

March 8, 2023 | Edition # Message from the VP

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,



Last week at the [State of the University Address](#), President Stokes outlined the many outstanding accomplishments of our university in the past year as well as the innovations and growth we can expect moving into the future. Among the highlights was the enrollment growth we experienced this year which is both a reflection of and an increased demand on the important work you do to support our students and created a high-quality student experience here at UNM. Given each of the UNM 2040 goals, but in particular Goal 2, Student Experience and Educational Innovation, Student Affairs at UNM must continue to advance and align our work in service to our students, institution, state, and global community. I am excited about the new leadership positions we are currently recruiting for in our division so that we can be poised to do just that while also finding ways to innovate and create efficiencies across all of our units. I'd like to congratulate you on your efforts for the UNM Big Give Day. Student Affairs raised \$10,600 from over 119 donors and UNM raised \$802,187 from 2,527 donors.

This evening I will host the annual Student Leader Dinner where we will recognize the importance of student leadership followed by my attendance and remarks at the ASUNM full senate meeting. Taking the time to understand and elevate student voice is critical to doing our work in an authentic and responsive manner. I appreciate all that you do to ensure the full diversity of student voice is represented in our divisional and institutional decision making.

Next week marks a break for our students and I hope that each of you might take advantage of the ever so slight slowdown to catch up, reconnect, and if possible, step back to evaluate the work ahead and behind. I also hope that you may even find a moment for rest before we begin the dash towards commencement filled with recognition events, student celebrations, and special programs such as the [Louie Awards hosted on April 7](#) at the Pete McDavid Lounge in the PIT. I hope you will both [nominate a colleague](#) or two as well as [RSVP your intent to attend here!](#)

With appreciation,
Eric

Nominate Someone for a 2023 Louie Award



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

UNM Recognized First Gen Forward through NASPA



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. To learn more about the NASPA First Gen Forward designation, please click [here](#)

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



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.

Student Employee of the Year Nominations Open

The Student Employment Office invites you to nominate your student employee(s) for the annual Student Employee of the Year competition. Supervisors may nominate student employees whom they feel warrant particular recognition for their performance on the job. Nominations can be submitted online at <https://stuemp.unm.edu/departement-resources/forms-and-information.html> or via [email](#) through Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

Eligibility:

- Must have completed or is expected to complete at least six (6) months employment during the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023
- Must have completed 6+ credit hours at UNM during Fall 2022 and enrolled for 6+ credit hours at UNM during Spring 2023
- Must be employed through the UNM Student Employment Office
- Must be in a degree seeking program for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters
- Must have at least a 2.0 GPA for Fall 2022 as well as a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Nominations will be judged on the following characteristics: reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of the student's contribution to the employer. Please submit your nominee's information as soon as possible. The winner will be announced on April 7, and will be recognized during Student Employment week April 10-14. Please note that additional materials will not be considered.

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.](#)

March is Women's History Month



The Women's Resource Center and the Division for Equity and Inclusion are hosting several events throughout March in celebration of Women's History Month. On Thursday, March 9, the Women's Resource Center is offering a virtual wellness workshop for Women in STEM at 1 p.m. Interested participants can email women@unm.edu for the Zoom link. On Thursday, March 30, the Division for Equity and Inclusion have a reception planned at the UniversityClub. And throughout the month, the WRC will be doing many student giveaways throughout the month. Follow [@unm_wrc](#) and [@unmdei](#) on Instagram for all the details.

Vice President for Student Affairs | vpsa@unm.edu | 505.277.0952
Scholes Hall 229 | MSC05 3410 | 1 University of New Mexico | Albuquerque, NM 87131