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Brandi Wells-Stone, Ph.D. (she/her) currently serves as Director of African American Student Services and Special Advisor to the President on African American Affairs at the University of New Mexico (UNM). She is a proud second-generation Lobo alumna receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from UNM and her doctorate from New Mexico State University. As a scholar-practitioner with a decade of experience in student affairs and Black Cultural Center work, Brandi describes her leadership as grounded in joyful collaboration, co-construction, and the strengthening of systems and opportunities for communities to thrive.

Her scholarship explores Black Cultural Center leadership through decolonial and Black feminist lenses, examining how institutional structures and spatial politics shape student and staff experiences of belonging in higher education. She is currently serving as a co-editor for an upcoming volume titled *Making Servingness a Reality: Confronting Past Harms and Dreaming New Futures*. Beyond UNM, she serves in leadership roles across the state with the Race Amity Project, New Mexico Black Education Advisory Council, and the New Mexico Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. Additionally, she serves as a national board member on the National Association for Black Culture Centers and recently completed a term as NASPA's Undergraduate Fellows Program Assessment Co-Chair.

Outside of work, Brandi enjoys traveling, staying active, and spending time with her husband and three children.