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Message from the Vice President



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

My anticipation for the fall semester grows with each new group of incoming Lobos I have the opportunity to welcome at new student orientation. In each welcome message, I focus on the individual gifts, identities, and experiences that students bring with them and the fact that they have earned their opportunity to be here at the University of New Mexico. A strong sense of belonging and a strong sense of efficacy in the postsecondary environment are critical to student success, particularly for students who may have experienced marginalization in their lives and may be the first in

their family to attend college.

As a NASPA First Generation Forward designated institution, UNM has dedicated effort and energy towards improvement of the campus environment and support infrastructure for first generation students. Through our Student Affairs programs and services, we have an opportunity to foster the connections that lead to a sense of belonging and

develop the skills and engagements that lead to a sense of efficacy for all members of our community.

I am proud to be part of an institution and division that values the whole student and takes an asset-oriented approach to student development and success. I hope you join me in keeping this philosophy top of mind when we welcome (and welcome back) all of our Lobos next month.

With appreciation,

Eric

VPSA Announces Finalist for Career Services Director



After a competitive nationwide search, the Division of Student Affairs has announced Autumn Collins as the finalist for the position of Career Services director. The position was recently vacated by long-time director, Jenna Crabb, who was promoted to the new Executive Director for Student Resources position.

This position will administer all aspects of career services, oversee the clinical supervision of career counselors, and will be responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing career service programs to prepare students for internship and employment opportunities by developing and collaborating with UNM colleges, community partners and global and national employers and recruiters.

Autumn Collins will participate in a community open forum scheduled below.

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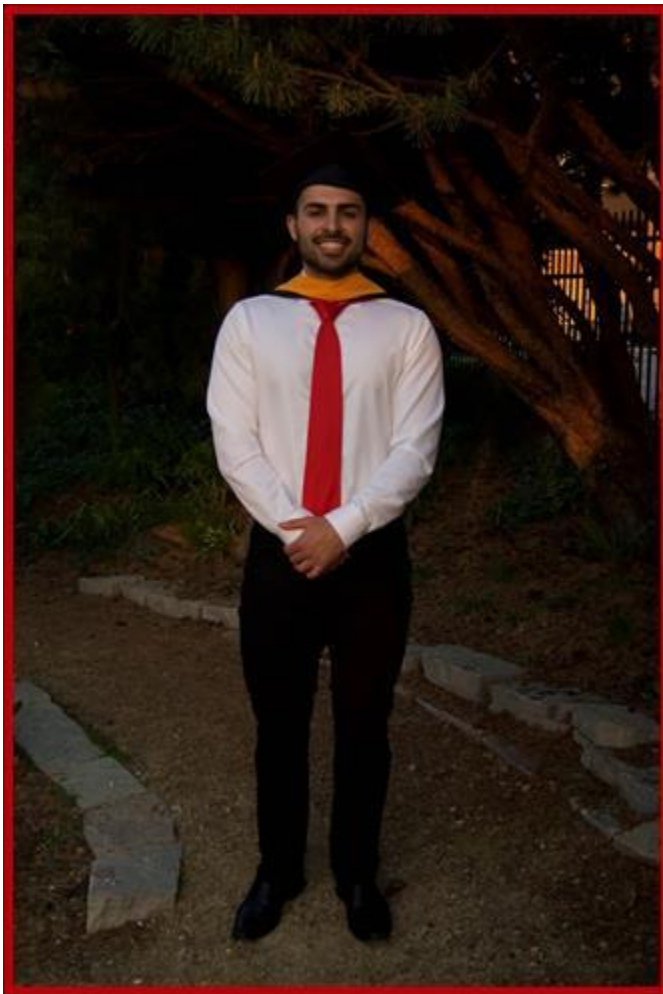
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

DOS Conference Room (UAEC 260)

or via Zoom: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/92695881413>

[Collins resume](#) | [Collins biography](#)

SUB Welcomes Operations Specialist



The Student Union Building is very excited to introduce Borna Riazi as the Operations Specialist. Borna will work with the SUB operations team, especially with the events team, to provide excellent service to all students, staff, and the community who utilize the building.

Borna received both his Bachelor's in Kinesiology and Master's in Higher Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2021 and 2023, respectively. During his time in Wisconsin, he was introduced to student affairs through campus recreation by serving as a personal trainer for five years. Borna was also a member of UW's competitive lower-voiced a cappella group, Fundamentally Sound, throughout all of undergrad.

Student Affairs Staff/Student Employee Spotlight Tuesdays



Just a reminder that we are always looking for outstanding, staff and student employees who provide invaluable support to our Lobos and UNM community to spotlight in our *Staff Spotlight Tuesday* social media campaign. Check out some of our [previous spotlights here](#)

With 500+ staff and student employees in our division, how well do we really know the people we work with every day? Do you know what your colleagues value most about UNM, their favorite campus spot to decompress, what they would tell their 15-year-old self about college, or what ridiculous, but useful, fact they know that makes them unique? This new initiative will help you get the answers to these and other questions.

Each week, we'll choose someone and give them two days to complete this [simple, short, form](#). We'll plug their information into a graphic, post it, and we'll all learn a little more about each other!

Excited to be part of this campaign, but don't want to wait for us to reach out to you? Just fill out the [form](#) and we'll feature you on the next available Tuesday slot. Looking forward to getting to know you!

Proposals Sought for the 2024 NASPA Annual Conference



The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators is calling for proposals for their 2024 NASPA Annual Conference which will be held in Seattle, March 13-19, 2024. Submission deadline is Thursday, Sept. 7 at 11:59 p.m. PT with decisions shared in October.

Seattle is one of the only major U.S. cities named for an Indigenous leader - Chief Si'ahl, of both the Suquamish and Duwamish Indigenous peoples of what is now known as Washington state. The conference focus is "*The truth about*

stories is that's all we are.” (King, 2003 p. 2) Stories are powerful and connect us to our history, our spaces, to one another, and to ourselves. They are medicine, meant to be shared, and provide a grounded telling of experiences that introduce new ways of knowing and being, including navigating and bringing balance back to landscapes.

[Learn more and submit a proposal.](#)

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