

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

If you get up early enough, you can just start to feel fall in the air. It is my sincere hope that the holiday weekend provided an opportunity to rest after these past few very busy weeks supporting our Lobos in their transitions back to campus. It was a pleasure to see so many of you out both running events and connecting with students. The

energy you and the students have brought together is the essence of the UNM spirit and one of the important cornerstones of sustaining the vibrant and welcoming community that our campus is known for. There is one more opportunity to enjoy a welcome back event as the College Enrichment Program hosts its welcome back today beginning at 11 a.m. in the Mesa Vista Courtyard. The division will also welcome students from all over the country tomorrow as UNM hosts the McNair Scholars Research Conference.

In addition, I'd like to invite all Division of Student Affairs employees to mark an important upcoming date; our next division All Staff Gathering will take place on Friday, Sept. 22, in SUB Ballroom B. These gatherings are an important opportunity to connect with colleagues across the division and receive key information about division philosophy and progress. I strongly encourage attendance and as an added bonus, attendees can receive a Student Affairs 2023 shirt while supplies last. When you receive the calendar invite, please accept as your RSVP. If for some reason you do not receive your calendar invite, please contact Natalie Brigance in the VPSA office.

With appreciation, Eric

CEP Welcome Back BBQ



The College Enrichment Program will be hosting their annual welcome back BBQ today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by for free food and a photo booth.

2023 Ronald E. McNair Conference



The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program will host the 2023 McNair Scholars Research Conference, today and tomorrow in the UNM Student Union Building. The two-day conference features free oral and poster presentations open to the public, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. today, and tomorrow from 9:45 a.m.-12:10 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Visit the [McNair program conference website](https://mcnair.unm.edu) for all the details.

Lesley McKinney Named SHAC Counseling Services Director



In July 2023 Lesley McKinney was promoted from the associate director of Clinical Counseling to counseling director. Her promotion was a unanimous decision by SHAC leadership following her outstanding start as associate director, bringing clinical expertise, supervision skill, organizational leadership, and health administration knowledge from her previous posts. She has specific interests in severe mental illness and trauma-informed care and is a national board-certified counselor with a certificate in

Dialectical Behavioral Therapy. Director McKinney brought a new vision for Counseling Services, helping to increase counselor numbers and embedded providers across campus, and to create a pipeline for provisionally licensed providers to gain skills in collegiate healthcare. She also brought a new plan and strong drive to lead us out of pandemic models of hybrid service to new, more accessible, and varied treatment options. She launched a new intake model, called OAAT (pronounced oat for One At A Time), giving students a longer initial appointment with more detailed interventions to resolve presenting issues more immediately. She formed a more robust group psychotherapy program, which is a highly effective and recommended approach for many mental health conditions. She is creating liaisons between Counseling and key departments across campus, so they will have direct access to consultation about mental health needs of students. And she is relaunching the Psychological Testing program with a newly hired psychologist after a brief hiatus. [Read the entire announcement...](#)

Fall All Staff Gathering scheduled for September 22

Attention Student Affairs staff! Hope you are able to join us for the fall



The flyer features the UNM Student Affairs logo on the left. The main image shows a group of people at a gathering with a 'Thank you' sign. The text on the flyer includes the date and time, a schedule of activities, and a request to RSVP.

— FRIDAY —
SEPT. 22
8 to 11:30 a.m.
SUB Ballroom B

Fall 2023
ALL STAFF GATHERING

8:30-9:30 A.M.	COLLEAGUE CATCH-UP & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
9:30-10 A.M.	ICEBREAKER
10-10:30 A.M.	DIVISION UPDATE - DR. ERIC SCOTT
10:30-11 A.M.	STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE - FLORENCIO OLGUIN
11-11:30 A.M.	INFORMAL NETWORKING

Please RSVP by accepting the calendar invite.

2023 Student Affairs All Staff Gathering. You'll be able to catch up with colleagues, hear an update from Dr. Scott, and learn about the division's strategic plan. We also have free t-shirts to give out until we run out.

