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## Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start. Our energy and activity continues this week as engaging staff appreciation week events are hosted by Staff Council and the NASPA New Mexico conference comes to UNM this Thursday and Friday in the SUB. I am certainly excited to spend time with my colleagues from across the state sharing best practices, reflecting on our past successes and future opportunities, and building a stronger coalition of invested stakeholders for the success of postsecondary education across the state. While preparing my remarks for the conference, I was reminded of the critical importance of our work to the success of all students, and in particular those who are the first in their families to attend college. As a NASPA First Generation Forward designated institution, we have the opportunity and responsibility to forefront the development of culture and practice that create a meaningful sense of belonging and a comprehensive network of support for first generation students. This can take many forms, but one thing we can all do is ensure we take a human-centered approach to all of our work and remember that even if we are doing something for the 100<sup>th</sup> time, for some student it is their first and we need to take the time to provide detailed information and ensure a meaningful experience for them.

We are also well into orientation season with the first overnight orientation program fast approaching. I had the opportunity to meet our orientation leaders last week and they are a wonderful group who are ready to welcome our new Lobos. I hope you share in their excitement to prepare our incoming class for a year of learning, engagement, and success.

As we enter the summer season, the CONNECT will move to a bi-weekly format, but don't fret, we will continue to send standalone communications to keep you up to date on critical information and hiring announcements.

With appreciation,  
Eric

## Staff Appreciation Week

**Staff Appreciation Week**  
May 22 - 26, 2023  
[staff.council.unm.edu/staff-appreciation-week.html](http://staff.council.unm.edu/staff-appreciation-week.html)



<b>HOLIDAY</b> HAY 22	<b>Move with the Flock</b> 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. 5.1 to 5.1801 NSC, Center for Career, Health, & Wellness, campus, and remote (Zoom) LFP	<b>THURSDAY</b> HAY 25
<b>TUESDAY</b> HAY 23	<b>Musical Mating</b> 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Flop ice cream and live music Richard & West of Zimmerman LFP	<b>FRIDAY</b> HAY 26
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> HAY 24	<b>Tour Tuesday</b> Shelburne Farm, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Lobo Gardens 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. NMSU 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Art Museum 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Globe 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Museum of Southwestern Biology 3 virtual tours - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Maxwell Museum (open 2) 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Maxwell Museum (open 2) 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Zimmerman Stack Self-guided	<b>HAY 22</b> through <b>HAY 26</b>
<b>Wake-up Wednesday</b> Coffee & donuts 4.1 to 4.1801 NSC Plaza (7:30 - 9:30 a.m.) Main Campus (La Posada 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.) South Campus (Student Center Plaza 8 - 9 a.m.) Perrine Administration (Zoom 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) Stay and Chat		<b>Continuous</b> #wakeupdonuts Lend a Paw: Lobo Food Pantry Donations (LFP - donation facilitator event) Louie was his name - Oo Lobo BINGO game

Check out the website for remote engagement opportunities

**WIN A PRIZE!**  
 Lobo Food Pantry (LFP) - 2000 items (donation) - 1 entry  
 Every \$100 donation - 1 entry  
 Louie was his name - Oo Lobo BINGO - 1 entry  
 Draw questions to Yashika Senyuri (yashika@unm.edu) & Grace Rene Iragui (graciern@unm.edu)

 STAFF COUNCIL 

Just a reminder that this week is Staff Appreciation Week! Hope you are able to join Staff Council for a week full of fun activities to celebrate YOU! Find the schedule and all the details on the [Staff Appreciation Week](#) website. Don't forget to bring your Lobo Food Pantry items to any location marked with "LFP" for a chance to win one of many fun prizes!



## NASPA NM Conference

The [NASPA New Mexico Drive-In 2-day conference](#) is this week! We hope you are able to join us for this conference bringing together Student Affairs professionals from across the state. Together, we will learn from one another, discuss the critical issues impacting our field, network with new and established colleagues, and engage with those who are on the cutting edge of innovative student affairs practices.

## CONNECT will return June 7



The CONNECT will be on a brief hiatus next week but will return on a bi-weekly basis for the summer beginning on Wednesday, June 7. We hope you enjoy Memorial Day!

**Vice President for Student**

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