

# CONNECT

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## Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

It was such an honor and pleasure to connect with you and see so many connecting with each other last week at our division All Staff Gathering. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from so many of you about the important work happening in our units and was excited to share progress happening at the division level. We discussed achievements from this past year and highlighted priorities for this coming year. Among those priorities were the launching of the DSA Staff Professional Development Committee, strengthening assessment and annual planning processes, making progress on student wellbeing and onboarding, and continuing to strengthen our

leadership culture.

We also officially launched our division strategic planning process with the theme *Engage to Innovate*, inviting the entire division to join together in shaping the future of our work and correspondingly the student experience in alignment with the UNM 2040 Strategic Framework. This Thursday, a signature part of that experience will take place on campus as we invite our students to the annual Silent Lights event at 8 p.m. on Smith Plaza. We will also elevate our perspectives at the tethered balloon launch on Johnson Field, Monday beginning at 7 a.m. I hope you will encourage students to join us at this exciting event to launch the fall season on campus. While this is a busy and exciting time on campus, I hope you will also find time to savor the season, events, and the near perfect weather in our beautiful community. Thank you for all you do to sustain an incredible network of service and support for our Lobos. See you around campus!

With Appreciation,  
Eric

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## DSA Staff Professional Development Committee

**DIVISION OF  
STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### Professional Development Committee

The Division of Student Affairs is seeking interested staff members to serve on a new division-wide Professional Development Committee.

**What will the committee do?**

Led by co-chairs, Pam Agoyo, executive director for student support and Dr. Jenna Crabb, executive director for student resources, the committee will work together to create broad division priorities including, but not limited to, division onboarding and professional, philosophical, and theoretical development for all Student Affairs staff.

**Who will be on the committee?**

2 executive directors  
4 division staff representatives  
2 directors

**Who can apply?**

Division staff and directors

**How long is the term?**

One-year service term (option to renew depending on interest)

**What are some anticipated time commitments?**

Quarterly Meetings  
Assistance with training session development  
Some task-related time

**How do I apply?**

Email: Pam Agoyo (pagoyo@unm.edu) & Jenna Crabb (jennas@unm.edu) with the following information:

Subject Line: Student Affairs Professional Committee Interest 2023  
Department  
Position title and grade  
Supervisor name  
Time constraints (i.e. regular standing meetings, class)

Submit by October 1, 2023 for consideration.

Division of Student Affairs is seeking interested staff members for a new and exciting division-wide Professional Development Committee co-chaired by Executive Directors Pam Agoyo and Dr. Jenna Crabb. The committee is dedicated to the personal and professional growth of Division of Student Affairs staff with the primary goal of advancing broad division priorities.

## WRC Sabrina Single Mother's Scholarship Cuban BBQ Fundraiser

**WOMEN'S  
RESOURCE CENTER**

### CUBAN BBQ FUNDRAISER

*Join us for a Cuban-style BBQ where we will be fundraising for the Sabrina Single Parent Scholarship and the NAT Fund.*

**Suggested donation: \$10**

**Friday, September 29th  
5PM-7PM  
WRC Courtyard**

Contact Us  
 (505) 277-3716  
 women@unm.edu



The Women's Resource Center is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Sabrina Single Mother's Scholarship. Please plan to stop by the WRC Courtyard this Friday, Sept. 29 between 5-7p.m. to enjoy some Cuban BBQ for a great cause!

## Mentoring Conference Scholarships for Staff

The Mentoring Institute offers 20 full scholarships to Staff in the Division of Student Affairs to attend the 16th Annual Mentoring Conference, ***Mentoring Networks: The Impact of Developmental Relationships on the Future of Work***. At this conference, you will have a chance to learn effective mentoring practices, see current research, and network with academics, healthcare, non-profit, and government leaders. The scholarship includes the standard registration to the conference (\$600), a choice of one of the three pre-conference workshops, and a choice of one of the two post-conference workshops (please note that the post-conference workshop titled "Designing and Evaluating a Mentoring Program" is **NOT** included in the scholarship).

To claim your scholarship, please follow the steps below:

1. Sign up for an account at [mentor.unm.edu](http://mentor.unm.edu)
2. Register for the conference by clicking on the conference tab, then the register tab, and fill in the necessary information. Make sure to indicate that you are a staff member.
3. Please complete the attached tuition remission form including your UNM ID and Student Affairs department.
4. When prompted to submit payment, select Tuition Remission.
5. Upload the signed Tuition Remission Form and a copy of your Lobo ID.
6. The system will only allow the submission to the **first 20 applicants**.

The last day to register is **October 13, 2023**.

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## Tethered Hot Air Balloon Event



It's officially fall—bringing crisp mornings, the smell of roasted green chile, and hot air balloons by the dozens. This year, UNM is bringing the excitement of hot air ballooning to campus a week before the Balloon Fiesta!

UNM students are invited for free tethered hot air balloon rides on Johnson Field, Monday, October 2 between 7-9a.m. Rides will

be first come, first served, so students are encouraged to come early.

Free Frontier breakfast burritos will be given to the first 100 students there. Everyone can also enjoy free hot chocolate, Lobo cookies, and UNM giveaways

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## Careers in Student Affairs Month



## Careers in Student Affairs Month October 2023

ENGAGE TO INNOVATE



How are we, as  
Student Affairs  
professionals engaging  
our students and being  
innovators of change?



Each October, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) celebrates Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM)—a month-long initiative dedicated to the celebration of a career in student affairs, education and awareness in the profession, and engagement with professional associations and peers in the field.

We are launching a social media campaign to run throughout October around “How are we, as student affairs professionals, engaging our students and being innovators of change?” If you are interested in participating, please send your answer via [this simple form. https://forms.unm.edu/forms/csam\\_23](https://forms.unm.edu/forms/csam_23)

### Fall Frenzy



Join other UNM Students in this Homecoming Week Campus Cleanup! We'll be raking leaves, planting flowers, laying mulch, planting trees, and generally beautifying campus!

### Silent Lights



Get ready for a one-of-a-kind outdoor Silent Disco here, on campus. Silent Lights returns to campus tomorrow, Sept. 28 from 8-11 p.m. with 3 DJs and a massive light show in the newly remodeled Smith Plaza.

At a silent disco or silent rave you get down, but the music won't bump through the speakers, instead it's broadcasted via radio transmitter directly through the headphones we provide. Don't miss this one of a kind experience. Free Admission. UNM Students get in with LOBO ID and can

bring one guest

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