

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

How about them Lobos? In a historic run, our men's basketball team won the Mountain West tournament and secured a berth in the NCAA tournament. I am excited to join our students in the SUB on Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. to watch our game against Clemson. Everyone's a Lobo! These are not the only accolades worth sharing right now, however. Last week, Pam Agoyo served as the conference chair at the NASPA Annual Conference in Seattle where over 6,000 attendees benefited from her and her team's 18 months of planning to come together in community and learning around our critical role in student success in postsecondary education. I was also proud that UNM was represented as presenters of educational sessions by Andrew Yazzie and Uchme Gollette from American Indian Student Services as well as Dean of Students, Nasha Torrez and I.

In another part of our field, Daniela Baca, director of the UNM Children's Campus will be assuming the role of president in the National Coalition for Children's Centers (N4C) at their upcoming annual conference in Salt Lake City, UT. It is thrilling to see our student affairs colleagues representing UNM on the national stage and sharing our good work.

It is even more exciting to see our student affairs leaders thriving during Women's History Month which is also an opportune time to refamiliarize ourselves with and support the work of the Women's Resource Center. In particular, this year we celebrate 20 years of the Sabrina Scholarship Fund in support of single student parents.

Finally, for those looking for a professional space where you can learn, contribute, and thrive, I hope you will 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. I've got my calendar marked, so I hope to see you there! RSVP required (see story below).

With appreciation,
Eric

Student Affairs Accepting Applications for Student Union Director



The Division of Student Affairs is looking for its next director of the Student Union. Current director, Cheryl Wallace, is retiring on June 30.

The SUB director, will report to the Executive Director of Student Resources and provide strategic leadership, vision, fiscal management, staffing and overall management to the Student Union Building. The position will oversee facility operations, and partner and collaborate with food service, vendors, campus partners and the external and internal constituencies to make ensure all programs and services support the needs of our students and campus.

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 Req28897](#). The best consideration date is Monday, April 15.

Support the WRC during Women's History Month



WRC was founded in 1972, one of the first college campus-based women's centers in the country, the same year we got Title IX, adding protections against gender discrimination, in hopes of creating equal access to education. Today, the WRC is still engaged in promoting equity for women, femmes, and gender-marginalized folks.

They do this through their advocacy work with survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking and harassment. The Coordinated Community Response Team is wholeheartedly committed to preventing these harms and building a culture of consent.

WRC student staff are creating programming designed to foster mentorship and leadership, to learn and educate about women's health, and to build community for Women in STEM, and student parents. The Mental Health Collaborative provides free counseling services in English, Spanish, and ASL, and is training the next generation of mental health providers in trauma-informed, culturally specific practices.

WRC focuses efforts as a team every day on:

- Preventing and mitigating the impact of gender-based violence and racialized trauma.
- Providing support and resources to student leaders working towards fostering a more equitable learning environment.
- Creating programming that fosters joyful community space.

The Sabrina Scholarship Fund is now in its 20th year supporting the hard work of our single student parents. And the Nurture & Thrive (NAT) Fund is in its first year serving as a Survivor Safety Fund.

Your gift to these scholarships is a beautiful way of investing in the success of WRC's up and coming feminist leaders. This Women's History Month, we invite you to do so in honor of a woman or femme in your life who has made an impact for you. And thank you so much for being a part of how WRC is contributing now to history and to the future.

Support the WRC

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Project



The Lobo RESPECT Advocacy Center (LRAC) needs your help for this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). LRAC is doing visual representation to show impact of sexual violence in our communities. On average, there are 463,600 victims (age 12 or older) of sexual assault each year in the United States. Their goal is to collect 463 pairs of shoes, with each pair representing 1,000 survivors, and create an art visual on campus. Shoes in any condition of any size, are being accepted, and those in good condition will be donated after the event.

Community Engagement Week 2024



Community Engagement Week is right around the corner, April 1-5, and key registration deadlines are coming up on March 21 and 22. Please click this [link](#) to learn about and register today for the various offerings. These include professional development sessions offered by the Office of Community Engagement on April 1 and 2, the Annual Spring Teaching Conference on April 3 and 4, and the Community Engagement Center's Annual Symposium on April 5. Please note that the Spring Teaching Conference deadline on March 21 is the deadline to register for the keynote luncheon but online registration will stay open until March 29 for workshop/panel registration only (for both the in-person and virtual days).

Baca Appointed President of National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (N4C)



Congratulations to Daniela Baca, M.A.Ed., MBA, director for the UNM Children's Campus on her recent appointment as president for the National Coalition for Children's Centers (N4C). The N4C is a nonprofit educational membership organization made up of faculty, directors, administrators and teachers from university and college campuses across the U.S. and Canada. They provide support for programs for young children in communities of higher learning through leadership, professional development, research, networking and advocacy.

Baca's new appointment will be formally announced at the 2024 Annual Conference and Professional Institute - Elevating Campus Children's Centers which is being held in Salt Lake City this week.

Throughout her tenure as the UNMCC director, Baca has been an advocate for advancing high-quality early childhood programs. Her leadership has led to the initiation and implementation of several transformative initiatives to enhance services for the UNM community. Notably, Daniela has secured and managed grant-funded programs exceeding \$10 million, including the New Mexico PreK and Early PreK initiative and the federally funded Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program.

Congratulations, Daniela, on your new role!

CABQ Crossing Guard Unit Give the Lobo Food Pantry a *Ton* of Help



During the holiday season and all year long, the Lobo Food Pantry serves as a vital source of food and toiletries for some of our Lobos—a source that is largely reliant on donations to keep their shelves full. Last year, the Lobo Food Pantry averaged 120 visits per day, making it difficult to keep the shelves stocked.

Seeing a need, and wanting to help, the City of Albuquerque (CABQ) Crossing Guard unit hosted a donation drive to benefit the Lobo Food Pantry and the Roadrunner Foodbank at the end of last year. Rob Burford, CABQ lead crossing guard, said that the guards wanted to be a catalyst to help provide food for those in need across our city.

“The crossing guard unit decided months out, that we not only wanted to partner with the Road Runner Food Bank, but we also wanted to partner with the Lobo Food Pantry, so we could give directly to those Lobos that are in need at UNM,” Burford said. “We understand that this includes the children and families at our APS schools, our Albuquerque community, and those Lobos that may not have the food security needed to be successful students at UNM.”

[read more](#)

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 hereby](#) Tuesday, March 26.
