

FM UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION

Discussions have begun about the University Plan Review process. Please be on the lookout for info that will provide a clearer understanding of how project plans will be reviewed and noted for construction.

The Spring Building Coordinator meeting is scheduled for March 20. Please send topics to Maya Williams at mharri04@unm.edu by the end of the day on March 15.

ENGINEERING & ENERGY SERVICES

The Fire Alarm Upgrade Project at North Campus Continuing Education South Building #258 is now 50% complete as of February 2024. With the main infrastructure in place, the contractors are in the trim-out phase, installing speaker strobes, smoke detectors, heat detectors, and more. The 30,000 GSF, two-story building is comprised mainly of classrooms and exam spaces. Once finished, the new fire alarm system will provide emergency voice notifications and common area corridor smoke detection, enhancing safety in this non-sprinklered Business occupancy facility. Stay tuned for more updates!



OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The Office of Sustainability was established in 2013 as a part of the Physical Plant Department, with one employee - Mary Clark, manager. Beginning March 1 of this year, the Office of Sustainability has been moved to ISS with the hiring of a director, Anne Jakle. The Office is now located on the north side of the Service Building in offices 148C and 148D. Anne and Mary invite you to stop by and chat about how we can make UNM a leader in sustainability. Facilities Management plays a huge role in make UNM more and more sustainable.

ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCE OFFICER POSITION FILLED

Announcement: Monica Candelaria Appointed as Finance Officer for Facilities Management
We are delighted to announce the appointment of Monica Candelaria as the new Finance Officer for Facilities Management at the University of New Mexico (UNM), effective immediately.

Monica brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her new role, having served diligently within the university community since February 2020. Her journey with UNM spans various positions, each marked by exemplary leadership and dedication.

In her most recent role as Supervisor of Fiscal Services within Facilities Management, Monica oversaw the day-to-day operational demands of the Accounting Division. She effectively communicated as a key stakeholder, providing invaluable financial business guidance to departmental stakeholders. Monica meticulously monitored and supervised monthly transactions, ensuring compliance with UNM purchasing policies and procedures.

Throughout her tenure, Monica demonstrated proficiency in advanced accounting functions, including budget development and tracking, payroll processing, and account reconciliation. She supervised a team of accountants, fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration within the department. Monica's commitment to financial transparency and accountability extended beyond her immediate responsibilities. She delivered comprehensive Budget Status reports to division heads, compiling and analyzing operating expenses to optimize organizational performance.

Her previous roles within UNM, including positions at the Cancer Research Treatment Center Fiscal Services and the Bursar's Office, equipped her with a diverse skill set essential for her new role. Monica's experience in financial reporting, grant administration, and customer relations makes her a valuable asset to the Facilities Management team.

We are confident that Monica's leadership, expertise, and dedication will significantly contribute to the continued success of Facilities Management. Please join us in congratulating Monica Candelaria on her well-deserved appointment as Finance Officer, and we look forward to her continued contributions to the University of New Mexico.

Regards,

Alfred R. Sena | Director
Facilities Management, The University of New Mexico

FM FUN COMMITTEE



Get ready to rev up your engines and mark your calendars because the FM Car Show is 3 months away. In our ongoing effort to keep you informed and engaged, we're introducing a new way to stay updated on all the latest developments leading up to the show. Look out for our eye-catching A-frame signs posted near the timeclocks. These signs will serve as your weekly window into the excitement, providing you with essential updates, important reminders, and exclusive sneak peeks.

We're counting on your participation from all areas to make this year's FM Car Show the best one yet. Whether you're showcasing a vehicle, lending a helping hand, or entering the best BBQ sides contest, your involvement is what makes this event truly special. Let's pitch in and make this year's FM Car Show an unforgettable success together!

NETWORK SERVICE INTERRUPTION MESSAGE

Please be advised that critical updates to UNM's network infrastructure are scheduled on March 16th, from 10 p.m. to March 17th, 2 a.m. This routine maintenance window, selected by UNM leadership, aims to ensure optimal support for our technology while minimizing the impact of both planned and unplanned outages.

During this period, UNM IT services may be intermittently unavailable. While any potential loss of connectivity is not anticipated to exceed 10 minutes for a given user, a browser refresh may be required. Users might also experience slower response times when accessing UNM IT services such as myUNM, UNM websites, Banner, or other supported applications.

