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Message from the VP



Dr. Amelia Parnell, NASPA president
with Dr. Scott at NASPA conference.

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

It has been an outstanding week for professional development here in Albuquerque as the host city for that NASPA Region IV-W conference. The gift of connecting with colleagues, exchanging ideas, and reconsidering our own identities and positionality in student affairs work arrives at a perfect moment in the semester, and with little travel required for our UNM team. Yesterday, we received a keynote address from NASPA's new president, Dr. Amelia Parnell, where she highlighted the many trends and issues facing postsecondary education and student affairs as a field that we must continue to prepare for and address.

Though there is much to navigate in the field at this moment, Student Affairs remains a field where you can make a difference and serve in ways true to core values and ethics. That is why it is timely that we celebrate Careers in Student Affairs Month concurrent with this convening.

Seeing our staff in action as presenters and participants serves as a visible reminder why many of us chose this profession—to serve students and give back to our community in a supportive and celebratory environment. That drive has been evident at the conference this week, and UNM has

been well represented in numbers and pride. Thank you to all who have contributed to making this conference a reality and for all who chose to participate in this accessible and vibrant event.

With appreciation,

Eric

October is Careers in Student Affairs Month



Each October, our Division joins our professional association, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), for Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM). This month-long initiative is dedicated to the celebration of a career in student affairs, education and awareness in the profession, and engagement with professional associations and peers in the field.

Last week, our Student Affairs Leadership Interns toured campus with a tiny mic to ask students questions about careers in Student Affairs. Check out their interviews on the UNM Student Affairs Instagram and Facebook channels beginning this Friday.

**Strategic Planning Workgroup Community Vibrancy Visioning Session,
Thursday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to Noon**



COMMUNITY VIBRANCY
VISIONING SESSION

Thursday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
La Posada

The graphic features an orange background. On the left is a white line-art icon of two stylized human figures with a heart above them. The text is centered on the right side.

DSA Strategic Priority:
COMMUNITY VIBRANCY

Enhance community vibrancy through intentional engagement opportunities, environments, and culture that inspire and sustain our students.

The graphic has a teal background. It includes a small icon of a clipboard with a checklist and a clock. The text is white.

Committee Members

Dennis-Ray Armijo, Chair
Student Union Building

Patricia Lott
Student Activities Center

DeAnna Padilla
Residence Life & Student Housing

Daven Quelle
Student Publications

Daniel Torres-Chaparro
El Centro de la Raza

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Light refreshments will be served | Space is limited!

Register: goto.unm.edu/dsavision

All DSA professional and student staff are encouraged to attend and share their ideas for developing a pathway to achieve success for strategic priority: Community Vibrancy. Space is limited and light refreshments will be served. Staff please be sure to [RSVP here](#) as soon as possible.



El Mezquite Scholarship Applications Now Open!

The El Mezquite Scholarship is a testament to your generosity and commitment to supporting Hispanic students at the University of New Mexico. Designed to provide financial assistance, this scholarship recognizes students who embody leadership, educational excellence, and a strong commitment to intercultural exchange on our campus. For the upcoming fall semester, the College Enrichment Program is honored to award 15 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000.



SUB Pumpkin Carving Contest

Lobos are invited to the SUB Atrium on Halloween to participate in the annual SUB Pumpkin Carving Contest. Participants will enjoy free food and giveaways and will be eligible to compete in the following four categories: scariest, cutest, most creative, and people's choice, and winners will win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Haunted Hodgkin Hall



The University of New Mexico's most terrifying tradition returns with Haunted Hodgkin Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29. The UNM Alumni Association invites students to brave this eerie transformation of the historic campus building. Enjoy haunted house displays created by student groups, vote for your favorite one, watch scary movies, and indulge in spooky snacks. The event runs from 6–9 p.m. at Hodgkin Hall. Admission is \$5, but free with a valid UNM student ID. Visit [UNM Alumni website](https://unmalumni.com/haunted) for more information.

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 contains the text "WELL-BEING SURVEY: YOUR VOICE, YOUR WELL-BEING". To the right is the UNM logo. Below the banner is a megaphone icon. The main text reads: "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." A white box below this says: "100 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE SURVEY WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO WIN A \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD!". Below that, it says "SURVEY OPEN: OCTOBER 14, 2024 - NOVEMBER 4, 2024". At the bottom left, a white box says: "YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY, BUT INVALUABLE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!". At the bottom right is a circular seal that says "APPROVED LoboWell-Being WELL-BEING THROUGH 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 now through 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.



Veterans Day Celebration and Remembrance



This Veterans Day, we gather to honor the courage and sacrifices of those who have served in our nation's military. On Monday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., the UNM Alumni Association invites you to a Veterans Day ceremony at the Alumni Memorial Chapel. We will reflect on the bravery of our Veterans, paying special tribute to the UNM alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will include remarks from Paul Blodgett, a UNM graduate and U.S. Navy Veteran, along with the sounds of bugle and bagpipes. A reception and refreshments will follow the ceremony in the chapel courtyard. Visit the [event page](#) for more details and updates.

CEP New Location



WE'VE MOVED!

