

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Please join me in wishing a happy birthday to the University of New Mexico which is officially 135 years old today! There is so much to be proud of here at UNM and I am grateful each day to be part of this vibrant, thriving, community. Among those accolades was the record setting UNM Big Give Day where the Lobo Food Pantry was the unit with the most popular support on campus by total number of individual donors. The power of philanthropic support for student affairs work is twofold, both providing real resources to support students and signaling the importance of this work as fundamental to student success.

In the spirit of important work, African American Student Services director, Brandi Stone, contributed to an outstanding article about the history of Black student groups at UNM which was featured last week in UNM News Minute. That article is re-linked below in case you missed it.

Spring is a time I often think about my own professional engagement and the systems for professional growth we sustain for others. Whether you are new to the field or an old pro, there are always opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen our work while sharing our unique insights, experiences, and skills with others. As we move through the PEP process, I want to encourage everyone, including supervisors, to consider their contributions and needs in this critical area.

This Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in SUB Santa Ana A&B, the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee will host a short primer and coordination meeting for NASPA attendees. If you are attending NASPA virtually or in person, your attendance is strongly encouraged.

I also want to bring attention to a webinar sponsored by the division as part of our First Gen Forward efforts to create a stronger culture and support system for first generation college students. Information and an RSVP are located below.

With appreciation,
Eric



Celebrate UNM's 135 Birthday

February 28, 2024
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cornell Mall

Celebrate UNM's 135th trip around the sun today! Free t-shirts for the first 135 students with a Lobo ID. There will also be free stickers, cookies and more! This year there will be a climbing wall and Boba Tea. Information tables from UNM Departments associated with Space! Lobo Day photo at Noon!

DSA Professional Development Committee Will Host NASPA Dialogue



As we enter the spring season, the annual NASPA conference is just two short weeks away. As we consider how to make the most out of the in-person and virtual options for engagement, the professional development committee is pleased to host a one-hour dialogue this Thursday, February 29, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Santa Ana A&B. During this meeting we will discuss volunteer opportunities, program tracks, networking and mentorship, and coordination for UNM participants. I hope that whether you are a first-time attendee or a NASPA pro that you will join us for this talk. We are pleased to have this year's NASPA Annual Conference Chair, UNM's own Pam Agoyo, on site for this important dialogue. We hope to see you there!

UNM Big Give Set a Record in 24 Hours



Thank you! UNM Big Give was a huge success thanks to the unprecedented participation and generosity of alumni and supporters worldwide. In Student Affairs, we raised a total of \$32,328 from 391 donors supporting 18 funds. Of this, the Lobo Food Pantry raised \$24,914 from 261 donors, in part due to the support of fraternities and sororities during Greek Week.

Here is a link to the overall success of Big Give: [UNM Big Give Set a University Record in 24 Hours — Power Of The Pack](#)

55 Years of Black Student Activism: The Legacy of BSU



The [Black Student Union](#) (BSU) is celebrating its 55th anniversary this year. The official anniversary will be marked in December, but Black History Month is setting off months of commemorations.

“The Black Student Union at UNM had been in existence prior to this 55 years, but 1969 is when UNM officially recognized it as a chartered student organization. That type of advocacy and love put into ensuring that black students, beyond their experience, had a community is so special,” [African American Student Services](#) (AASS) and UNM alumnus Brandi Stone said. “My team now has also been so awesome, and I’m just really proud of them in addition to our students and everyone who’s just leaning in and contributing to the community.” Read the entire story by Savannah Peet in the [UNM Newsroom](#).

Career Services All Majors and Business Job and Internship Fair

Career Services is hosting their *All Majors and Business Job and Internship Fair* next Wednesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUB Ballrooms. Prior to the fair, Career Services is offering resume help at their *Resumes and Bagels* event on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Careers Services Conference Room, UAEC Room 220, followed by a *Job and Internship Fair Prep Workshop* from 1-2 p.m. Visit the [Career Services website](#) for all the details.



**ALL MAJORS & BUSINESS
JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR**
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
10:00 am - 2:00 pm | SUB Ballrooms

REGISTER ON HANDSHAKE
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Professional dress

YOUR PREPARATION
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Seidler Natatorium Feasibility Study and Facility Assessment



UNM is currently conducting a Feasibility Study and Facility Assessment of the Seidler Natatorium which includes the Olympic Pool and Therapy Pool. Through a series of workshops this spring, the study is intended to identify ongoing issues and deficiencies with the Natatorium, as well as look to the future and plan for how the facility can best serve all of its users. The study will investigate how additional spaces and modifications to the existing Natatorium can improve the facility.

The study will also coordinate any site development with the Integrated Campus Plan (ICP) currently underway. The goal of the study is to identify and prioritize the needs and then develop a cost model to pursue future funding. Repairs, upgrades and programmatic additions will likely occur in several phases. The Feasibility Study is scheduled to be completed by May of 2024.

The first session will be held today from 11 am to noon in Johnson Center 1102, Recreational Services Office, located just inside the west entrance to Johnson Center. There will be a short presentation followed by guided discussion to answer questions and gather your input. For more information contact the Recreational Services Office at 505-277-0178.

Celebrate Women Making History during Women's History Month



In celebration of Women's History Month, The Women's Resource Center is asking the UNM community to help celebrate and acknowledge all the amazing women & femmes on campus by sharing your story of her with them. Click [here](#) to share your video with them. Submissions close on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 11:59 P.M.

Validating First-Generation Student Experiences Through Transformative Leadership webinar



Learning outcomes:

- identify and understand deficit-based frameworks.
- interpret and practice applying asset-based approaches and frameworks;
- review and assess current practices to design and implement transformative experiences.

Please RSVP [here](#) by Tuesday, March 26.

Student Affairs staff are invited to join SSS TRIO for the *Validating First-Generation Student Experiences Through Transformative Leadership* webinar, presented by the NASPA Center for First-Generation Student Success on Tuesday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Mirage/Thunderbird room in the SUB. Lunch will be provided.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn:

- how to identify and understand deficit-based frameworks
- interpret and practice applying asset-based approaches and frameworks
- review and assess current practices to design and implement transformative experiences

Please see attached flyer and visit the [First-Generation for Student Success webpage](#) for all the details. Please [rsvp here](#) by Tuesday, March 26.

2024 Employee Engagement Survey



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Now through March 8

Make Your Voice Heard!

UNM Human Resources invites you to complete the 2024 Employee Engagement Survey, available now through March 8, and share your voice.

This is the second year of the survey, giving all faculty and staff to opportunity to provide confidential feedback to University leadership on their workplace experience.

The Engagement survey will help UNM leadership better understand meeting the needs of our employees and where there are opportunities to improve. Results from last year show that 48% of employees who completed the survey feel actively engaged in their work, compared to the national average of 39% in Higher Education institutions. Visit the the [Engage UNM website](#) for more information.

