

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

This week is an important week here at UNM as it marks the celebration of the annual BeKind UNM week. Too often in our society acts of kindness are dismissed as expendable or supplementary when our time, resources, or energy become scarce. In some circumstances, kindness may even be against self-interest. It is for this reason that recognizing acts of

kindness, big and small, is such a critical part of maintaining our social responsibility to each other and actively leading by example in the work towards the culture we aspire to be. Kindness is both a gift and an act of courage and those who make it part of their daily routine and identity contribute something very special to our work. Thank you for being kind, this week and all of your days. See below for more information about how you can get involved in BeKind UNM.

Last week, UNM Career services hosted one of the largest every career fairs to be held at UNM. It was an amazing site to see and an inspiration for the important work you do to prepare our Lobos for successful lives and successful careers. I saw many of you at the Division of Student Affairs All Staff Gathering and appreciated your engagement and attention as we celebrated Pam Agoyo as a NASPA Pillar of the Profession (please link) and learned about engagement opportunities with UNM Big Give Day. Congratulations to our winners of human bingo. I hope you had as much fun as I did! We also continued our observance and celebration of Black History Month with African American Student Services' 'When I Say Black, I Mean Very Colorful' series (please link) with more educational, celebratory, and community-building events to come. Another great opportunity to celebrate this week is ASUNM and GPSA's ribbon cutting ceremony at the new UNM sign on the corner of Girard and Central today at 3PM.

I hope you all continue to support each other and find opportunities for relief and reflection as our semester marches on!

With appreciation,  
Eric

**BeKind UNM Kindness Week is here!**

The [2023 BeKind UNM Week](#) is happening through Friday and there's fun for everyone! Hopefully you were able to attend the Teddy Bear Toss at the Men's Lobo basketball game last night! Today, come by the [FREE BeKind UNM Kindness Carnival](#) to 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](#). Tomorrow make plans to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Teddy Bear Toss at [Lobo Women's basketball game 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.

## UNM Considers Removing COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate



The University of New Mexico is reviewing a proposal, which comes from a recommendation from UNM's Health Protocols Committee, to lift its COVID-19 vaccine series administrative mandate for students and employees. UNM will offer the campus community an opportunity to hear the latest scientific data and reasoning, ask questions and provide feedback as part of a [virtual forum on Thursday, Feb., 16](#) at noon with medical experts and campus administrators. [Read more...](#)

## 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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