

## Message from the VP



Dr. Eric Scott and Dennis Armijo at last semester's Late Night Breakfast at the SUB.

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I hope you benefited from the break to personally rest and recenter as we enter 2025, and another exciting semester with our Lobo community. In just a few short days, the spring 2025 semester will begin with our Welcome Back Days events and new opportunities to be involved, but not before we pause to celebrate the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as an individual and as a leader in the broader Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. King said speaking on education that "Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction. The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically". The speech from which this quote originates speaks specifically to the importance of thinking logically and ethically and protecting the population against propaganda. We find ourselves in a time where even some of our own work regarding equity and inclusion is being questioned by some, yet postsecondary student success research shows time and time again that these services and

programs are critical to the success of students, particularly those from historically minoritized communities. We hold steadfast in our commitment to equitable student success which our new strategic plan will emphatically affirm.

In this new year, you may interact with new or returning students who have set an intention for their year to become more involved, to get more organized, to be more proactive, or to dedicate more time to their personal and academic development. Students who are trying to improve or expand their various skills and practices related to wellbeing and student success will find support, resources, and encouragement across the Division of Student Affairs because of the environment and inspiration that you create. Thank you for all you do for our students, division, and university.

With appreciation,

Eric

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## Collins Retires as Director for UNM Career Services



Autumn Collins retired on Wednesday, Jan. 1 after a remarkable career with UNM Career Services. Dr. Jenna Crabb wants to express our collective gratitude for her incredible dedication and service. From her start as an intern in 2007 to her leadership as Director in 2023, Autumn has truly exemplified commitment, passion, and professionalism in every role.

Autumn's involvement in Staff Council, wellness initiatives, and numerous Career Services committees made a lasting impact not only on our department but on the entire university community. Her enthusiasm, tenacity, and dedication have been a source of inspiration for all of us. But more than that, we will miss the energy and friendship she brought to the office every day.

Autumn leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide us. She will be missed.

# Spring Welcome Back Days

The Student Activities Center is hosting this Spring's Welcome Back Days from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building (SUB) Atrium, on Wednesdays, Jan. 22 and 29. January 22 will center around UNM departments and Greek organizations. January 29 will highlight the various 450+ student organizations on campus.



**WELCOME BACK DAYS**  
2025  
**GET INVOLVED!**

**WEDS, JAN 22** | **WEDS, JAN 29**

**Departmental & Greek Life Information Booths**

Stop by to get some great information from campus departments and UNM fraternities & sororities. Learn about their services, programs and the ways they can help make your UNM experience that much better!

**Student Organization Information Booths**

UNM has over 350 Student Organizations! Groups will be on hand to provide information about opportunities to join. Improve your UNM experience, leadership skills, have fun and start building your resume!  
**GET INVOLVED!**

**EACH DAY RUNS 11:30a-1p in SUB Atrium**  
**FREE Pepsi products from 11:30a till gone!**

 

# Assessment Workshops

The Division of Student Affairs is rolling out Student Affairs Assessment professional development workshops in spring 2025. Informed by the [ACPA Assessment Skills and Knowledge Standards for Student Affairs Practitioners](#), each workshop incorporates practical exercises to help you enhance your own day-to-day assessment practices. Each 1-hour workshop will be held in person at UAEC 250. Throughout the series, participants will learn about a variety of topics, including:

- Foundational Assessment Concepts
- Program Mapping & Logic Models
- Using Benchmarks & Professional Standards
- Writing & Assessing Co-curricular Student Learning Outcomes
- Survey Design and Data Analysis
- Quantitative Data Disaggregation
- Approaches to Equity-Minded Assessment

RSVP for any/all of the workshops here: <https://goto.unm.edu/assessment/>. For additional information, contact Tina Zuniga at [zunigat@unm.edu](mailto:zunigat@unm.edu).



The poster features the UNM Student Affairs logo in the top left. The title 'Spring 2025 Assessment WORKSHOPS' is prominently displayed in a yellow and red banner at the top right. Below the title, six workshop cards are listed, each with a date, time, and description. The cards are color-coded: blue for Feb 5, red for Feb 21, purple for March 5, green for March 12, grey for April 2, and orange for April 23. At the bottom, a QR code and registration link are provided.

Date	Time	Workshop Title	Description
WEDNESDAY FEB. 5	2-3 P.M.	Strengthening Capacity for Assessment	Learn how to overcome two common assessment barriers: time and confidence.
FRIDAY FEB. 21	10-11 A.M.	CAS Standards 101	Learn the fundamentals of CAS Standards and how they can help your department.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5	2-3 P.M.	Using Existing Data in Assessment	Learn to identify quantitative and qualitative data sources accessible to your department that can be easily utilized for assessment projects.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 12	10-11 A.M.	Student Affairs Surveys Part 1	A deep dive into effective survey development and explore the functionalities of two of UNM's survey administration tools: Qualtrics and Opinio.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 2	2-3 P.M.	Student Affairs Surveys Part 2	A deeper understanding of survey timing, statistical sampling, data analysis, and determining validity of results.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 23	2-3 P.M.	Intro to Equity-Minded Assessment	Learn about the principles of equity-minded assessment and strategies for data sense-making that minimize bias and deficit-based narratives.

All workshops will be held in University Advisement and Enrichment Center (UAEC) Room 250  
Register here: <https://goto.unm.edu/assessment>

# Save the Date for BeKind UNM 2025 Celebration

Mark your calendars for this year's BeKind UNM celebration! We will be once again collecting donations for the Lobo Food Pantry, and stuffed animals for various local charities that help children in need.

This year's BeKind UNM Week is scheduled for Feb. 10-14. Wednesday, Feb. 12, features the Kindness Carnival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB Atrium, and the teddy bear toss at the UNM Men's Lobo basketball game at 8 p.m. at The Pit. The second teddy bear toss will be at the Women's Lobo basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at The Pit.

All UNM departments and programs are welcome to host a table at the Kindness Carnival. Please use [this form](#) to save your spot.

Visit the [BeKind UNM page](#) for all the details!



**BeKind UNM 2025 EVENTS**

**Feb 12**

**Kindness Carnival**  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
SUB Atrium

**Teddy Bear Toss**  
Men's Lobo Game vs Wyoming  
8 p.m.  
The Pit

**Feb 22**

**Teddy Bear Toss**  
Women's Lobo Game vs Utah  
2 p.m.  
The Pit

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# Save the Date for the All Staff Gathering Set for Friday, Feb. 28

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## SAVE the DATE



Spring 2025  
**ALL STAFF GATHERING**  
Friday, Feb. 28 | 8-11 a.m. | SUB Ballroom C

Please RSVP by accepting the calendar invite from the VPSA account.

The Spring 2025 Division All Staff Gathering is set for Friday, Feb. 28, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the SUB, Ballroom C. All Student Affairs staff are invited to join Dr. Eric Scott to get updates on the important work happening in our division. Please look for a calendar invite in the new future which will serve as your rsvp for the event.



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