Paula Smith Named Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities



Paula Smith will join the UNM Dean of Students Office as the new associate dean of students and director of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The newly created position is part of the office's restructuring plan which also includes the addition of an associate dean of students for Student Wellbeing, a position recently filled by Greg Golden. UNM Dean of Students Nasha Torrez, J.D. said that the two new associate dean positions bring the University of New Mexico into

alignment with best practices and standards of other universities across the country, and she is excited to welcome Smith to the team. Smith is leaving her current role as acting dean for Student Wellbeing at Gonzaga University and brings with her an extensive Student Affairs background. She previously

served as the assistant director of Residence Life and Student Housing at the University of Norte Dame. Smith also initiated and created the infrastructure for Indiana University of South Bend's first on-campus housing. [Read entire article...](#)

El Puente Fellowship Publishes Successes (courtesy of UNM Newsroom)



The unique, impactful work being done at El Centro de la Raza's El Puente research Fellowship is getting additional, well-deserved attention. Program Director Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera and four Graduate Fellows just highlighted El Puente's years of results in a peer-reviewed journal by the American Sociological Association. "We set it

as a goal for ourselves to publish about our pedagogical practices in the program because we felt we were doing something unique that should be written about," El Puente Program Director Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera said. [Read full story...](#)

**September 15 is
National Online Learning Day!**

*Are you an
online
student?*

We want to hear from you!
Tell us how online learning has benefitted
you in a short video we'll share on
socials!

Email us at online@unm.edu

 online.unm.edu 

National Online Learning Day

September 15 is National Online Learning Day and UNM Online is looking for short-form videos from students to include on our social media pages for the event. We'll be taking over the official UNM accounts to promote the prevalence and importance of online learning to the UNM community. If you know of any students passionate Due September 14, emailed to online@unm.edu

- The video should be under one minute in length

- Portrait or vertical preferred, although if you'd like to record one using your computer that's great, too!
- A brief introduction, with your name, program, and whether you're a UNM staff and student
- Suggested topics:
 - Online learning tips
 - How online education benefitted you
 - Why you love online learning
- Success stories

LoboThon Golf Tournament

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLE SPONSORSHIP —HOLE SIGNAGE— \$100	TOURNAMENT STYLE: 4 TEAM SCRAMBLE
BANNER SPONSORSHIP —LOGO ON BANNER— \$500	INCLUDES:
BEVERAGE SPONSORSHIP —SIGNAGE ON BEVERAGE CART AT THE EVENT— \$1,000	18 HOLES
TITLE SPONSORSHIP —BANNER SIGNAGE IN THE BREEZEWAY & ENTRY FOR A TEAM OF 4 \$3,000	GOLF CART
	RANGE BALLS
	AFTER EVENT SNACKS
	PRIZES!

LoboTHON

5th Annual Masters for Miracles Golf Tournament
 October 28, 2023
 UNM Championship Golf Course
 8:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$100 Student Ticket
 \$125 Non-Student Ticket
 All proceeds from this tournament benefit the UNM Children's Hospital. For more information, please contact Simran Bhardwaj via email

at lombothon@gmail.com or sbhardwaj@unm.edu.

NM Food as Medicine Logo Design Competition

Call for Submissions
New Mexico Food as Medicine (NM-FaM)
Logo Design:

What is NM-FaM?
We are a Network for a more equitable and just food system in New Mexico.
We are looking for a logo to be the face of our Network
We want you to help us create it!

Logo Requirements:
The logo should represent the following catchphrase:
NM-FaM: Connecting community, cultivating generational foodways for a whole school model
Logo must be circular.
Image should be simple, clear, and legible.
Digital, photo, and hand-drawn submissions are welcome!

Submission deadlines: September 1st - September 15th, 2023

Compensation: \$300

Where to send a submission:
nmfoodasmedicine@gmail.com
Subject of your email: *Your name_NM-FaM_LogoSubmission.*

The New Mexico Food as Medicine program is asking for submissions for their logo design competition. The deadline to enter is Friday, Sept. 15.

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