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Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Family,

I'm ecstatic to have the opportunity to address the Division within the Weekly CONNECT – thank you Dr. Scott!

We're a week and some change into November and we've already experienced the end of daylight saving time, an election, a snow day, and much more! Though Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11, one day is never enough to honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice. The [Veteran & Military Resource Center](#) has a number of [activities](#) planned for this week and I hope you each find time to participate in the celebration in your own way.

November also marks national American Indian Heritage Month! Within New Mexico we are blessed to be surrounded by vibrant Indigenous communities yet many within this country view Indigenous folx as relics of the past. Within higher education, our students are rendered invisible across data and research as highlighted within the book authored by student affairs professionals in *Beyond the Asterisk: Understanding Native Students in Higher Education*. According to the 2020 Census, over 9.9 million and 1.5 million individuals identified as American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian (alone or in

combination) respectively. Within the Land of Enchantment, Indigenous peoples account for 12.7% of the state population while American Indian and Native Hawaiian (alone) students make up 9.2% of The University of New Mexico. Data is not always viewed as exciting, but it's very important as we tell our stories and advance the work done at our institution and within [American Indian Student Services \(AISS\)](#).

In recognition of our own Indigenous student population, I hope to impress upon our community that Indigenous peoples exist on our campus and they're thriving! AISS, [Native American Studies](#), [Center for Native American Health](#), other UNM departments, [chartered student organizations](#), and community organizations are hosting a variety of engaging programs [throughout this month](#) to celebrate and honor the past, present, and future contributions of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States.

Thank you for allowing me into your day via this message. I'm proud to be a Lobo and feel fortunate to be a student affairs professional working alongside incredibly hardworking, creative, and caring individuals who make direct contributions to student success every day. Go Lobos!

With gratitude,

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Andrew Yazzie (Diné)
Director of American Indian Student Services

American Indian Heritage Month

UNM's American Indian Student Services, Native American Studies, Center for Native American Health, and several chartered student organizations have collaborated to engage the university community in learning and discovering more about the Indigenous experience and perspective. The entire campus community is invited to attend and participate in a variety of public and cost-free educational, social, cultural, and artistic programming initiatives throughout the month of November. Visit the AISS [American Indian Heritage Month events page](#) for a complete schedule.



Lobos Got Talent Winners



Last Friday, Lobos showcased their talents at the annual Lobos Got Talent Show. This year *Here to Stay*, an original song by The Boys Room took first place, followed by Miranda Burt, Ten Hoops taking second, and third place and audience choice awards went to the Afroettes with a stomp and shake performance. Congratulations to all our winners and participants!

VMRC VETERANS WEEK
SPECIAL EVENTS LIST

FRIDAY 8 Annual UNM VMRC Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony, 1:30 PM
Come by the VMRC to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday with the UNM VMRC and have a slice of cake.

MONDAY 11 Veterans Day Ceremony at the Alumni Chapel beginning 10:00 am
We will gather at the Alumni Memorial Chapel for a Veterans Day Celebration and Remembrance hosted by the Veterans Alumni Chapter and the Veteran & Military Resource Center. The program will feature guest speaker Paul Boudewt, a UNM graduate and U.S. Navy sailor. Listen to the sounds of the bugle and bagpipers as we honor the bravery of our veterans and pay special recognition to the 1,344 alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also invite you to a reception with refreshments after the ceremony in the chapel courtyard.

TUESDAY 12 Represent Your Branch of Service Day & Picnic at 12:00 pm
Please stop by the VMRC dressed to represent the branch of service you are affiliated with for our Veterans Week Picnic. Grab food and network with military-affiliated students and staff from the UNM community.

WEDNESDAY 13 Open House & VMRC 15-Year Anniversary
Stop by the VMRC between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to learn about the programs and services provided to UNM Military Affiliated Students.

THURSDAY 14 Faculty/Staff Recognition Day Luncheon at 12:00 pm
The VMRC would love to include your department in our Faculty/Staff Recognition Day Luncheon. Please email Jesse Proledo at jproledo@unm.edu with the name of your department, veteran(s) or veteran dependent(s) you would like to recognize by November 8th so we can plan accordingly for food and refreshments.

