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Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Yesterday evening, we kicked off our season of celebration, recognition, and transition events that bring our campus together around celebrating the end of the academic year with the annual Ring Ceremony. Sharing with the students who chose to participate in the symbolism of belonging that will keep them connected to campus forever, served as a firm reminder that everyone's a Lobo, and everyone stays a Lobo!

Tomorrow afternoon at Hodgkin Hall, students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to celebrate a senior sendoff from 1 to 4 p.m. with music and a reception to follow sponsored by the UNM Alumni Association. As our students transition, I hope we help them understand the ways they have shaped our community even as their campus experience has shaped them. While these next few weeks are doubtless some of the busiest for many of our team members, we can rest post commencement assured that we have shown our students, particularly those who are departing for the next step in their personal, professional, and academic journeys that they matter and will always have a place at UNM.

I look forward to seeing many of you as I make the rounds and join you in affirming the experiences of our students and wishing our graduates sincere congratulations and the best of luck for their futures.

With appreciation,
Eric

Senior Send-Off at Hodgin Hall



The poster features a red graduation cap and gown at the top. A circular logo on the right says "LDBO FOR LIFE UNM Alumni". The main title is "SENIOR SEND-OFF AT HODGIN HALL". Below this, it states "UNM Alumni is hosting a Senior Send-Off! Discover the benefits of being an alum, and prepare for life after graduation." The event is on "THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024" from "1:00PM - 4:00PM" at "HODGIN HALL".

We will be offering FREE:

- Professional headshots
- Resume reviews from Career Services
- Cap Decoration Station

We will also have info about:

- Alumni chapters
- Student loan forgiveness advisor
- UNM Bookstore pop-up shop
- Financial literacy from Nusenda
- Career Services
- Johnson Gym & Recreation Services
- and **much more!**

Plan on staying for Happy Hour @ Hodgin Alums and new grads are invited 4:00PM - 6:00PM FREE Food and Drink!

While you're here, pick up your FREE t-shirt!

Register

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UNM seniors are invited to this event featuring departments that directly relate to and support our graduates. There will also be a variety of valuable and entertaining resources, including professional headshots, career services such as resume review, alumni benefits information, and a pop-up UNM bookstore offering alumni and graduation-related items. We'll have a cap decorating station fully stocked with supplies to help their caps stand out. There will be representatives from the University Secretary's office to answer any questions about graduation day.

Southwest Airlines helped El Puente Research Fellows take Experiential Learning to New Heights



The road to experiential learning as viewed from 30,000 feet.

For the first time in El Puente's nine-year graduate school experiential trip history, students were able to trade their 8-hour drive for a one-hour plane ride thanks to the generosity of Southwest

Airlines. The airline donated 34 e-tickets valued at over \$13K to the program allowing them to save time while taking their graduate school journey to new heights.

The donation was used to obtain Southwest Airline tickets for 24 undergraduate fellows, four graduate fellows, and staff coordinators—meaning this year they spent less time getting to Phoenix and more time learning in Phoenix. For some students, both the journey and the destination were transformative.

“It was nice to fly because it removed the stress of having to worry about driving out to Phoenix during inclement weather,” said Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera, program director for El Puente Research Fellowship. “Some of our fellows had never flown before and Southwest gave them the opportunity to experience that.”

[Read entire story Student Affairs news page](#)

The world's greatest unifier: Club Sports at UNM



Between juggling academics, jobs, and all the fun of college life in between, being a student-athlete isn't for everyone. That doesn't mean, however, that sports lovers want to give up time on the field entirely.

That's the magic of [Club Sports at UNM](#). Hosted under the [multi-faceted UNM Recreational Services](#), Club Sports offers competitive or recreational options for students who want to continue in or try athletics.

“Whenever I can stop by practices, I will, because I like to see everyone in action. It reminds me why I keep coming back to Club Sports and Recreation, especially at the collegiate level. I think it's very rewarding to do all the behind-the-scenes work and help ensure these programs stay alive and garner recognition for the university,” Club Sports Project Assistant Jessica Bennett said.

Bennett also serves as Sport and Recreational Club Council President, and as someone who grew up in and around sports, knows how important they are, and continue to be, to students.

