care about, and getting them to commit to a plan to be a catalyst for themselves and the groups they are a part of (Video Summary). UNM hosted this program 10 years ago and received some very positive feedback from our student participants. We would appreciate your targeted and general promotion of this event. A flyer is attached to pass on and display.

There are 120 spots to be filled on a first-come first-serve basis and we would like to have representation from as many areas on campus as possible. Please encourage students to register for this FREE program. It will run from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Student Union Building.

Save the date for The Big Give Day



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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