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Message from the Vice President



Lobo fans participate in this year's BeKind UNM Teddy Bear Toss on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Tomorrow evening we will celebrate student contributions to campus at the Lobo Leadership and Involvement Awards. I always appreciate this ceremony because students are recognized for their activity and involvement across a broad range of touch points from undergraduate research, to student organization leadership, to employment and volunteerism, and beyond. It serves as a reminder that student involvement spans a variety of visible and less visible forms of engagement and each is a valid part of the educational experience. We in Student Affairs strive always to enhance the student experience and endeavor to incorporate evidence-based and culturally responsive practices into that service. These themes will be prevalent in the reveal of our new mission and vision for the division next Friday at our spring All Staff Gathering. Following the progress on our *Engage to Innovate* strategic planning process combining a vast body of data from significant participation from our division, students, and key partners, we are now on track to finalize our strategic plan with measurable goals and tactics by early summer.

We continue to honor the service of longtime staff and onboard new members of our team. This week, we welcomed Stephanie Bright as executive assistant in the office of the VPSA. Stephanie has returned home to New Mexico and UNM from Vanderbilt University, stepping into the role long held by Natalie Brigance. We are excited that Stephanie has joined us even as we continue feeling gratitude for Natalie's extensive and enduring service.

In the Accessibility Resource Center, Amanda Butrum is retiring after nearly 20 years of service to UNM. Amanda has been a highly successful advocate for students with disabilities and an active contributor to our Student Affairs Leadership Team. We wish Amanda the best on the next steps of her personal and professional journey. Following a national search, the division has invited three finalists for ARC director to campus this week. Please see information below and participate as you are able. During the brief interim period, Dean of Students, Nasha Torrez, will serve as acting director of ARC.

Finally, I want to welcome back our delegation serving as part of the Family U team for UNM as they return from their cohort meeting in California. These staff members accompanied President Stokes to explore alongside peer institutions opportunities to activate strategies to further strengthen our culture for student parents as an institution. This serves as just one more example of the Division of Student Affairs taking a leadership role on providing an innovative and equitable student experience.

With appreciation,

Eric

Serving and Advocating for Undocumented Students Training Sessions

El Centro is offering two campus-wide training sessions about how to best serve undocumented students. The flyer and direct link to register are below. Please note that due to the nature of the topic there currently is not an online/hybrid session.

Direct registration link: https://forms.gle/iR11NtLvx7LwPkfk6



ARC Director Finalists Open Forums



After a competitive nationwide search, the Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce finalists for the position of director of the Accessibility **Resource Center: Jessica** Machado, Senior Accessibility Associate, Disability Support Services, The George Washington University: G.L. Estes Wallace, Director, Seraphim Accessibility, LLC; and Margaret Rose McDonnell, Director, Center for Accessibility Resources, Saint Xavier University. Each candidate will host forums open to students and the public to provide information about their experience and engage in open dialogue about why they are interested in the position.

This critical leadership role will focus 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. The director will also be responsible for compliance with federal and state disability laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. while ensuring alignment with University of New Mexico policies.



Assessment Workshop Series

Join us for the Spring 2025 Student Affairs Assessment Workshop Series! The **CAS Standards 101** Workshop will be held this Friday, February 21 from 10-11 am in UAEC 250 conference room. RSVP for this workshop and future workshops at goto.unm.edu/assessment.

Amanda Butrum is Retiring

Amanda Butrum, director, Accessibility Resource Center, is retiring after nearly 20 years of service. Join ARC for a retirement celebration for her this Friday, Feb. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Mesa Vista Hall, Room 2402.



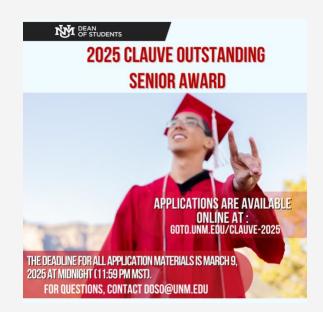
Applications Open for FamilyU Student Parent Fellows



Applications are now open for undergraduate students who are parents interested in he FamilyU Student Parent Fellows Program.

Here's the link from that QR code in the flyer too: https://www.generationhope.org/2024-familyu-cohort

2025 Clauve Outstanding Senior Awards



This year the Clauve Outstanding Senior Award will again be presented to outstanding senior students who have performed well academically and made significant contributions to the general welfare of the campus community through their involvement in student organizations and activities. This award is for undergraduate baccalaureate students from the Albuquerque campus, who are graduating this May or December of 2025.

If you know an outstanding student who you think might be eligible, please encourage them to apply, and please distribute the attached advertisement/graphic through your networks, social media channels, and list serves to help us target eligible students. <u>Click here to apply</u>.

