

Message from the Vice President



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

This is our moment. As orientation comes to an end and housing move-in begins, the 2023-2024 academic year is under way and the programs and support systems we sustain will be in the spotlight as new Lobos transition to UNM and returning Lobos are welcomed back for another outstanding year. I am pleased with our levels of thoughtful preparation as we begin, although much work is still underway. Next week with our new students, we will also welcome our new Director of Career Services, Autumn Collins, please join me in celebrating her advancement to this role after significant service to UNM for the past 15 years.

Over the past two weeks, I have been meeting with new faculty, chairs, and program directors to elevate awareness and understanding of our student support systems at UNM, of which you are a central part. I've shared with them my hopes and expectations for the year and will share them with you as well:

1. A vibrant, thriving campus community.
2. Robust student support systems that create the conditions for academically successful, and socially and mentally well students.
3. Clear and fair accountability systems that allow for proactive intervention.
4. An equity-minded approach to student success
5. Increased retention of first-generation, low-income, rural, and historically minoritized students through intentional evolutions as an entire campus community.
6. Strong collaborations and awareness of the high-quality work coming out of the division

These are not goals we can check the box on, but rather continuously evolving concepts we must be ever conscious of advancing.

On a fun note, I ended my summer at the annual Mezquite Golf Tournament playing alongside Alonzo Maestas, director of the Veterans and Military Resource Center, Dan Garcia, vice

president for Enrollment Management, and Britney Choy, UNM Alumni Relations officer. We had a fun day supporting student scholarships. A special thank you to all of the Student Affairs volunteers and the staff from the VPSA office without whom this tournament would not have been possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone around campus for welcome week events. Go Lobos!

Eric

Autumn Collins Named as Career Services Director



Autumn Collins has been selected to serve as the new director for Career Services following a competitive national search. Collins has been with the department for the past 15 years and will replace long-time director, Dr. Jenna Crabb, who was recently promoted to executive director for Student Resources.

Crabb said Collins has contributed immensely to Career Services and the university throughout her time at UNM and is excited to watch her continue her tenure as the next Career Services director.

“Her passion for what we do, her enthusiasm for helping students, her collaborative spirit, and her leadership experience are amazing assets to Career Services, Student Affairs, and our university,” Crabb said. “She is a culturally responsible professional who takes initiative with amazing energy and ideas to get things done.” [Read more...](#)

Student Activities Welcomes New Student Activities Specialists



The Student Activities Center welcomed two new student activities specialists, Maya Perez (top L) and Megann Roszak (bottom L).

Maya is a UNM alum who began her college career in 2017, then worked as a student in 2019, and graduated in 2021. When she’s not working at UNM, she enjoys hiking, paddle boarding, biking, and arts, such as, painting, sewing, and photography.



Megann is originally from Wisconsin and just recently moved to Albuquerque. She enjoys walking her dog, spending time with family and being creative with arts and crafts in her free time.

Volunteers needed at the 2023 McNair Conference



The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program needs volunteers to provide general assistance with their upcoming undergraduate research conference, Sept. 6 and 7. The conference attracts participants from more than 40 universities coast to coast. Please consider signing up to donate your time via the [volunteer form](#) (priority deadline is Monday, Aug. 21). McNair is a federal TRIO Program that prepares first-generation, low-income and underrepresented undergraduates for graduate school. To learn more about the conference or register, visit the [McNair program website](#).

SUB Rebuild 20th Anniversary Celebration



Join the Student Union Building (SUB) in a grand celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the SUB's rebuild. Stop by the SUB for three days of captivating events Aug. 29-31, from noon to 2 p.m. each day. The celebration includes, giveaways, food, and captivating events reminiscing on the past and embracing the vibrant future that lies ahead.

Scholarship Spotlight
SUB Student Employee Scholarship Fund



The Student Union Building is committed to ensuring student success. As such, the SUB impacts students on various levels. We are one of the largest student employers on campus and provide our students with diverse working experience. These job opportunities provide students with on-the-job training and experience that carries into their academic and professional careers.

