



# President's Report

A report to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents from the Office of the President

## Message from David J. Schmidly

As I was preparing to assume the role of president of this university nearly a year ago, I began writing a document that I ultimately titled "UNM in the 21st Century: A New President's Vision." Much of last summer was spent meeting with and learning from students, faculty, staff and alumni. Thanks to them, I grew an even deeper appreciation for UNM's history, culture, successes and challenges. It was then that I began to formulate a plan to merge the best of UNM as it exists today with a new set of aspirations for the future. It was at the conclusion of my first 125 days as president that the concept of a Strategic Framework was born – a framework upon which to build for our future. And perhaps more importantly, to provide us with some essential guiding ideas and principles that will help us all to see how our work here contributes to that future.

Our major guiding principle – our mission – tells the world why the University of New Mexico exists. We are here for teaching, research, patient care and community service. These are the four cornerstones of our purpose. These are the ways in which we serve our students, our community, our state, our nation and the world. This is why we exist. Every single one of us has the opportunity to contribute in some way toward carrying forth that mission.

Our vision sets forth our greatest aspirations for the future. We are saying that we want to be known for our diversity and the strength that it gives us. We want to be known as strong collaborators and as the university of choice for the brightest students. We want our academic climate to be exciting, dynamic and passionate, known far and wide as a university that steadfastly upholds the virtue of academic freedom. We want to be known for attracting and furthering the most innovative research programs and as a catalyst and hub for international initiatives that draw students, faculty and collaborators from all parts of the globe. Over the next five years, it is my intention to restore, reward and grow the faculty, who form the backbone of our academic and research vitality. Finally, we want to be unmatched as a health and wellness resource in New Mexico.

As a result of achieving this vision, we will simply be known as one of the best. Others will want to learn from us, emulate us and partner with us. This is our future, if we are courageous enough to commit to and travel this journey together. We will need a strong set of core values to guide us all – principles that inform not just what we do, but how we do it. Our core values will hold us accountable to our students, the community, and to each other. We're talking about taking excel-

lence to a new level, providing access with support to succeed, and honoring respectful relationships strengthened by a strong dose of integrity. We're talking about diversity that enlivens and strengthens our university, freedom of inquiry and the pursuit of ideas, and sustainability that will not compromise our future for the sake of the present. We will use these values to make decisions, and we will use them to evaluate our own behavior.



UNM President David J. Schmidly

With these principles to guide our way, I have challenged every member of the UNM community to embrace the direction we are taking and to contribute to our steady movement toward the greatness that I believe is this university's destiny. Over the past two weeks, departments have explored questions like "what ideas do you have for improving this university through the work that you do" and "how can your efforts complement those of others and move us closer to the future we desire?" Tomorrow we will hear from several departments about their aspirations, hopes and ideas for the future at a Town Hall in the Student Union Building.

This is just the beginning. Over the next weeks and months, we will finalize this strategic framework, link it with a new campus master plan, realistic resource development, and a tuition model coupled with state resources that will allow real progress on our most important priorities.

It will be a busy summer. Remember the clarion call from my inaugural speech: Adelante!

David J. Schmidly



## Administrative team to build student success

UNM recently completed national searches for three positions critical to building student success: provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, vice president for enrollment management and vice president for equity and inclusion. ■

### Suzanne Trager Ortega, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



University of Washington Vice Provost and Graduate Dean Suzanne Trager Ortega was selected as UNM's provost and executive

vice president for academic affairs. Ortega is excited by the possibilities presented by UNM. "UNM is leading the way for what the great 21st century research universities must become – student centered, community engaged and enriched by the imagination and talents of the diverse students, staff and faculty who comprise it."

Ortega earned master's and doctorate degrees at Vanderbilt. Throughout her administrative career, she has continued to teach, research and publish in the field of sociology. Ortega will begin her duties at UNM on Aug. 1.

### Carmen Alvarez Brown, VP for Enrollment Management



Carmen Alvarez Brown was appointed vice president for enrollment management. This new position will consolidate service

areas that impact students' progress toward degree objectives, including recruitment, admissions, financial aid, records and registration.

The vice president will work to improve recruitment, enrollment and graduation of all students.

Alvarez Brown is currently assistant vice president for enrollment management and director of undergraduate admissions at Florida International University. She brings more than 35 years experience in enrollment management. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from FIU.

Alvarez Brown will begin her duties at UNM this summer.

