

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/iR11NtLvX7LwPfkf6>

El Centro invites you to learn about:
Serving & Advocating for Undocumented Students

Staff, faculty and students are invited to join the conversation! Limited seating available, please pre-register by clicking [Here](#)

Thursday, Feb. 20th Training: 3:30-4:30 PM Q&A: 4:30-5:00 PM Location: McKinnon 2120	Wednesday, Feb. 26th Training: 12:00-1:00 PM Q&A: 1:00-1:30 PM Location: Anthropology 163
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ARC Director Finalists Open Forums



The graphic is a vertical stack of three colored boxes. The top box is teal and white, containing the text 'Accessibility Resource Center Director Finalist Forums' and the 'NM STUDENT AFFAIRS' logo. The middle box is red and contains a photo of Jessica Machado, her name, the date 'Tuesday, Feb. 18', the time '10:45 - 11:45 a.m.', and the location 'SUB Fiesta A&B'. The bottom box is purple and contains a photo of G.L. Estes Wallace, his name, the date 'Friday, Feb. 21', the time '10:45 - 11:45 a.m.', and the location 'SUB Fiesta A&B'. Below this is an orange box containing a photo of Margaret Rose McDonnell, her name, the date 'Tuesday, Feb. 25', the time '10:45 - 11:45 a.m.', and the location 'SUB Fiesta A&B'.

[Read bios](#)

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.

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Spring 2025
**Assessment
WORKSHOPS**

WEDNESDAY
FEB. 5
2-3 P.M.
Strengthening Capacity for Assessment
Learn how to overcome two common assessment barriers: time and confidence.

FRIDAY
FEB. 21
10-11 A.M.
CAS Standards 101
Learn the fundamentals of CAS Standards and how they can help your department.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5
2-3 P.M.
Using Existing Data in Assessment
Learn to identify quantitative and qualitative data sources accessible to your department that can be easily utilized for assessment projects.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12
10-11 A.M.
Student Affairs Surveys Part 1
A deep dive into effective survey development and explore the functionalities of two of UNM's survey administration tools: Qualtrics and Opinio.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 2
2-3 P.M.
Student Affairs Surveys Part 2
A deeper understanding of survey timing, statistical sampling, data analysis, and determining validity of results.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 23
2-3 P.M.
Intro to Equity-Minded Assessment
Learn about the principles of equity-minded assessment and strategies for data sense-making that minimize bias and deficit-based narratives.

All workshops will be held in University Advisement and Enrichment Center (UAEC) Room 250
Register here: <https://goto.unm.edu/assessment>

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

Help the University of New Mexico better support student parents!

Apply to be a FamilyU Student Parent Fellow

Work with UNM leadership to help make our institution more supportive and inclusive of parenting college students!

- One-year fellowship (June 2025 - July 2026)
- Open to current parenting students at UNM
- \$20,000 Part-Time Position (10 hours/week)

Apply by Feb. 24th at [generationhope.org/2024-familyu-cohort](https://www.generationhope.org/2024-familyu-cohort)

FamilyU is an initiative of Generation Hope, a national organization that champions parents in college, in partnership with University of New Mexico to create more family-inclusive campuses.

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FAMILY U HOPE

The flyer features a blue header with the UNM logo and a call to action. Below the header, there is a white section with the program title and a list of benefits. A QR code is provided for application. The bottom section includes a photo of a family and the FamilyU logo.

Applications are now open for undergraduate students who are parents interested in the 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 Clave Outstanding Senior Awards

UNM DEAN OF STUDENTS

2025 CLAVE OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: GOTO.UNM.EDU/CLAUVE-2025

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS IS MARCH 9, 2025 AT MIDNIGHT (11:59 PM MST). FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT DOSO@UNM.EDU

The poster features a photograph of a smiling male graduate in a red cap and gown, making a peace sign. The text is overlaid on the image in white and red.

This year the Clave 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. [Click here to apply.](#)

