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Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

As we continue our work together to strengthen higher education and postsecondary pathways in New Mexico, the wellbeing of our UNM student population continues to be a central area of attentiveness and intentionality in our divisional and institutional progress. We know that many of the factors of wellbeing overlap with the conditions and supports that help students navigate their way to graduation and positive postgraduate outcomes. As we seek to further strengthen our work in new and innovative ways, having a comprehensive understanding of the current state of wellbeing among our student population is paramount.

This week, we launched the American College Health Association's wellbeing survey. This survey is a nationally normed and validated tool that will provide key insights on the experiences and needs of all Lobos including our branch campus students. These results will provide a data-informed approach to the next steps in developing our comprehensive wellbeing plan. Every student has received a unique link and over 1,000 students responded on the first day of the survey. We need your help in ensuring a

robust response rate, so please share this opportunity far and wide through your department and personal networks.

We are just a few weeks from election day here in New Mexico and, as always, I am grateful to the team in the Student Union Building who work tirelessly to ensure all accommodations are made for smooth participation. With early voting launching this weekend, I encourage all members of the UNM community to take advantage of early or day-of voting to help their voice be heard on local and national issues. This year, voters also have the opportunity to vote on General Obligation (GO) Bond 3, which if passed will invest in higher education with no increase to the tax rate.

Finally, there is still time to join us next week at the NASPA Region IV-W conference to connect with other Student Affairs colleagues and elevate topics of importance to student success that span our institutions and student populations. If you've yet to register, you can find additional information [here](#).

We're halfway through the semester. Keep up the great work!

With appreciation,

Eric

UNM Student Well-Being Survey

Please encourage students you work with to check their e-mails for a link to take the UNM student well-being survey. This survey will give valuable insights about student wellness and experiences. The survey takes 8 minutes to complete, and 100 students will receive a \$50.00 Amazon gift card.



The poster is blue and white. At the top left, a white banner reads "WELL-BEING SURVEY: YOUR VOICE, YOUR WELL-BEING". To the right is the UNM logo with "THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO" below it. In the center, a megaphone icon is next to the text: "PARTICIPATE IN THE WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF STUDENT WELL-BEING AT UNM. CHECK YOUR UNM EMAIL FOR THE SURVEY LINK AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES." Below this, a white box states: "100 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE SURVEY WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO WIN A \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD!". Underneath, it says "SURVEY OPEN: OCTOBER 14, 2024 - NOVEMBER 4, 2024". At the bottom, a white box reads "YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY, BUT INVALUABLE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!". To the right of this is a circular seal that says "APPROVED LoboWell-Being COLLABORATION".



UNM SUB to Serve as Early Voting Location

The University of New Mexico Student Union Building will serve as an early voting location for the 2024 election. Lobos can vote in Louie's Lounge, Room 1076 (North End of the SUB, Plaza Level One).

The campus community is welcome to vote from Saturday, Oct. 19 to Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday); and on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

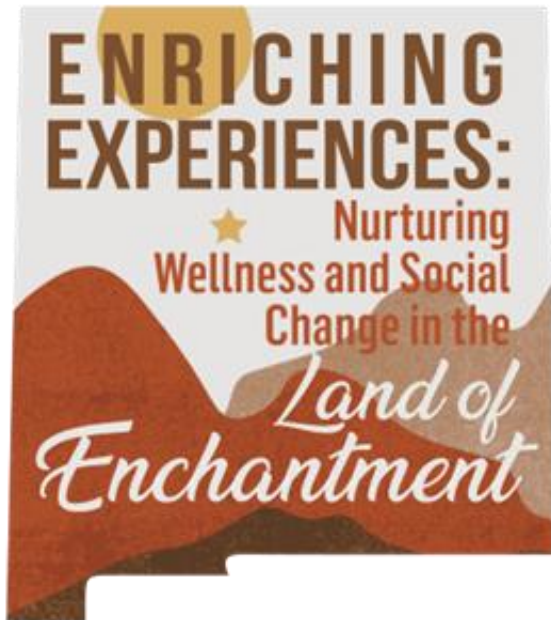
2024 General Obligation Bonds

Every two years, New Mexico voters are asked to vote on General Obligation Bonds or GO Bonds, which provide funding for brick-and-mortar projects throughout the state. This November, voters will have an opportunity to invest in higher education through GO Bond 3. GO Bond 3 will provide more than \$230 million in higher education funding statewide, including \$94.5 million for The University of New Mexico and its branch campuses. UNM has several important projects as part of GO Bond 3, and it's estimated that the if the bond passes, it will create more than 2,300 new jobs in architecture, construction, education, and related fields, and will contribute to the economies of 29 cities in 23 counties across New Mexico.



Visit the [UNM Bonds page](#) for more information.

NASPA Region IV-West Conference



The NASA Region IV-West Conference, *Enriching Experiences: Nurturing Wellness and Social Change in the Land of Enchantment*, will be held Monday, Oct. 21 through Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Albuquerque.

The conference features a keynote address by UNM Dean of Students, Nasha Torrez, JD, regarding the First Amendment on college campuses, as well as, presentations from many of our DSA colleagues.

Establishing & Enhancing Leadership Culture as a Student Affairs Executive Team Member

Dr. Eric Scott, VP for Student Affairs

Responding to Basic Needs: Emergency Aid in Higher Education

Greg Golden, Associate Dean of Student Wellbeing, and Graeme Nicholl, Program Coordinator for Lobo Wellbeing

Repairing & Re-centering NASPA's Work with the Indigenous Peoples Community: Report of the NASPA President's Implementation Committee for Indigenous Engagement & Inclusion

Pam Agoyo, Executive Director for Student Support, and Andrew Yazzie, Director, American Indian Student Services

UNM Social Work Internship Program within Student Affairs: A Workforce Training Site for the Southwest & An Opportunity to Improve Student Wellness

Miquela Ortiz-Upston, Social Worker, UNM Dean of Students Office

Student Government Knowledge Committee Roundtable

Ryan Lindquist, Student Activities Center

Visit the [NASPA Region IV-West conference page](#) for the complete conference schedule and more details.

17th Annual Mentoring Conference

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The 17th Annual Mentoring Conference, *Inclusive Developmental Networks: Building Transformative Communities Through Effective Mentoring*, is scheduled for Oct. 21-25, in the UNM Student Union Building. This five-day conference features presentations from university and college professionals from throughout the country. Opening remarks will be provided by Lisa Fain from the Center for Mentoring Excellence, centered around the topic of embracing transformation in personal and professional contexts, highlighting how openness to change fosters growth and innovation.

Plenary sessions include:

- Building Transformative Communities Through Culturally Responsive Mentorship
- Mentoring Well: Building Bridges to Access and Success
- Scaling Up Your Campus's Mentoring Program: Lessons Learned from Texas A&M University
- Transformative Co-mentoring Through a Restorative Justice Lens
- Mentoring Enactments: What Are They Doing in There?
- Building Transformative Communities Through Integrative and Kind Mentoring
- Transformative Research and Practice: Promoting Individual and Organizational Learning for Equity and Inclusion
- Different Mentoring Solutions for Diverse Challenges

Visit the [Mentoring Institute conference page](#) for the complete schedule and more information.