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Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Recognition season is in full swing across campus. I have enjoyed engaging with many of you during signature events such as last Friday's Recognition Reception, coordinated by the Student Activities Center, where departments acknowledged the outstanding service and contributions of our dedicated student leaders. I also joined our community at Monday's Student Memorial Ceremony to remember and celebrate the lives of our Lobos who have passed away.

Special thanks to the KIVA Club for inviting the university community this past Sunday to its student-run Nizhoni Days Powwow—the largest of its kind in the country

As we near finals week, I look forward to the continuation of festivities with this week's May the Fourth Celebration and Late Night Breakfast. Additionally, this week is the start of many of our graduation events which continue through next week including the Black Graduation and Awards Ceremony, Asian American and Pacific Islander Graduation Convocation, American Indian Convocation, and Raza Graduation. I remain honored to be part of an engaged campus community steeped in rich traditions.

I am excited that the NASPA Region IV-W Conference will be held in Albuquerque this fall and will showcase our state under the theme: Enriching Experiences: Nurturing Wellness and Social Change in the Land of Enchantment. I encourage you to save the date for the event and hope that you will consider submitting an educational proposal via the details below.

With appreciation,
Eric

2024 Black Graduation & Awards Ceremony



African American Student Services Awards and Recognition Ceremony gives students an opportunity to recognize the academic and service/volunteerism accomplishments of our students from the university. Awards and Recognitions during this ceremony includes the African American Student Services Leadership Award, and honors all undergraduate and graduate students graduating during the academic year.

May the Fourth Celebration



Stop by the SUB Atrium for May the Fourth celebration on May 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for storm troopers, wookiee cookies, crafts, a photo booth and free drinks!

AAPIRC's Graduation Ceremony



AAPIRC organizes a very special graduation ceremony to celebrate our students graduating in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The ceremony includes speeches by prominent leaders and receiving an AAPIRC stole and certificate. The ceremony is followed by a reception.

SUB Late Night Breakfast



The SUB is once again hosting their Late Night Breakfast this Sunday, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Building. This popular event features free food, live music, games, giveaways, raffles and more! Students will need to bring their Lobo ID to be admitted to this free event.

Raza Graduation



El Centro de la Raza has experienced and celebrated the graduation of our UNM Raza students since its inception in 1969. To memorialize this day, in 1994, El Centro de la Raza began the tradition to celebrate our graduates and their families. We recognize that graduating from any academic program is an effort in which the entire family partakes, and we celebrate everyone for the effort and the struggle that “getting an education” entails.

American Indian Convocation



This year's recognition will show appreciation for the accomplishments of all American Indian & Indigenous students receiving undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees from UNM-Main Campus within the following semesters: Fall 2023, Spring 2024, and Summer 2024. It's also an opportunity for graduates to recognize their family, friends, tribal leaders, UNM Faculty & Staff, and others that have provided support and encouragement during their university experience. This event is a personal and cultural celebration and is intended as an additional avenue to acknowledge this significant educational milestone for American Indian & Indigenous students.

SAVE the Date: NASPA Region IV-W Regional Conference



Please save the date for this year's NASPA IV-West Conference, themed Enriching Experiences: Nurturing Wellness and Social Change in the Land of Enchantment, which will be held in Albuquerque, October 21-23, at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. NASPA regional conferences are less

formal than national conferences and offer the opportunity to network, build relationships, and create community with colleagues on a closer level.

The conference will bring together student affairs, graduate preparation faculty, and graduate students to learn from one another, discuss the critical issues impacting our field, network with new and established colleagues, and engage with those who are on the cutting edge of innovative student affairs practices.

NASPA Region IV-W Regional Conference Call for Proposals



NASPA members are urged to consider submitting an educational session proposal for a student affairs talk, general interest or panel/roundtable session, deep dive, or pre-conference workshop showcasing relevant, innovative, and research-informed work happening on our campus and beyond. Submissions are being accepted via the [NASPA website](#) (NASPA membership required) with a deadline of Monday, June 3.

