

## Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

This is a special week at the University of New Mexico as we lean a little bit more into recognizing and understanding the distinct experiences of students from rural, migrant, and farmworking families and their paths to postsecondary education. On Monday I had the opportunity to join students at *Día de los CAMPesinos* as they engaged in storytelling about their origins and lives as farmworkers which led them to college at UNM. They also shared the value that programs like the [College Assistance Migrant Program \(CAMP\)](#) bring to their transition through mentoring, validation, networking, and academic support.

Hearing directly from our students about working alongside their parents and siblings, as young as eleven or twelve, was deeply moving. Their stories serve as an excellent reminder that our students come to us from many different paths, but all bring assets to our community through their stories, identities, determination, and cultural foundations. As a fellow first generation college student and now three-time graduate, while our origin stories are different, the motivation was the same—chart a new path for our families and communities while honoring their histories, labor, sacrifices, and joy. I am proud to serve a university and division where programs like CAMP and [High School Equivalency Program \(HEP\)](#) and the students they serve can flourish, and look forward to helping create additional opportunities for success in the future.

With appreciation,  
Eric

# National Farmworkers Awareness Week



Throughout this week, University of New Mexico's College Assistance Migrant Program (UNM CAMP), High School Equivalency Program (UNM HEP), and El Centro de la Raza have been celebrating [National Farmworkers Awareness Week 2024](#). Today and tomorrow, they are hosting Día de las Mujeres CAMPesinas in the Mesa Vista Courtyard from 11a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Thursday, March 28, there will be a screening of *La Cosecha* in the SUB Theater from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Visit the [El Centro de la Raza website](#) for all the details.

National Farmworker Awareness Week is a week of action for communities and individuals to bring attention to farmworkers and honor them for the contributions they make to our daily lives.

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## Outstanding American Indian Student Service Awards



American Indian Student Services is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding American Indian Student Service Emerging Lobo Award and the Outstanding American Indian Student Service Award. Each award commends Native students at UNM-Main Campus committed to serving the community at large. Recognition is based on applicant accomplishment and achievement in the areas of leadership, participation in campus activities and organizations, academics, and service to Native organizations and tribal communities. [Nominations accepted here](#). Deadline to nominate is Friday, March 29 at 5 p.m.

Award recipients will be recognized during The University of New Mexico's Annual Recognition event on Friday, April 26, 2024.

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# 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.

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## 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 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.

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## TimelyCare and UNM Student Health & Counseling



With the end of the semester approaching, things may feel a bit more stressful for our students. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the wellness resources available to our students through the UNM TimelyCare app.

Last August, UNM Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) partnered with TimelyCare to provide students with free, 24/7 virtual care and access to on-demand and scheduled medical providers who can treat a wide range of common conditions and concerns via the [TimelyCare UNM website](#).

TimelyCare is contracted as an extension of campus medical and counseling resources offered by SHAC, with the goal of improving student well-being, engagement, and retention. The addition of this online service has freed up SHAC in-person appointments for more clinical presentations requiring a higher level of care. Less clinical issues are being redirected to TimelyCare's Health Coaching, TalkNow, and Self-Care. In general, SHAC's capacity averages about 40 unique students per day in each week.

"Currently, SHAC can immediately accommodate students in crisis—debunking the myth that students in immediate need cannot get in," said Dr. Stephanie McIver, SHAC executive director. "We always accommodate crisis walk-ins same-day."

According to McIver, SHAC is currently scheduling one at a time (OAAT), solution-oriented intakes about one week out. "Often, wait times are a function of the student's availability for the open appointment time," she said.

"We find that students who may feel in crisis do not often indicate that when calling SHAC," she said. "We are working with front desk staff on scripting to decrease those events."

McIver said, in any case, whether in crisis or proactively deciding to engage in counseling care, contact SHAC. "We have the largest number of counselors now than we've had in more than five years making it easier for everyone to get the care they need," she said. "And, TimelyCare remains a 24/7/365 option for all students."

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## Support the WRC during Women's History Month

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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](#)

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# 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).

