

## **Lisa Ellis Bio**

Lisa Ellis is a fundraising professional serving as the director of development for the Division of Student Affairs at UNM since October 2022. With 14 years' experience working in development in a higher education setting and twenty-one years' overall experience working in a leadership capacity for non-profit organizations, Lisa serves as a fundraiser and designs, implements, evaluates, and refines the division's private-sector fundraising activities with an emphasis on major gifts. Prior to her role with the Division of Student Affairs Lisa served as the director of development for Project ECHO where she helped raised money for global health and education programs. Prior to this she helped lead Ripon College's development program as the Associate Vice President of Advancement.

Originally from Green Lake, Wisconsin, Lisa graduated from Butler University in Indianapolis with a degree in cultural anthropology and sociology hoping to work with vulnerable communities in far off lands. Instead, she returned to Wisconsin and began working in non-profit fundraising and management. This allowed her to work with an array of diverse people such as migrant farmworkers, refugees learning English as a second language, and supporters of the performing arts and higher education.

"I'm passionate about helping people reach their fullest potential no matter what challenges they are facing. I am very excited to be able to serve UNM students and help them realize their academic dreams."