



# CONNECT

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## Message from the VP

Dear Student Affairs colleagues,

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's homecoming festivities as much as I did. It was an absolute joy last week to experience the energy around campus as I visited with our Alumni Association board, the reception hosted by the Parent and Family Association, the Class of 2027 Banner Reveal, and the homecoming football game featuring a win by the Lobos! Thank you to

everyone who worked so hard to make both homecoming and parent and family weekend an absolute success.

This week El Centro de la Raza will host a series of events leading up to Dia de los Muertos culminating in a celebration Friday night. This week also represents an important step in our student governance process as the Student Fee Review Board hosts student feedback forums prior to their deliberations on Saturday. I am honored to have the opportunity to support our student leaders through this important process. Speaking of student leaders, on Wednesday I will host a reception for student leaders on campus inviting not just ASUNM and GPSA, but also Joint Council and all registered student organization presidents and vice presidents to have an opportunity to get to know our campus leaders and exchange ideas on how we can continue to collaboratively strengthen our community here at UNM. I am excited about this new initiative intended to further elevate a diverse set of student voices while also helping our students better understand the innerworkings of university leadership. Be sure to stop by the VPSA office next week on Halloween for a special surprise. I can confidently say that you'll want to see it!

With appreciation,

Eric

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## El Centro de la Raza Dia de los Muertos Celebrations



Join El Centro de la Raza for their Dia de los Muertos celebrations this week.

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## Suit Up with Career Services and JCPenney



UNM Career Services has partnered again with JCPenney for a Suit-Up Event on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the south entrance of JCPenney in the Coronado Mall. Students, alumni, staff and faculty are welcome to shop and are encouraged to bring their UNM ID with them. There will be raffles and prizes throughout the night.

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## SUB Pumpkin Carving Contest



Show off your skills at the SUB Pumpkin Carving contest on Halloween in the SUB Atrium from noon to 2 p.m. The first 100 people in line will receive a cool pumpkin keychain, so be sure to get there early!

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## Careers in Student Affairs Month



ENGAGE TO INNOVATE

“Student Affairs has to evolve with our students. We must start by listening and creating opportunities to connect to our students needs to meet them where they are and their experience.”

Nasha Torrez  
Dean of Students



Happy Careers in Student Affairs month! We officially launched our CSAM23: Engage to Innovate social media campaign with the following guiding question, “How are we, as student affairs professionals, engaging our students and being innovators of change?”

Today we are sharing this quote from our Dean of Students, Nasha Torrez, J.D. We will be sharing more quotes from some of our directors throughout the month. Please submit your quote [here](#).