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Message from the VP

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

The farmer says “I hope everyone had a happy Halloween!” Yesterday, the VPSA office transformed into the classic toy, ‘See ‘N Say’, and a barnyard of fun was had by all! I was also able to visit many areas on campus that were quite festive including the pumpkin carving contest in the SUB and the costume contest hosted by American Indian Student Services. Last week we hosted our first annual Student Leadership Mixer where student leaders from organizations across campus came together with university leadership to learn more about each other’s work and discuss our collective visions for the future of UNM. On the topic of the future of UNM, our dedicated team of students in the Student Fee Review Board also came together over the weekend to play a key role in stewardship by making their official recommendations for mandatory

student fee allocations for next year. It is an honor to be part of their process as an official advisor.

Today marks the beginning of National American Indian Heritage Month. As the President mentioned in her weekly message, "UNM is proud to be home to faculty, staff, and students from our state's 23 tribal nations, including 19 Pueblos, 3 Apache Tribes, and the Navajo Nation in New Mexico—as well as many from tribes beyond the borders of our state." In Student Affairs, providing comprehensive and culturally responsive wraparound services is at the core of what we do. We are proud to have a shining national model for service to students and communities right here in our division in American Indian Student Services. We are also proud that the expertise and perspective of AISS's longtime leader, Pam Agoyo also influences our divisional operations through service as our Executive Director of Support.

We are also in the midst of celebrating students who are the first in their families to attend college through the ongoing First Gen Celebration happening across campus. Many of you have heard me reference that I am a proud first generation college graduate and the ways in which that continues to influence my work as a steward of UNM student success. Ensuring that every student has a pathway to success at UNM is central to our work in Student Affairs and it is a great privilege to stand alongside you as we provide support and experiences that can change lives, families, and entire communities. Thank you for everything you do.

With appreciation,

Eric

American Indian Heritage Month



American Indian Student Services (AISS) is joining Native American Studies, Center for Native American Health and several chartered student organizations in recognition of American Indian Heritage Month. Throughout November they aim to engage the university community in learning and discovering more about the Indigenous

experience and perspective. The entire campus community is invited to attend and participate in a variety of public and cost-free educational, social, cultural, and artistic programming initiatives throughout the month.

AISS is hosting Indigenous Craft Nights beginning tonight and again on Monday, Nov. 13, and Wednesday, Nov. 29. Thursday, Nov. 9 is American Indian Senior Day, and AISS has over 300 students confirmed to attend. Student Success Workshops: Mindful Masterpieces will be held on Monday, Nov. 13 and Friday, Nov. 17; and AISS will host a Break for the Ball Basketball and Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

For a complete, and evolving list of scheduled events visit the [AISS American Heritage Month events page](#).

First Gen Celebration



Are you a first generation college student? Well you're not alone! Did you know that nearly half of the student body at The University of New Mexico are "first generation" students? The University of New Mexico joins many college campuses across the nation in celebrating the 56th anniversary of the Higher Education Act where the term first generation was first coined which has helped countless low-middle income students become the first in their families to earn college degrees. Join us for the "We're glad you're here" poster campaign throughout campus during the month of November.

Lobos Got Talent



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

On campus talent show! Submit an application and compete against other talented Lobos! The show will feature finalist performances.



Prizes:
1st Place: \$500
2nd Place: \$350
3rd Place: \$150
Audience Choice: \$100

Application Deadline: November 3, 2023
Auditions: November 6 & 7, 2023
Final Show: November 10, 2023

Submission form and rules available at: sac.unm.edu

Only The first 30 applicants are guaranteed an audition. The top ten acts will be included in the final show.

Contact us: 505-277-4706
sac@unm.edu



Lobos Got Talent is celebrating its 16th year on campus. This year's show is Friday, Nov. 10 and applications are due by Friday, Nov. 3. Check out your fellow Lobos displaying their singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy talents and more! For more information, contact the Student Activities Center. Applications and rules for currently enrolled UNM students will be available a sac.unm.edu in late September/early October. Only the first 32 applicants are guaranteed an audition spot, so get it in ASAP! Students can apply [here](#).