[Read entire article in UNM Newsroom](#)

Nominate a Lobo for a Louie Award



Know a Lobo who goes above and beyond and deserves recognition?

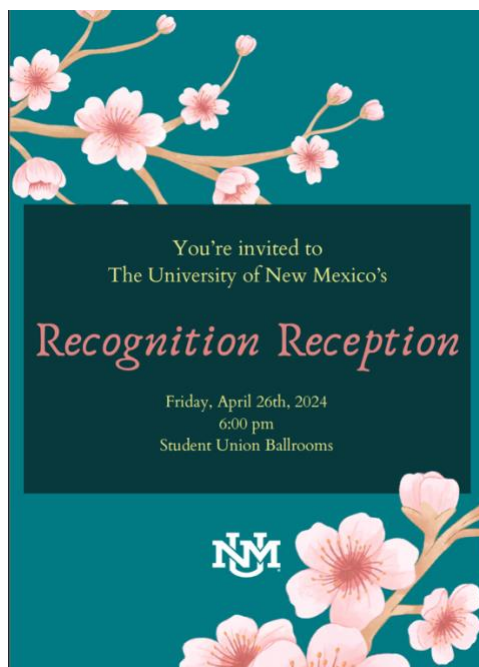
Nominate them for one of these Louie Awards:

- UNM Faculty Leader of the Pack
- UNM Staff Leader of the Pack
- Lobo Star Student Employee
- Student Affairs Cub
- Howling Best Employee
- Outstanding Pack

Nominations are currently being [accepted here](#) through Monday, April 22 at 5 p.m.

Winners will be announced and celebrated at the annual Louie Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 4 at 3 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom C.

2024 Recognition Reception



Light refreshments will be served. Please [RSVP by Friday, April 19th, 2024 at \[sac.unm.edu\]\(http://sac.unm.edu\)](#). For individuals requesting disability accommodations for this event, please contact the Student Activities Center at (505) 277-4706, seven days prior to the event.

Sponsored by UNM Food, UNM Alumni Association, UNM Student Activities Center, and the UNM Student Fee Review Board.

You are invited to The University of New Mexico's Recognition Reception on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the SUB Ballrooms. Join Student Activities staff in celebrating UNM's outstanding student leaders and award winners from 15 UNM departments. Keynote address by George L. Carter III, UNM Alumnus and Founder and CEO of Skout Strategy.

Check-in is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and light refreshments and beverages will be served. Attire is business casual. Staff and/or community members can rsvp via <https://forms.office.com/r/fChfuUarDH> by Friday, April 19. Any person who would like to request disability accommodations for this event should contact the Student Activities Center at (505) 277-4706 or sac@unm.edu seven days prior to the event. Contact Maya Perez via mperez32@unm.edu with any questions.

UNM to Honor Lobos at Student Memorial Ceremony



Join us as we remember our students who have passed away and honor their Lobo legacies.

UNM
Student
Memorial Ceremony

MONDAY
April 29, 2024

UNM SUB Ballroom C
6:30 p.m.

The University of New Mexico community will take time to remember and celebrate the lives of Lobos who passed away during the last year. A Student Memorial Ceremony will be held on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C.

“The ceremony will be a way for folks to gather and pay tribute to the lives of our students who have passed away this year,” said Nasha Torrez, J.D., UNM Dean of Students.

Family members and the Lobo community are invited to join Torrez, University administrators, and staff from the Division of Student Affairs as they honor the lives and legacies of these students.

This year, eleven students will be remembered, they are: Joshua Adogla, Tyler J. Ahrens, Sidney K. Alvarez, Christopher L.Coca, Jaydan Flores-Winters, Raphael Garcia, Henry Ho, Jade Lucero, Tyler P. McNamara, Debora Peters, and Wilson A. Ramirez Chabur.

“We can better process loss when in the presence of love and support from the folks who were positively impacted by the students’ lives,” said Torrez. “All are welcome to attend this special event to honor our students who have passed.”

The formal ceremony will include the calling of the names of the students as well as remarks from UNM administrators and a moment of silence.

For more information email the [LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center](#).