

Message from the VP



Panel discussion at DSA Onboarding Orientation.

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

I want to begin my message this week by expressing extreme gratitude to American Indian Student Services director, Andrew Yazzie, for his inviting, thoughtful, informative message in last week's Connect. Hearing directly from Andy on his thoughts regarding how to best understand and mark Native American Heritage Month was both helpful and inspiring. Thank you, Andy, for sharing with us and representing the Division of Student Affairs so well.

It's hard to believe, but we are already in the final stretches of the semester and finals week and commencement will be here before we know it. As we celebrate graduates, we will also center our new students with the Class of 2028 banner reveal today in the SUB. Speaking of graduates and their futures, a special shout out to Marty Apodaca for his efforts to have November recognized in New Mexico as National Career Development Month.

Moving into the holiday season, I am looking forward to one of my favorite traditions, Hanging of the Greens. I am also excited for the second year of the [Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund](#), helping provide gift cards to students with children so their little ones can have an extra something special this year as their parents continue to move through their educational journeys.

In these last few weeks of the semester we are also busy recruiting new leaders in the division for the Accessibility Resource Center, in anticipation of the retirement of director Amanda Butrum, and for the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center, with the announcement of a new leadership position

following the departure of Farah Nousheen. Please help us promote and recruit for these critical leadership roles!

Finally, I am excited to announce that our first two branch campus visits have been scheduled and are coming up soon. First, a delegation from Student Affairs will visit the UNM Valencia Campus this Friday and a second delegation will visit UNM Los Alamos on Monday, Dec. 2. These visits will provide an opportunity for our team to better know these campus environments and the needs of students coming from them, as well as strengthen dialogue and exchange of professional practice between these campuses and UNM Albuquerque. A special thanks to the DSA Professional Development Committee who, in addition to organizing these trips, also recently facilitated the first ever DSA New Employee Orientation. Continuing to invest in the professional growth and personal development of our staff will only strengthen our service to students, so I commend the volunteers on this committee for their outstanding efforts.

We will take a brief break from the CONNECT during the shortened week heading into the holiday and will return with updates and greetings in December.

With appreciation

Eric

CEP Class of 2028 Banner Reveal



Celebrate the Class of 2028 with food (courtesy of UNM Food), music from DJ Ten, and a photo booth, as CEP reveals the Class of 2028 banner.

New Mexico Recognizes November as National Career Development Month



“The work we do at Career Services is, at its core, social justice and advocacy,” Apodaca said. “Ensuring access to fair-paying jobs, worker protections, and fulfilling careers empowers individuals to become the author of their career story.”

New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham and Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, recently officially proclaimed November as National Career Development Month. The “National Career Development Month” proclamation highlights the importance of nurturing professional growth and prioritizing lifelong career development and professional empowerment for our state’s residents.

Marty Apodaca, LPCC-S, CCC, NCC, career counseling manager for UNMCareer Services, and current president for the National Career Development Association (NCDA), wrote and submitted the proclamation as a way to amplify the mission and honor the essential contributions of career development professionals from across our state—something he does in his daily work through UNM Career Services.

Apodaca said the commitment of Career Services staff not only strengthens individual professions but also empowers the residents of New Mexico through meaningful career advancement opportunities. In his current role, he and his colleagues guide students on their career development path—a lifelong journey of prioritizing goals, values, interests, and long-term growth.

[Read full story](#)

Make a **donation** to help us spread joy to some of our **student parents** this season!

Little Lobo
Holiday
Wish Fund

We hope to help 100 Lobo families with \$100 gift cards just in time for the holidays!



Scan to make a donation of any amount until Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024



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Donations Sought for Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund

For the second year, the Dean of Students Office in collaboration with the UNM Children’s Campus and Division of Student Affairs is encouraging the campus community to come together and make the season a little brighter for our students who are parents through the Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund (LLHWF).

The goal of the LLHWF is to provide 100 lobo families with \$100 Amazon gift cards in time for the holidays. Donations in any amount are being accepted through Sunday, Dec. 1 via the Little [Lobo Holiday Wish Fund page](#).

Little Lobo Holiday Wish Fund Application for Students Who are Parents

Are you a student who is also a parent?
We want to make your holidays a little easier!



Eligible students who are parents could receive Amazon gift cards to brighten their holiday season.

Little Lobo
Holiday Wish Fund

Apply by
December 1,
2024



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Eligible students who are parents can apply for the Amazon gift cards through Sunday, Dec. 1 via the [Little Lobo Holiday Gift Application page](#). Gift cards will be distributed to our student families with enough time to make their holidays extra special for their little Lobo(s).

Student parents make up about 22% of college campus populations nationwide. Many student parents must make sacrifices to support themselves and their family. Many must borrow through the financial aid and loans they receive, and work long hours when not in class or with their children.