Our student employees provide an invaluable service to us, our community, and our clients and we could not operate without them. Each semester, we recognize their efforts and award merit-based scholarships as well as graduate internships for those who have shown outstanding leadership and commitment to our organization. These scholarships go directly to their accounts to defer costs during their academic careers.

By supporting the Student Union Student Employee Scholarship Fund, you are helping students realize their full potential in a place where faculty, staff, students, and community come together to experience campus life.

All of the activities are in the SUB and created by students for students. Please consider making a donation to the [SUB Student Employee scholarship fund](#).

Welcome Back Events

The fall semester is right around the corner and Student Affairs has several events to help welcome our Lobos to campus.

WELCOME BACK DAYS

August 18th - 25th, 2023

The Last Great Event of the Summer



Friday, August 18th - Friday Night Live
Join hundreds of UNM students at the SUB from 7-10pm!
FREE Food, Student Organizations, Laser Tag, Photo Booths, Dance, Henna, Body Art, and more! This kicks off the semester!



Sunday, August 20th - First Year Family Day & Class Crawl
Join President Stokes & the first year class for convocation at 4pm. Find more info: sac.unm.edu. Don't be lost on your first day of classes! Find out where your classes are on a personalized campus tour. Follow signs after first year convocation for "Class Crawl".



Sunday, August 20th - Movie on the Field
Watch the summer hit *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3* drive-in style on Johnson Field at 8pm. **FREE!** Bring a blanket & enjoy an outdoor movie.
Look out for additional FREE screenings throughout the week in the SUB Theater! Schedule: movies.unm.edu

Monday, August 21st - President's Ice Cream Social and Department Day
Start the first day of school off right with ice cream served by UNM President Stokes and University Administrators. Explore majors, academic programs, UNM resources, and student support programs. You'll find all the tools to succeed and pick up some free stuff too! This program happens at the UNM Duck Pond. Free ice cream and live music starting at noon!

Tuesday, August 22nd - Safety, Health, & Wellness Day
Learn about recreational programs, safety practices & healthy food alternatives at booths from UNM Police, Student Health and Counseling, Rec Services, and more at the UNM Duck Pond. Free watermelon sponsored by UNM Children's Campus and live music at noon!



Wednesday, August 23rd - Campus Communities Day
Find your UNM Community on this day! Resource Centers and affinity based student organizations will host booths at the UNM Duck Pond to help you find your pack at UNM. Free Green Chile Stew, live music, and Pepsi at Noon!

Wednesday, August 23rd - North Campus Welcome Back Day
Stop by the lawn just southeast of Dormical Center along Marble Ave for North Campus Welcome Back! Information booths will run 11:30am-1pm while you enjoy free Watermelon sponsored by UNM Children's Campus and free Pepsi products!

Thursday, August 24th - Student Organization Day
Stop by the Duck Pond to meet student leaders from around campus and learn how to get involved with the 350+ student organizations at UNM! Listen to live music starting at noon while ASUNM leaflets serve free Dion's Pizza and Pepsi!

Friday, August 25th - Community Service & Campus Employment Day
Looking to get involved in the community? Looking for a campus job? Stop by the Duck Pond to find out which campus departments are hiring and which community agencies are recruiting volunteers for a great cause. Free Pepsi and live music starting at Noon!
Welcome Back Days 2023 is subject to change. Check website for updates.

For more information, go to: sac.unm.edu or call the Student Activities Center at 277-4706



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Free music and entertainment daily starting at Noon. Info booths run from 10am-2pm. For more info and an updated schedule: sac.unm.edu

[Click here for more information](#)

[AAPIRC Welcome Back](#)

Wednesday, Aug. 23

4 p.m.

		Mesa Vista Courtyard
AASS Welcome Back BBQ	Thursday, Aug. 24	5 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard
El Centro de la Raza Welcome Back	Wednesday, Aug. 30	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard
AISS Welcome Back Social	Thursday, Aug. 31	12-2 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard
CEP Welcome Back BBQ	Wednesday, Sept. 6	11 a.m.–2 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard
WRC Welcome Back Cupcake Party	Wednesday, Sept. 26	12-2 p.m. Mesa Vista Courtyard