

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Happy Spring Break! While many of our students are off on academic, experiential, or leisurely pursuits, I know many of you have chosen to do the same. For those of you on leave, I hope that this can be a restorative time for rest and reflection that brings you back prepared to give your best to our students in the remaining two months of the semester which if my calendar is any indication should be an exciting, celebratory, and very busy time at UNM.

If you are still around campus, I hope a slightly quieter week is allowing you to catch up on important and student-centered projects, reconnect with colleagues, and maybe even catch up on email backlogs. I know I'll be cheering on the Lobos men's basketball team as they host Utah Valley this evening in the PIT as they begin their run in the National Invitation Tournament. If you find yourself with an extra moment this week, please consider submitting a nomination for one of our Louie Awards or preparing a program submission for the New Mexico NASPA Conference (details for both below). You might also mark your calendar to join me for the inaugural First Gen Forward Lunch and Learn next Friday, March 24th. I look forward to collaborating with each of you as we align our work in support of students through the end of the semester.

With appreciation,
Eric

Nominate Someone for a 2023 Louie Award

Choose your favorite

All-Star Player

for this year's

Louie Awards

Friday, April 7th, 2023

Division of Student Affairs Only

- Howling Best Employee award
- Lobo Star Student Employee award
- Outstanding Pack Department award

Anyone working at UNM

- Extraordinary UNM Faculty Pack Member award
- Extraordinary UNM Employee Pack Member award

Nominations are being taken March 3 - 24

https://forms.unm.edu/forms/louie_award_nomination_copy

This year's Louie awards are sure to be a grand slam as we head out to the Pete McDavid Lounge for the awards ceremony and the Lobo baseball and softball games to recognize our winners. The [Louie nomination form](#) is open through March 24.

Nominate a deserving someone **who works in the Division of Student Affairs** who always *bats 1000* for one of these awards:

- Howling Best Employee award
- Lobo Star Student Employee award
- Outstanding Pack Department award

Nominate **anyone who works at UNM** who always *comes through in the clutch*:

- Extraordinary **UNM Faculty** Pack Member award
- Extraordinary **UNM Employee** Pack Member award

Staff as Students Spring Save the Date!

Staff Success Committee Presents

UNM STAFF AS STUDENTS

WORK HARD, STUDY HARD

Monday, April 3 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
SUB Ballrooms A & B

This is a great opportunity for UNM employees to learn about Tuition Remission Benefits to further their education with academic or professional development courses at UNM with PRIORITY registration status. Enter for a chance to WIN one of three \$25 Lobo Cash! Cash by visiting local and distant department booths.

TALKS A REPRESENTATIVE

- Office of Admissions
- Office of the Registrar
- Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS)
- Continuing Education
- Employee & Organizational Development (EOD)
- Children's Campus
- Office of Graduate Studies
- And More...

Plus advisors from different schools, colleges, programs, and departments

High Desert Therapy Dogs
www.highdeserttherapydogs.org

Questions? Contact Madeline Lionberger, mlionberger@unm.edu

The UNM Staff Council is asking everyone to save the date for the spring Staff as Students event, Monday, April 3, 11: 30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SUB Ballrooms *A&B

What to Expect:

If you know what class/classes you wish to take:

1. Make your way to a Registrars table! They will enter a PIN so you will have early access to registration.
2. Make your way to an Admissions table! They will help you get enrolled at UNM.
3. Register for your class(es)! Advisors are here and available to help you!
4. Pat yourself on the back and take pride in the knowledge that you are taking steps to further your education!

If you don't know what classes you wish to take, but want to know more about your educational options and opportunities as a UNM staff member:

There will be many departments tabling at the event. Take advantage of getting to speak one-on-one with representatives from popular degree programs, and staff support services!

UNM Recognized First Gen Forward through NASPA



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FIRST GEN FORWARD
LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR SERIES

Friday, March 24th 12:00 - 1:30 pm
in UAEC B90
"Starting from the Bottom: Building First-gen Support offerings with Little to No Resources"

Friday, April 28th 12:00 - 1:30 pm
in UAEC B90
"Practical Strategies for Faculty and Staff to Cultivate first-gen Students"

Friday, May 28th 12:00 - 1:30 pm
in UAEC B90
"Building a Mentoring Program for First-generation Students"

RSVP to attend in person or to receive the zoom link
<https://forms.office.com/Used?age>

Meals will be provided for registered participants.
Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to attend all sessions.

FIRST GEN PROUD
BY UNM FIRST

The University of New Mexico has recently been recognized as a First Gen Forward Institution through [NASPA](#)! Our UNM First Gen Forward Committee invites you to join us for monthly lunch and learn webinars to learn more about ways that faculty and staff can develop and enhance their strategies and programs to support our First-Generation student community.

The UNM Lunch and Learn Series will be offered in person (with lunch provided) and via zoom formats. Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to attend all sessions. Lunch and Learns will be hosted in UAEC B-90 or participants can select the zoom option.

You can RSVP [here](#) to attend in person or to receive the zoom link.

We hope that you will join us for these important conversations!

Class of 2026 Banner Unveiling



CLASS OF 2026 BANNER REVEAL

March 22 11am-1pm
SUB Atrium

• Photobooth!
• Free Food!
• Free Giveaways!

NM COLLEGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The College Enrichment Program is inviting all Lobos to join them for the unveiling of the Class of 2026 Banner in the SUB atrium on Wednesday, March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will have free food, giveaways and a photobooth. Contact CEP at 505.277.5321 for more information.

New Mexico Drive-In Conference Registration Open



Registration is now open for the NASPA New Mexico Drive-In Conference in Albuquerque at the UNM SUB, May 25 and 26. The two-day conference will bring together student affairs professionals to learn from one another, discuss the critical issues impacting our field, network with new and established colleagues, and engage with those who are on the cutting edge of innovative student affairs practices.

[Register for the conference here.](#)

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