The University of New Mexico supports its student parents via various services including childcare at the UNM Children's Campus; and lactation stations, family-friendly computer pods, student-led workshops, SNAP application assistance and free counseling and confidential advisory through the Women's Resource Center.

UNM T-Shirt Swap

Have any UNM shirts you don't wear anymore? Why not swap them out with some "new" ones? Student Activities is currently collecting shirts and apparel from the UNM community through Wednesday, Nov. 27, for a T-shirt Swap event on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to donate and participate.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER

UNM T-Shirt Swap



Before the Swap
Drop off your UNM shirts/apparel to the SAC Office - SUB Rm. 1018 by **Nov. 27th**

Day of Swap
11:30am to 1pm
Open to Students, Staff and Faculty with a UNM ID
For more info go to sac.unm.edu or call 505.277.4708

11 - 1pm | December 4th
SUB - Atrium (Plaza Level)

Hanging of the Greens



The UNM campus community is invited to UNM's oldest student tradition, Hanging of the Greens scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event is planned and run by Mortar Board, beginning at the NM Bookstore, caroling across campus to University House to present the president with a wreath, and concluding with a reception at Hodgin Hall. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped children's book to place under the tree at Hodgin Hall to be donated to UNM Children's Hospital.

Student Affairs Accepting Applications for Accessibility Resource Center Director



The Division of Student Affairs is looking for its next director of the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC), with the upcoming retirement of director, Amanda Butrum.

The ARC director provides critical leadership focused on ensuring that students with disabilities receive the accommodations and support services necessary for their academic, cultural, and social success. The director will oversee the development and delivery of a range of services that promote an inclusive and accessible campus environment for all students.

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree, at least 7 years of experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified. Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.

Those interested can view the complete description and apply via the [UNM Jobs posting Req31580](#) with a best consideration date of Thursday, Dec. 12.

Student Affairs Accepting Applications Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center Program Manager

The Division of Student Affairs is accepting applications for program manager for the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center.

The Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center mission is centered in fostering an educational climate based upon diversity, inclusiveness, and building a sense of belonging for AAPI students. The program manager position offers a unique opportunity to further develop and shape the future of the AAPI Resource Center, positively impact AAPI student life at UNM, advance strategic planning and program development opportunities, assess program resource needs, collaborate with university stakeholders, and enhance community partnerships.

Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED; at least 6 years of experience 2 of which are management level experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.

Preferred Qualifications

Those interested can view the complete description and apply via the [UNM Jobs posting Req31617](#) with a best consideration date of Friday, Dec. 13.

UNM Mandatory Training



Just a reminder that annual training for all UNM employees is due by Monday, Dec. 2. There are now four required courses, including the new "[Securing the Human](#)" security training.

- MT 2024E or MT 2024S: Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination
- BAST 2024: Basic Annual Safety Training - 2024
- ACSH 2024: Active Shooter on Campus: Run, Hide, Fight - 2024
- SANS Security Awareness Training 2024: Securing the Human

These courses take about two hours and have already been added to your Learning Central training plan. Annual

mandatory training is crucial in keeping us informed about important safety issues, from preventing accidents and harassment to knowing what to do in an active shooter scenario.

All UNM employees - including regular and temporary staff, faculty, on-call workers, and student employees - must complete these trainings. Get started on [UNM Learning Central](#).

Hodgin Hall Study Hours

Fuel Up and Focus on Finals!

**Hodgin Hall
Study Hours**



December 2-3

UNMAlumni.com/StudyHours

Tackle your final exams with help from UNM Alumni! Students, stop by the Hodgin Hall Alumni Center near Central and University for study hours on December 2 and 3. You'll find a quiet, comfortable space to prepare for your tests, complete with free food to keep you fueled and focused. UNM Trailblazers are providing an assortment of snacks and energy drinks on Monday, December 2, and pizza on Tuesday, December 3. Just remember to bring your student ID. Free parking is also available during study hours in the B-Lot, located east of Hodgin Hall. Visit UNMAlumni.com/StudyHours to learn more and make your finals a little less stressful!

Celebrate Graduates with UNM Alumni's Senior Send-Off



The UNM Young Alumni Chapter invites our fall 2024 grads to a Senior Send-Off and Happy Hour on Wednesday, December 4, starting at 1 p.m. at Hodgin Hall! Celebrate your achievements and prepare for your next chapter with free professional headshots, graduation photos at the U, career advice and resume reviews, a cap decorating station, and more. Graduates can also connect with a number of UNM departments, University affiliates, and alumni resources, offering guidance on everything from graduate programs to transcripts and student loan repayment options. The Happy Hour (4-6 p.m.) will include New Graduate Bingo with exciting prizes like diploma frames and alumni gear. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and celebrate! Visit UNMAlumni.com/Sendoff to learn more and to register.