

# December Newsletter

## Have a Great Winter Break, Lobos!

### DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dear students,

Last Friday, the Albuquerque Journal printed an article titled "New Mexico drivers second worst in U.S." (<http://www.abqjournal.com/682511/news/new-mexico-drivers-second-worst-in-us.html>). The study, which was conducted by CarinsuranceComparison.com, compiled "how states ranked based on fatalities per miles driven, speeding, drunken driving, careless driving, and other moving citations per capita." Specific rankings for New Mexico included "fifth for the most careless driving cases, 10th for the most drunken driving arrests, 17th in traffic fatalities, 12th for speeding and 16th for other citations." These statistics became more personal over the weekend when Sergio Mendez-Aguirre (UNM '15), Roberto Mendez and Grace Sinfield were killed by an alleged drunk driver. The winter break is a special time to celebrate with family and friends, especially after a long and challenging semester. If you are traveling locally or out of state, please be extra careful this holiday season. I would also ask that you keep the family and friends of Roberto, Sergio and Grace in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace,

Tomás A. Aguirre  
Your "Dean of Students"

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Student Health & Counseling (SHAC)

Student Health Leadership Council (SHLC) Meeting, Tue., Dec. 1, 12:30-1:30 PM, SHAC, room 234. We need your input! Please join the SHLC for our next meeting about current programming at SHAC. A light lunch will be served. All students are welcome. No application or prior experience is necessary. For information, call 505-277-4842.

Counseling Workshop: SHAC will offer an Anger Management Workshop for Students on Fri., Dec. 4, from 3:00-5:00 PM at SHAC. NO CHARGE! Sign up online at <http://shac.unm.edu/forms/counseling-workshops.html>.

SHAC Closure: SHAC will be closed Dec. 23, 2015 through Jan. 3, 2016. SHAC will reopen at 8:00 AM on Mon., Jan. 4, 2016. Make sure you have an adequate supply of medications for the Break! Call the SHAC Pharmacy at 277-6306. If students need to access health care while SHAC is closed, a list of local facilities is provided on the SHAC web site at <http://shac.unm.edu/about/after-hours-links.html>.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Clauve Outstanding Senior Awards

This award is presented to outstanding seniors who have performed well academically and made significant contributions to the campus community through their outstanding leadership and involvement in student organizations and activities. Nominations are solicited in January with a deadline in mid February. Usually six to eight students are recognized at the Recognition Reception. For more information, [visit the web page](#).

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Short Term/Emergency Loans

UNM understands that unexpected financial situations can happen. Therefore, the Dean of Students Office offers students short term loans for emergency situations. We can provide students with loans of up to \$800. To be eligible you must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, not have a past due balance of more than \$200, and repay the loan within 45 days. For more information, visit the [DoS Site](#) or drop by our office to apply for a loan.

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### IME/ El Mezquite Scholarship

The IME/El Mezquite Scholarship is now available for students to apply. Designed for High School students planning to go to UNM or current UNM students. The requirements are 3.0+ GPA, leadership Qualities, Letter of Recommendation, a written essay, and a strong need for financial Assistance. Deadline to apply is December 4th. Any questions can be directed to Andrew Gonzales at (505)277-5321 or at [andrewg@unm.edu](mailto:andrewg@unm.edu).

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Championship Golf Course

The Championship Golf Course is thanking YOU for your patronage. Come visit the golf course for our Customer Appreciation Special during the Month of December. Experience the championship golf course at discounted rates. Play the best, be your best at the Championship Golf Course. Reserve your tee time at [teetimes.unm.edu](http://teetimes.unm.edu) or call the golf shop at 505-277-GOLF.

### ADAPTED SPORTS

#### PENP 193-003

Need a two credit activity or interested in trying sports and activities that are new and innovative? Register today for Adapted Sports PENP 193-003! Classes are M/W/F from 9:00 am-9:50am. Instruction and practice of the basic skills and techniques of Adapted Sports. No prior knowledge or experience is required!

### TRAVEL

#### National Student Exchange

Did you know lobos can travel and study across the United States? Visit another university for a semester or up to a year with the National Student Exchange. Visit our website [nse.unm.edu](http://nse.unm.edu) for more information to learn about studying on exchange throughout the United States and US Territories. Our next info session is December 3rd, at 3:30pm in the Dean of Students Conference Room, University Advisement and Enrichment Center.

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

#### UNM Young Alumni

The UNM Alumni Association and UNM Young Alumni Chapter invite soon-to-be Fall Class of 2015 graduates to celebrate their accomplishments and induction into the UNM alumni family at the New Grads Wine & Cheese Reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Hodgkin Hall Alumni Center. Details and RSVP at <http://go.unmalumni.com/winecheese>.

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

#### #LOBOSGIVEDAY

The UNM Foundation will participate in the global event #GivingTuesday on December 1st, 2015. Now in its fourth year, #GivingTuesday is dedicated to giving back. This is a day to come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. To help emphasize the UNM focus on this day, the event is called #LobosGiveDay. On that day, you can give to UNM to make it a #LobosGiveDay! Please give on #LobosGiveDay for a tax-deductible donation and have a positive impact at UNM in your area of interest.

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

#### UNM Mobile Application

Do you enjoy playing games like Call of Duty, World of Warcraft, or Clash of Clans? If so, we need your help! UNM is currently developing a mobile application to help students succeed and our team is looking for students who enjoy gaming, strategy, and who have an interest in mobile applications. No prior development experience is necessary, just be sure to have an open and creative mind! If this sounds like something you'd like to take part in, please contact Leonel Diaz Jr. at [ladijaz@unm.edu](mailto:ladijaz@unm.edu).

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

#### Student Affairs December Events

##### Holiday Drive to benefit Los Ojos de la Familia

Student Affairs is currently serving as a collection site for a toy drive to benefit the Los Ojos de la Familia organization. UNM Student Affairs, and the UNM BeKind team have collection sites set up at the following locations: [UNM Student Affairs office](#) (Scholes Hall, 229), [UNM Children's Campus](#) (1210 University Blvd.), [UNM Dean of Students Office](#) (University Enrichment and Advisement Center, 2nd Floor), [UNM Hodgkin Hall](#) (NE corner of University and Central), and [UNM Recreational Services](#) in Johnson Center. Please donate a new, unwrapped toy by Friday, December 11th.

##### Community Engagement Center to Host 5th Annual Symposium

The UNM Community Engagement Center will host its 5th Annual symposium on Saturday Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. The event will focus on Intersectionality and how it influences to identities that exist, and the need to account for multiple grounds of identity. Translators, food and childcare will be provided. For more information, please contact the CEC at 505-277-9523.

### SPIRIT

#### 2015 Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Friday, December 4th at 5:45 PM for UNM's oldest student-run campus tradition! We will meet at the [UNM Bookstore Plaza](#) with FREE hot chocolate, cider, posole, and cookies (while supplies last). Special guests include Lobo Louie and Lobo Lucie, as well as Santa Claus himself and his little elves!

We'll carol around campus, present the holiday wreath to President and Mrs. Frank, and end with a reception at Hodgkin Hall. For more information, e-mail [Mortar Board Senior Honor Society](mailto:Mortar Board Senior Honor Society) at [mortarbd@unm.edu](mailto:mortarbd@unm.edu)

### SPIRIT

#### UNM Bookstore

25% off Lobowear and spirit items. 50% off select items: select men's tees, long-sleeve tees, hoodies, and crew sweatshirts. Select women's tees, long-sleeve tees, and women's accessories. Select youth football jerseys, pieces of the Pit floor, and all iPhone and iPad cases.

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