Please continue to check your email, the Bringing Back the Pack and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites for important updates.

**Nominate NOW for the 2021 Gerald W. May Outstanding Staff Award!**

This prestigious, presidential award recognizes outstanding staff members who have made significant contributions to the University.

Nominate for this award, and find out more about the Gerald May Outstanding Staff Award on the Staff Council website! The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m., November 19, 2021.

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**Happy Tails Drive!**

Donate online! All donations up to $500 will be matched by a generous Lobo! The Happy Tails Drive collects needed items every year for Animal Humane NM and is typically the largest single collection of donated items for Animal Humane throughout the year. This drive will run throughout November 24th.

Bin locations around campus and wish list are included on the attached flyer. You may also drop off donations at the UNM Recycling Yard, weekdays between 7AM to 3:00 p.m. The Recycling Yard is located at Tucker Ave. & University Blvd. across from UNM Automotive.

Meet Beatrice. This beautiful short hair cross is available for adoption now through Animal Humane New Mexico. Help us help our animals of New Mexico by adopting or donating today.
Let’s Do Lunch: Transgender 101

Tune in to Transgender Cultural Fluency Training with Adrian Lawyer, co-founder of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. Monday, November 15, noon-1:30 via zoom. Please see zoom passcode on attached flyer, and click the link to join!
The Provost Committee for Staff Scholarship

The Provost Committee for Staff (PCS) is now accepting applications for the Academic Support Scholarships for the Spring 2022. Applications will be accepted until December 3, 2021. The scholarships are for UNM Staff who are using their Tuition Remission benefit to obtain a degree or professional certificate as well as professional development classes.

You can find more information about applicant criteria and eligibility requirements at the PCS website.

Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue® (pdf attached)

Online Self-Paced with Tailored 1:1 Support and Coaching from UNM Ombuds

WHAT: This course focuses on skills that foster open dialogue around high stakes, emotional, or risky topics. Learn how to speak persuasively, foster teamwork and make better decisions. Based
on the best-selling book *Crucial Conversations*®. This Online Self-Paced Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue® includes:
• Online self-paced class with 1:1 coaching and support from UNM Ombuds
• Downloadable Toolkit (a reference guide to the online Crucial Conversations® content)
• Crucial Conversations® e-book
• 1:1 Ombuds coaching, support, and check-ins

**WHEN:** You choose your Kick-off date
• Kick-off options are from 12:00-1:00 on the following dates (choose one):
  • **2021:** Nov. 9, 2020; Dec. 15, 2020
  • **2022:** Feb. 1; March 10; April 20; June 2; July 12; Aug. 10; Sept. 20; Oct. 20; Nov. 16; Dec. 13
• Complete the course within 90 days of your kick-off

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**UNM Gives United Way Campaign – Help People and Win Prizes Through November 30!**

The UNM Gives United Way Campaign is ongoing through November 30. Each year, the UNM Gives Campaign provides faculty and staff with the opportunity to give back to our community through a contribution to the United Way of Central New Mexico (UWCNM). When you give to UWCNM, you are investing in a stronger community and a brighter future by connecting those in need with resources, providing a path to attain education, and enabling people to obtain services in times of crisis.

All those who make a monetary pledge to the campaign through November 30 will be entered into a random drawing for prizes. Several prizes have already been drawn but there are still some left! President Stokes and Executive Vice President Ziedonis will make a personal pizza delivery to one department with a noticeable level of monetary donations, both on Main Campus and at the HSC, state COVID restrictions allowing.

Please consider making your pledge at [unmgives.unm.edu](http://unmgives.unm.edu) – it’s quick and easy. If each of us makes a small commitment of just a few dollars per month, our Lobo community can collectively have an enormous impact in New Mexico.

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**Staff Council Honoring Essential Staff** pdf attached

Help us honor our essential staff by [filling out the form](http://example.com) and sharing how a fellow employee has demonstrated their best to UNM during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your appreciation will be shared directly with the staff you are appreciating; and you have the opportunity to enter their supervisor’s email, in which case, it will be shared directly with them as well once you submit your form.
Fall 2021 Commencement Ceremonies
Join us in helping celebrate Fall 2021 and 2020 graduating students 2 – 4 hour shifts available from 3:30 – 9pm

WHEN
Graduate student Commencement Ceremony: Thursday, December 16 at 6pm OR Undergraduate student Commencement Ceremony: Friday, December 17 at 6pm

WHERE
University Arena, aka THE PIT

WHAT TO DO
If you would like to volunteer, please email Theresa at theresacarson65@unm.edu OR graduation@unm.edu
**Presidential Scholarship Selection Committee**

The UNM Scholarship Office has begun receiving Presidential Scholarship Applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are submitted from top 2022 freshmen from across the state. As we begin the selection process, we would like to open an invitation to you to participate in the 2022-2023 Presidential Scholarship selection committee.

Here are the logistics:

1) You will be responsible for scoring the content, depth, grammar and creativity demonstrated in the student's essays, as well as, leadership/public service and activity points. (Normally, there are 25-30 applications for each individual to read.)

2) All applications are read online. If you elect to participate we will provide you with access info for the applications.

3) If you are a new volunteer, you will be asked to attend a virtual reading and scoring orientation to be held the week of December 6, 2021; exact date and time to be announced. If you’ve volunteered before, you are not required but are welcome to attend as well.

4) All applications have to be scored and the scoring sheet returned to the UNM Scholarship Office by Friday, January 7, 2022.

5) All readers will be selected and notified via email by close of business Friday, December 3, 2021.

If you (or any one in your Department) are interested, please respond by sending an email to Kristi King (ksking3410@unm.edu), Lluvia Cano (lcano12@unm.edu), or Mayra Rosario Resto (mrosarioresto79@unm.edu) by Wednesday, November 24, 2021.