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Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Next week, the Mezquite Golf Tournament will return for its 14th year of fundraising for UNM student scholarships. The article below highlights Sergio Bermudez, an individual who has been generous in time and resources. I want to extend my gratitude to Sergio and recognize the teams in the VPSA office and College Enrichment Program who have been integral to the formation and continuing success of this tournament.

It's hard to believe, but Welcome Back Days are now less than a month away. While many of you will be facilitating your own welcome back activities, I hope you'll join me in supporting your colleagues both by showing up and offering help when needed. I know that the capable and supportive hands of our Student Affairs colleagues can mean so much during those moments when so much needs to be done in so little time. One outstanding volunteer opportunity coming up this fall is for the UNM McNair Scholars research conference. I hope you'll follow the [link below](#) if you have capacity to offer. I am so excited for all that is to come in the fall.

In the meantime, we continue to host New Student Orientation, engage in our unit-specific annual planning meetings, and invest in our teams through professional and team development

opportunities. We are also in the process of shaping the next stages of our strategic planning process. I appreciate the contributions you each make to shaping the future of our division.

With appreciation,

Eric

Par for the Cause: Mezquite Golf Tournament Returns for 14th Year



El Mezquite President and CEO, Sergio Bermudez, and founder of the El Mezquite Golf Tournament.

Each August, golfers come together to hit the links for our Lobos at the annual El Mezquite Golf tournament which raises money for scholarships for UNM students. Exciting prizes, unique food, and a fun, party-like atmosphere are par for the cause, and the reason golfers return year after year. The tournament, currently in its 14th year, hosts 50 teams and to date has raised upwards of \$750,000.

The tournament is the brainchild of El Mezquite President and CEO, Sergio Bermudez. An avid golfer, Bermudez has participated in several tournaments, but never one to specifically benefit Hispanic students. "Here in New Mexico, Latinos are a large part of our population," he said. "Where's the tournament for them?"

Subsequently, he was introduced to then Vice President for Student Affairs, Eliseo "Cheo" Torres. "My brother knew Cheo before I did, and he thought Cheo might be the right person to talk to about the tournament idea," Bermudez said.

Torres had already hosted a Mexican Independence Day event to raise scholarship funds and was a little bit hesitant about the tournament idea at first. The pair talked more about it and decided to move forward with the tournament.

"I've been to so many tournaments and I know what I like and don't like," Bermudez said. "I wanted to create something completely different." The pair organized their inaugural tournament which was held at the UNM Championship Golf Course and had 32 teams, who each bought sponsorships ranging from \$750 to \$5,000. Not a bad start or turnout, but one they used as the foundation to build on.

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The VPSA is hiring a Student Affairs Leadership Intern



We're Hiring!

Are you a student interested in a career in Student Affairs and higher education?
Want to work in the VPSA office?

Student Affairs Leadership Intern

Preferred Qualifications:

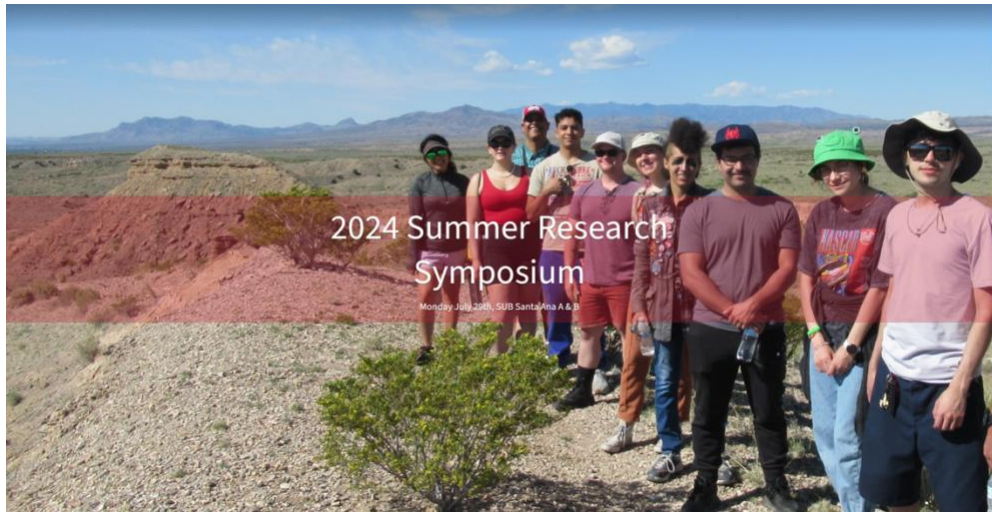
- Prior campus employment experience
- Involvement in student organizations
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft and Adobe platforms