FRIDAY 15 Red Out Friday
Wear RED on Friday for Remember Everyone Deployed. Show your support for every one deployed by wearing RED.

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VMRC Veterans Week Events Continue

The Veteran & Military Resource Center Veterans Week activities continue through Friday, Nov. 15. Everyone is invited to participate in various events to honor our veterans and recognize our faculty and staff.

CEP Class of 2028 Banner Reveal

Celebrate the Class of 2028 with food (courtesy of UNM Food), music from DJ Ten, and a photo booth, as CEP reveals the Class of 2028 banner.



DSA Onboarding Orientation



The DSA Professional Development Committee is inviting all Division staff to the DSA Onboarding Orientation on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 2-4 p.m. in the SUB. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your Student Affairs knowledge and explore specialty topic areas in the following tracks:

Supervisor/Manager Track

- Coaching Staff for Peak Performance
- Finding your Supervisory Style

HR/Finance/ Admin Track

- Overview: Finance, Purchasing, and Best Practices
- Mid-Year Budget Planning Best Practices

Specialty Tracks

- Green Zone
- Freedom of Speech
- JEADI Strategic Plan
- Setting Effective Goals and Personal Mission Statement

Please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, Nov. 15, if you are planning to attend.

Donations Sought for Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund

For the second year, the Dean of Students Office in collaboration with the UNM Children's Campus and Division of Student Affairs is

Make a **donation** to help us spread joy to some of our **student parents** this season!

Little Lobo
Holiday Wish Fund

We hope to help 100 Lobo families with \$100 gift cards just in time for the holidays!



Scan to make a donation of any amount until Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024



encouraging the campus community to come together and make the season a little brighter for our student parents through the Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund (LLHWF).

The goal of the LLHWF is to provide 100 lobo families with \$100 Amazon gift cards in time for the holidays. Donations in any amount are being accepted through Sunday, Dec. 1 via the Little [Lobo Holiday Wish Fund page](#), and eligible parents who are students can apply for the Amazon gift cards through Sunday, Dec. 1 via the [Little Lobo Holiday Gift Application page](#). Gift cards will be distributed to our student families with enough time to make their holidays extra special for their little Lobo(s).

Student parents make up about 22% of college campus populations nationwide. Many student parents must make sacrifices to support themselves and their family. Many must borrow through the financial aid and loans they receive, and work long hours when not in class or with their children.

The University of New Mexico supports its student parents via various services including childcare at the UNM Children's Campus; and lactation stations, family-friendly computer pods, student-led workshops, SNAP application assistance and free counseling and confidential advisory through the Women's Resource Center.

UNM Mandatory Training



Just a reminder that annual training for all UNM employees is due by Monday, Dec. 2. There are now four required courses, including the new "[Securing the Human](#)" security training.

- MT 2024E or MT 2024S: Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination
- BAST 2024: Basic Annual Safety Training - 2024
- ACSH 2024: Active Shooter on Campus: Run, Hide, Fight - 2024
- SANS Security Awareness Training 2024: Securing the Human

These courses take about two hours and have already been added to your Learning Central training plan. Annual mandatory training is crucial in keeping us informed about important safety issues, from preventing accidents and harassment to knowing what to do in an active shooter scenario.

All UNM employees - including regular and temporary staff, faculty, on-call workers, and student employees - must complete these trainings. Get started on [UNM Learning Central](#).

Student Affairs Accepting Applications for Accessibility Resource Center Director

The Division of Student Affairs is looking for its next director of the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) Current director, Amanda Butrum, is retiring.

The ARC director provides critical leadership focused on ensuring that students with disabilities receive the accommodations and support services



necessary for their academic, cultural, and social success. The Director will oversee the development and delivery of a range of services that promote an inclusive and accessible campus environment for all students.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree, at least 7 years of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified. Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis. Those interested can view the complete description and apply via the [UNM Jobs posting Req31580](#). The best consideration date is Thursday, Dec. 12.



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