

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Wow! After an incredible move-in, Friday Night Live, First-year Family day, and start of classes, we are here moving full speed into the fall 2023 semester. These next few weeks are busy ones for all of Student Affairs as we calibrate our services to new students and host a myriad of welcome back, connective, and supportive

programs that will lay the foundations for a culture of wellbeing, help-seeking, and intentional development. I have already been inspired and impressed by the energy on campus. One common theme I have heard is the excitement with which many students have talked about engaging on campus, be it by joining an organization, seeking on-campus employment, connecting with resource centers, or simply taking advantage of the many opportunities that exist on campus to live a vibrant Lobo life.

The first six weeks of college are a critical time for new students and so it is also a critical time for student support. I hope you will join me in doing all we can together to provide students with a warm reception, help them become connected to each other and our many campus resources, and establish a sense of pride and belonging in being part of the UNM community. Together we can lay the foundations upon which our entire community can grow and excel.

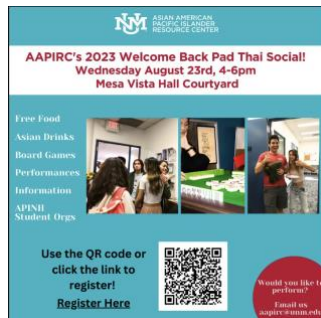
With appreciation,
Eric

SUB 20-year Rebuild Anniversary



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.

AAPIRC Welcome Back Pad Thai Social



Join the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center for food, games, information and performances.

Wednesday, August 23
4-6 p.m.
Mesa Vista Courtyard

African American Student Services Welcome Back BBQ



Join AASS for food, information, and a chance for students to meet faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

Thursday, August 24
5 p.m.
Mesa Vista Courtyard

HEP Welcomes New Instructor



The High School Equivalency Program just welcomed a new instructor. Jarett Bigej grew up in New Mexico and graduated from UNM with a degree in Spanish and International Studies in 2014. After graduating he left New Mexico to travel the world. He has since traveled to over 30 countries, spending extensive time in Ecuador, Austria, England, Vietnam, Spain, Turkey, Mexico and Costa Rica. In 2022 Jarett received his MA in International Relations at Marmara University in Istanbul. He loves cultural exchanges and

connecting with others with language at the center. Jarett considers himself an eternal learner and loves to share this passion with his students worldwide.

El Centro de la Raza Raza Junta



Join El Centro de la Raza for music and food.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mesa Vista Courtyard

American Indian Student Services Welcome Back



Join American Indian Student Services for their Welcome Back for food, refreshments and the chance to meet UNM faculty and staff. This is a ticketed event. Stop by AISS, Mesa Vista Hall Room 1119 to pick up your tickets by Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m.

Thursday, August 31

noon to 2 p.m.

Mesa Vista Courtyard

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
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!

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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 Dornick 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](#)

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4 p.m.

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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