### Josephine De León, VP for Equity and Inclusion



Josephine (Jozi) De León was named UNM's vice president for equity and inclusion, a new position that provides

strategic leadership on initiatives that increase and maintain diversity across all academic disciplines and units. De León currently serves as the associate provost for academic affairs and community colleges at New Mexico State University. De León's professional and academic experience focuses on addressing educational needs of underrepresented groups. She earned a bachelor's from Fayetteville State University, master's from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and doctorate from NMSU.

De León will begin her duties at UNM on July 1.

## Energy educators make campus greener

UNM is embarking on a major energy conservation program, which will be guided by Energy Education Inc., the energy conservation experts retained by Lobo Energy. As part of that initiative, several new Lobo Energy employees, called energy conservation educators, will work with departments on conservation and publish energy conservation guidelines. The university can save millions of dollars by just paying closer attention to conservation. ■

## UNM-Gallup acting director named

Management and organization expert Barry Cooney has been named acting executive director of the UNM-Gallup branch campus. Cooney will serve a six-month appointment while a national search for executive director is conducted.

In 1985, Cooney founded Alliance for Creative Management, Inc., a management and organization consulting firm that works with public and private institutions on strategic planning, internal communication development, leadership training, management development, conflict resolution and team building. In this capacity, he has worked with UNM's Anderson School of Management, College of Education and Office of the Comptroller. ■



Stephanie Moquin

Benjamin Ediger

## Two students win Goldwater Scholarship

Stephanie Moquin and Benjamin Ediger, both University Honors Program students at UNM, were recently awarded the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. Ediger and Moquin join the ranks of 10 previous UNM students selected for this honor since 1999.

The Goldwater Scholarship encourages outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. Ediger is majoring in biochemistry and mathematics. Moquin is majoring in biology and anthropology. ■

## UNM graduate programs rank high nationally



The UNM School of Medicine ranks second in the nation for its rural medicine program in the latest issue of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools" – a ranking it has maintained since 1996. The magazine also ranks the School of Medicine ninth in family medicine. The UNM School of Law ranked fifth for clinical training. The UNM College of Fine Arts ranked fifth for photography and 11th for printmaking. ■



Presidents Tom Hunter, Sandia National Laboratories, and David Schmidly, UNM, sign a memorandum of understanding to increase cooperation between the two institutions.



### Lobos take MWC title by 19 strokes

UNM ran away with the 2008 Mountain West Conference women's golf championships. The Lobos outdistanced BYU by 19 strokes. Jill Trujillo was selected as the MWC Coach of the Year, and sophomore Jodi Ewart as Player of the Year.

### Lobo Men finish record-setting season

The Lobo Men's basketball team finished 24-9 overall as Steve Alford set a school record for most wins by a UNM rookie head coach. New Mexico was 11-5 in the Mountain West Conference, its most conference wins in nine years. The Lobos also tied a school record with 8 road wins. Home attendance increased 1,508 a game to 14,361 for 18 home games.

### Lobo Women soar into fifth MWC win

The UNM women's basketball team was 20-13 overall for its eighth consecutive 20-win season. The Lobos were 9-7 in the Mountain West Conference, finishing in fourth place. New Mexico won the MWC Tournament for the fifth time in the past six years and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 7th consecutive season. ■

### UNM continues wireless expansion



Last year, the UNM Information Technology Services department announced expansion of wireless Internet services for parts of UNM's main campus. Wireless Internet access is now available to more than 65 percent of main campus. The project is scheduled for completion in August 2009. ■

### Outstanding Seniors



2008 Clauve Outstanding Senior Award recipients. Clauve Awards are given to UNM seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and involvement as well as academics.



### Fundraising well underway

The UNM Foundation is well on its way toward meeting the 2007-08 fundraising goal. As of the beginning of the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year, fundraising totals have reached \$68,262,467, more than 85 percent of the \$80 million goal. The funds were contributed by 16,179 unique donors. ■

### Forum to address N.M. health care shortage

New Mexico is facing a health care emergency with too few doctors, nurses and other health professionals to meet today's needs – and the shortage is projected to worsen in coming years.

To address these issues, the UNM Health Sciences Center Office of Diversity and UNM Hospitals, in partnership with other stakeholders throughout the state, are holding a forum May 2-3 on growing and diversifying the pool of people entering and staying in health care professions in New Mexico. The forum will bring together people from middle and high schools, col-



leges and universities, the health-care community, and rural and tribal areas to address the issues and develop solutions. ■