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Guest Message from African American Student Services Director



Black History Month Flag Raising Ceremony, Monday, Feb. 3.

Greetings Student Affairs,

Happy Black History Month! On Monday, we officially kicked off Black History Month at UNM with our annual flag raising ceremony. Many thanks to those who were able to attend and support this event. Our theme for this year is “Celebrating Our Roots.” In a time with much uncertainty, this month serves as the perfect time to be reminded “we binya” (a gullah-geechee phrase meaning we’ve been here) and we will continue a legacy of excellence on our campus.

As we celebrate, we gratefully recognize contributions of former Black student leaders who serve as the roots of our current work. In fact, we have been blessed to host a former Black student leader, Sam W.D. Johnson, J.D. in our office over the past two weeks. During his time on campus ('73 BS & '76 JD), he became the first Black ASUNM senator, served as one of the first Black student union coordinators, charted the Black Law Student Association, and protested to establish Black Studies on our campus.

We honor these roots as they have helped to contribute to the vibrant Black community at UNM that exists today. In African American Student Services, we proudly highlight the diverse intersections of our community through scholarship, leadership, wellness, and professional pursuits. Currently, we have a Black Student Belonging project underway and are excited to learn about the various ways students feel proud to be Lobos on our campus. Additionally, we use these opportunities to elevate Black voices to ensure we are providing the most expansive support possible to our communities.

We invite you and your students to participate in our [programming](#) both on campus and at the PIT for our Black history month basketball games. Throughout this month, we hope to immerse our campus in the cultural wealth of our Black community at UNM. Finally, as we celebrate our roots, we recognize one of our own home-grown lobo student athlete leaders to staff, Anu Somoye, and sadly announce his departure. We invite you to join us on Friday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. in Afro to send him off with well wishes as he plants “new seeds” in his next endeavors.

Thank you for your continued support!

Brandi Stone,
Director, African American Student Services

Celebrate Black History Month

The graphic is a calendar for Black History Month 2025. It features a green and black color scheme with the UNM Lobos logo and the text 'RESPECT BLACK HISTORY' and 'CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS'. The events are listed in a grid format:

2025 BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
JAN. 25TH Black History Month Kick Off Brunch 10:30AM SUB Ballrooms	FEB. 13TH Love & College 12PM AASS Lounge	FEB. 19TH Rebellion, Resistance, Retention 3PM SUB Ballroom C
JAN. 29TH Back to Our Roots 3PM AASS Lounge	FEB. 14TH Women's Basketball Game Featuring UNM Afroettes 7PM The Pit	FEB. 21ST Flavors of Freedom: Soul Food Cooking Class with Kat 2PM & 3:30PM Johnson Center
FEB. 3RD Flag Raising Ceremony 11AM Scholes Hall	FEB. 14TH African American Day at the NM Legislature All Day NM State Capitol	FEB. 27TH Hip Hop is Resistance: The Future of America Keynote with Kevin Powell 6PM SUB Ballroom B
FEB. 5TH Knowledge Bowl 12PM AASS Lounge	FEB. 15TH Snowboarding TBA	
FEB. 7TH Men's Basketball Game Featuring UNM NPHC 8:30PM The Pit	FEB. 18TH Lorde Morrison Day All Day AASS Lounge	
FEB. 7TH National Black HIV Aids Awareness Day 10AM - 3PM Testing in the SUB 6PM Workshop in AASS lounge		

African American Student Services kicked off their [Black History Month \(BHM\) celebration](#) with the annual Flag Raising Ceremony scheduled on Monday. There are several events planned throughout the month of February, including African American Day at the NM Legislature on Friday, Feb. 14, Lorde Morrison Day on Tuesday, Feb. 18, Flavors of Freedom: Soul Food Cooking Class with Kat on Friday, Feb. 21, and much more. Check out the [AASS website](#) for all the details!

UNM STEM Job & Internship Fair



The University of New Mexico (UNM) Office of Career Services is hosting the annual 2025 UNM STEM Job & Internship Fair scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13. The in-person fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (MST) at the UNM Student Union Ballrooms. The 2025 UNM STEM Job and Internship Fair is open to students and alumni from all New Mexico higher education organizations. The fair is a great opportunity for students, alumni, and employers to connect and engage about upcoming engineering and physical science industry opportunities. For a list of attending employers: tinyurl.com/SPSTEM2025

NSO Orientation Leader Applications are Open

New Student Orientation is hiring summer orientation leaders via unmjobs.unm.edu Req. 32030. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 14.



2025 Clave Outstanding Senior Awards



This year the Clave Outstanding Senior Award will again be presented to outstanding senior students who have performed well academically and made significant contributions to the general welfare of the campus community through their involvement in student organizations and activities. This award is for undergraduate baccalaureate students from the Albuquerque campus, who are graduating this May or December of 2025.

If you know an outstanding student who you think might be eligible, please encourage them to apply, and please distribute the attached advertisement/graphic through your networks, social media channels, and list serves to help us target eligible students. The application form is available directly at <https://goto.unm.edu/clauve-2025>.

BeKind UNM 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!



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



Leadership Plunge Workshop

The Student Activities Center is bringing in a leadership development workshop for all students at UNM! The Leadership Plunge is a facilitated workshop for engaged student leaders looking to kick their skills up a notch thoughtfully and strategically.

In this workshop, student leaders will examine their current leadership skills and delve deeper into building skills they can use both as student leaders and in their future careers. One of the biggest takeaways from the Leadership Plunge workshop will be the discussion of “crucial conversations” – those difficult times when student leaders need to hold their friends and members accountable for their choices. Student leaders frequently regard this as their most exhausting and draining challenge as leaders, and Leadership Plunge helps them practice these skills in a supportive environment. In the course of the 4-hour workshop, student leaders are encouraged to commit to a campus culture of higher accountability for all students.



LEADERSHIP PLUNGE
STUDENT LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

1. EXAMINE YOUR CURRENT LEADERSHIP CAPACITY!

2. BUILD NEW SKILLS YOU CAN USE AT UNM AND IN YOUR FUTURE CARRERS!

3. FOR ALL UNM STUDENTS: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, FRATERNITY AND SORORITY, STUDENT GOVERNMENT, RESIDENCE HALL, THOSE LOOKING FOR GROWTH!

THURS, FEBRUARY 27
4:00 - 8:00 PM
DINNER PROVIDED
TO REGISTER, SCAN QR CODE:

65 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM, SO REGISTER SOON! FOR MORE INFO: SAC.UNM.EDU

[more information](#)

