

## Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Happy chilly January! Though the weather outside has been brisk, I am excited to welcome our Lobos back next week with warmth and energy. I had the pleasure of greeting some of our newest students at New Student Orientation yesterday—it is invigorating to begin seeing more activity back on campus again. Spring Welcome Back Days are an excellent opportunity to help new and returning students get connected with campus engagement opportunities and each other.

The Student Affairs Leadership Team has kicked off our year with a half day retreat focused on staff engagement and strategic planning. Refined versions of our draft strategic priorities will be shared with group engagement opportunities at the division all staff meeting Friday, Feb. 2. Finally, I am excited to participate in my second annual BeKind UNM week featuring the Kindness Carnival and the signature teddy bear tosses at the Lobo basketball games. I'm wishing you a wonderful start to the semester and a successful 2024!

With appreciation,

Eric

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## Spring Welcome Back Days Set

**WELCOME BACK DAYS 2024**  
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**SPRING 2024**

**WEDS, JAN 17** | **WEDS, JAN 31**

**Departmental & Greek Life Information Booths**  
Stop by to get some great information from campus departments and UNM fraternities & sororities. Learn about their services, programs and the ways they can help make your UNM experience that much better!

**Student Organization Information Booths**  
UNM has over 350 Student Organizations! Groups will be on hand to provide information about opportunities to join. Improve your UNM experience, leadership skills, have fun and start building your resume!  
**GET INVOLVED!**

**EACH DAY RUNS 11:30a-1p in SUB Atrium**  
**FREE Pepsi products from 11:30a till gone!**

The Student Activities Center is hosting two Welcome Back Days to kick off the spring 2024 semester. On Wednesday, Jan. 17, UNM departments and Greek Life will set up in the SUB Atrium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide information about their services and programs. Student Organization Day will be Wednesday, Jan. 31 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.

To sign up and host a table, please visit [Student Activities Center website](https://forms.office.com) or use the form: <https://forms.office.com>

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## Emerging Lobo Leaders Applications Sought



Emerging Lobo Leaders is seeking applications for Lobos who want to get involved on campus, connect with peers, build a resume and become a leader. [Apply here](#) by Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024.

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



Mark your calendars for 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 AFR. Please write your name and phone number on a piece of tape and attach 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 Lobo basketball game that evening at The Pit at 7 p.m.

All UNM departments and programs are welcome to host a table at the Kindness Carnival. Please use [this form](#) to reserve your spot.

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

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# 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. in the SUB. All Student Affairs staff are invited to join Dr. Eric Scott to get updates on the important work happening in our direction and learn about our strategic plan moving forward. Please accept the calendar invite that was sent to you which will serve as your RSVP.

