

Message from the VP



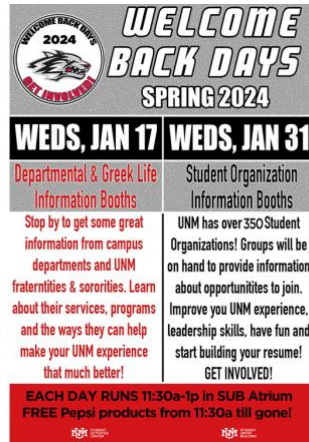
Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Spring (semester) is here! With yesterday's first day of classes, our Lobos are back to the pack and ready to make 2024 a wonderful year. Things that are on my mind as we begin include the importance of connectivity, wellness, support, and inspiration for our students. We are fortunate to have a division that provides each of these necessary factors in ample supply.

Last week in a special workshop alongside our Director of Development for Student Affairs, Lisa Ellis, we were asked to succinctly state what problem we are trying to solve. When considering the work of Student Affairs, our answer was that we "seek to mitigate the impact that identity and life circumstances can have on educational and life outcomes". We do this by providing opportunities for connectivity, wellness, support, and inspiration. While our collective strategic planning process will define our mission, vision, and strategic priorities as a division, I hope you can build on this thinking to inspire your work with our students this semester. I can't wait to see all we will achieve together this year.


With Appreciation,
Eric

Spring Welcome Back Days Set



The Student Activities Center is hosting two Spring 2024 Welcome Back Days in the SUB Atrium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to kick off this semester. The first one is today featuring UNM departments and Greek Life who will provide information about their services and programs. Wednesday, Jan. 31 will be Student Organization Day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB Atrium where students can stop by and learn about the many opportunities available to get involved on campus.

NOVA, UNM Announce New Victim Assistance Group



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someone kind, empathetic, and
compassionate. someone with
purpose, with the power to make
difference.

someone like you.

If you're a student with a passion for helping others and an interest in victim services, you might be exactly who we're looking for. The National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVA) is working with college campuses, evaluators, and youth survivor-advocates to launch a new Victim Advocacy Corps. With funding from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), the Victim Advocacy Corps will elevate the next generation of youth leaders in victim services.

We're searching for students like you to be a part of our first-ever cohort. If accepted, you and seventeen others throughout the United States will receive:

- specialized victim advocacy training at NOVA's Annual Training Event in Washington, D.C.
- credentialing
- mentorship
- a paid, nine-month field placement in a local victim service agency



Join the Victim Advocacy Corps. All it takes is a completed application and a heart for helping others.

Scan the QR code to apply. Deadline is January 22nd, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.
Questions? Email advocacycorps@nova.org

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The University of New Mexico is one of the campuses piloting a national partnership with the National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVA) to participate in their new Victim Academy Corps. This is a unique paid opportunity for students who are interested in supporting survivors. Interested students can [apply here](#) with a best consideration date of Monday, Jan. 22 online before 11:50 p.m. EST. Contact [Abrianna Morales](#) NOVA Victim Advocacy Corps Program manager to learn more about the program.

2024 BeKind UNM Teddy Bear Toss Set for Men's Lobo Game Jan. 28



Mark your calendars for this the first of two teddy bear tosses scheduled in connection with the 2024 BeKind UNM celebration. The first teddy bear toss will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Men's Lobo basketball game at 8 p.m. at The Pit. Bring a **NEW** stuffed animal to toss onto the court during halftime to be donated to APD and and AFR. Please write your name and phone number on a piece of paper and tie it to your stuffed animal before the toss for your chance to win one of our grand prize baskets.

This year's BeKind UNM Week is scheduled for Feb. 12-16. Wednesday, Feb. 14, features the Kindness Carnival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB Atrium, and the second teddy bear toss at the Women's game that evening at The Pit at 7 p.m.

Visit the [BeKind UNM webpage](#) for all the details.

Spring 2024 DSA All Staff Gathering



The Spring 2024 Division All Staff Gathering is set for Friday, Feb. 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. All Student Affairs staff are invited to join Dr. Eric Scott to get updates on the important work happening in our Division, and where we're heading strategically. Please accept the calendar invite that was sent to you which will serve as your RSVP.

