

Welcome from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

This week is one of reflection for me as I celebrate one year on staff at UNM serving with gratitude as Vice President for Student Affairs. As we ready our offices, teams, and resources to welcome our Lobos for another outstanding year of learning and engagement, I could not be more excited for where we are and we are going. With our new divisional leadership structure in place and representing an incredible depth and breadth of UNM experience, we are poised to have a successful year while also laying the foundations for future continuous improvement by focusing on strategic planning, professional development, assessment and evaluation, and culturally responsive, research-informed practices. While there will be much to do in the next few weeks, I truly find this to be one of the most energizing times of the year. Thank you for letting me be part of your community. I'll see you around campus!

With Appreciation,
Eric

McCarthy Appointed Director for Women's Resource Center



Áine McCarthy has been named director for The University of New Mexico Women's Resource Center (WRC) following a competitive national search. She began working at the WRC as an advocate supporting student survivors on campus, and most recently served in the director role on an interim basis beginning in March 2022.

McCarthy holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, and completed the Living School at the Center for Contemplation and Action in Albuquerque. She is an ordained Buddhist chaplain with a background in working with women in prison and offering creative and contemplative programming for women and femmes cultivating post-traumatic growth after Intimate Partner Violence. [Read more...](#)

Mezquite Golf Tournament Returns for 13th Year



The University of New Mexico is once again teaming up with El Mezquite Markets owner, Sergio Bermudez, to host the annual Mezquite Golf Tournament at Isleta Golf Club. The tournament—known for its food, fun atmosphere, and stellar prizes—has been raising money for UNM student scholarships for the past 13 years. To date, the tournament has raised upwards of \$250,000.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Eric Scott, is grateful for Bermudez’s kindness, contributions, and leadership on behalf of the UNM community. “Sergio is a great campus partner, whose generosity has impacted countless Lobos for more than a decade,” he said.

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Associate Dean of Student Rights and Responsibilities Finalists Announced

The Dean of Students Office has announced Asia Smith, assistant director for Student Conduct, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston, TX, and Paula Smith, acting dean for Student Wellbeing, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, as finalists for the Associate Dean of Student Rights and Responsibilities position. Asia Smith was on campus yesterday meeting with key constituents, and Paula Smith will be on campus Monday, Aug. 7.

UPDATE: S. Nicole Ferguson was also named as a finalist but has withdrawn her candidacy for the position.

Save the Dates for Student Affairs 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

NM August 18th - 25th, 2023 NM

The Last Great Event of the Summer



Friday, August 18th - Friday Night Live Sponsored by: 
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: ffd.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!

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

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 Domenici 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!

Welcome Back Days is sponsored by:



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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 leaders 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

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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.

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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