[apply via UNM Jobs](#) | req 30285



The Vice President for Student Affairs office is seeking applications for its [Student Affairs Leadership Intern](#) position. The position will provide assistance with a variety of projects within the Vice President for Student Affairs office. Applications are being taken via [UNM Jobs](#) req30285 with a best consideration date of Tuesday, Aug. 6.

2024 McNair/ROP Summer Research Symposium



McNair Scholars Program & Research Opportunity Program is hosting its Summer Research Symposium on Monday, July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in SUB Santa Ana A & B. This yearly symposium is meant to celebrate the hard work of scholars who, alongside their mentors, have spent the summer developing their scholarship and building towards their professional aspirations.

Click [here](#) to view students' presentation abstracts.

Call for Volunteers: UNM McNair Scholars Research Conference



The McNair Scholars Program is hosting an undergraduate research conference on September 5 & 6 and are looking for volunteers (moderators, general assistance, etc.). At the last conference, undergraduate researchers from 30+ universities presented their research in both oral and poster formats. In past years, the student affairs community has provided tremendous support for this event and volunteers are needed again. The McNair Scholars Program prepares first-generation, low-income and underrepresented undergraduates for graduate school. The time commitment is minimal but your impact can be substantial! To volunteer [click here](#). To learn more about the conference [click here](#).

Mark your Calendars for Fall Welcome Back Events



Friday Night Live!

Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
Student Union Building

Welcome Back Days

UNM Departmental Programs and Programs Day and President's Ice Cream Social

Monday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.
Duck Pond

Safety, Health and Wellness Day

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.
Duck Pond

Class Crawl Campus Tour

Sunday, Aug. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Field

Movie on the Field - If

Sunday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m.

Johnson Field

[Download Events Calendar](#)

Campus Communities

Day - Green Chile

Stew

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10

a.m.

Duck Pond

North Campus Day

Wednesday, Aug. 21,

11:30 a.m.

HSC Courtyard

Student Organization

Day - Dion's Pizza

Thursday, Aug. 22, 10

a.m.

Duck Pond

Campus Employment

and Community

Service

Friday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.

Ortega Hall

NASPA Region IV-West Call for Award Nominations and Award Reviewers



NASPA Region IV-West is seeking nominations for their individual, rising star, and programs and publications awards. Awards are an important opportunity to recognize our members for their accomplishments as a part of our NASPA IV-West community. We want to invite you to submit an award, open now and due by Friday, Aug. 2.

- Individual Awards
 - Social Justice and Inclusion Award
 - Community College Professional Award
 - Support Staff Recognition Award
 - NUFP Champion Award
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Outstanding New Professional Award
 - Outstanding Mid-Level Professional Award
 - Outstanding Faculty Award
 - James J. Rhatigan Outstanding Dean Award
 - AVP/Senior Level Student Affairs Professional Award
 - Presidential Excellence Award
- Rising Star Awards
 - New Professional Rising Star Awards
 - Graduate Student Rising Star Awards
 - Undergraduate Student Rising Star Awards
- Program & Publication Awards
 - Innovative Program Award
 - Publication Awards
 - Campus-Based Publication Award
 - Campus-Based Literature/Research Award publications
 - Campus-Based Video/Computer Software Award

Submit nominations via: <https://naspa.secure-platform.com:443/awards/solicitations/281/home>

The conference committee is also searching for volunteers to review 3-5 award nominations. To volunteer to serve as an award reviewer, visit:

<https://naspa.secure-platform.com/awards/judgeSolicitationProfiles/create?solicitationId=281>

If you haven't registered this year's conference which is being held October 21-23 in Albuquerque, please visit the [NASPA Region IV-West webpage](#) for more information