For assistance with UNM IT services, please contact UNM IT Customer Support Services at 505-277-5757. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except during University Holidays. On occasion, UNM IT may adjust the timing for a planned change. Please visit ITAlerts for the most current information for all upcoming changes to services.

FM SAFETY COMMITTEE

Over 2,000 eye injuries occur each day on job sites across the U.S. and one in ten of those injuries required missed days of work to recover. Of the total amount of work-related eye injuries that occur, 10 to 20 percent will cause temporary or permanent vision loss. While many think that eye injuries only occur in construction, trade or manufacturing jobs, nearly 40% of work-related eye injuries happen in healthcare facilities, offices, laboratories and other similar work environments. Safety experts and eye care providers agree that the right eye protection could have lessened the severity of these injuries or even prevented 90% of them.

Flying objects, particles, tools, chemicals and harmful radiation are the cause of most eye injuries. In many cases, implementing safe workplace practices and using appropriate protective eyewear could prevent injuries entirely. March is Workplace Eye Safety Awareness Month, which offers a great opportunity to remind everyone about a few tips to help protect eyes from potential injury.

Safety glasses: All in favor say "Eye!"

Always be diligent with your safety. For safety concerns, suggestions or comments, please contact Kristina Rucker @ 505-925-9516 or ruckerkr@unm.edu.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9, All Day, Indigenous Connections and Collections: Native Women and Libraries, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (Albuquerque)

March 9, 10-2 PM, Pueblo Women's Heritage Celebration, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (Albuquerque)

March 13, 11-1:30 PM, 2024 New Mexico Women in Tech Awards: Where Innovation Meets Inspiration hosted by the New Mexico Technology Council, Hotel Albuquerque. Registration begins at 10 am.

March 13-15, All Day, 8th Annual International Meeting on Women's Health hosted by the UNM Health Sciences Center at the Sheraton Uptown; Register in Advance

March 18, 6 PM CST, Bringing Home the White House: The Hidden History of the Women who Shaped the Presidency in the 20th Century presented by the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, Online

March 19, 2:30 PM, Alejandra Dubcovsky, professor of History at UC Riverside, presents "There Were So Many Bossy Women!" Native Voices and Stories from the Early South." Frank Waters Room, Zimmerman Library, hosted by the UNM Department of History

March 22, 12 PM, Coded Bias-Film Screening, hosted by the UNM HSC Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Health Sciences Library; Register in Advance (followed by an online Q & A with Filmmaker Shalini Kantayya on March 27 at noon)

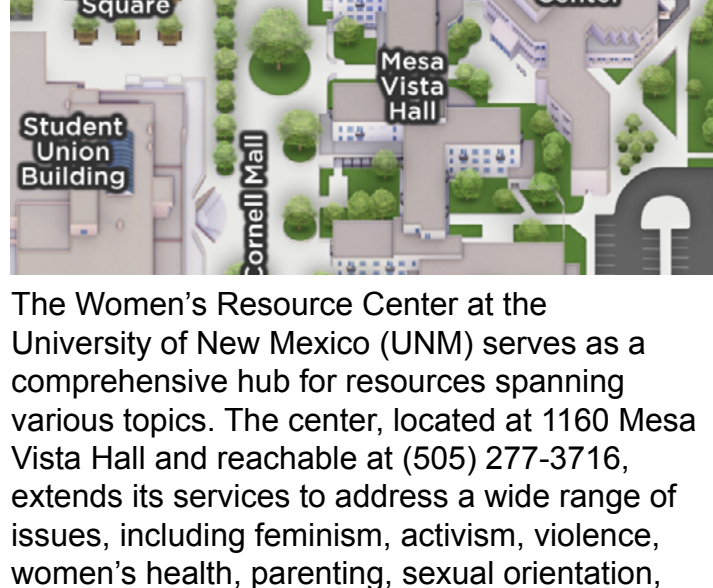
March 22, 3 PM, Anthropology Colloquia: Anthropological Engagements in Implementation Science to Advance Health Equity for Sexual and Gender Diverse Youth presented by Dr. Cathleen Willging, Hibben 105

March 27, 11-2 PM EDT, Becoming Visible Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon hosted by the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum, Online. Register in Advance

March 27, 12 noon, UNM Health Sciences Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Excellence Award for Women's History Month (nominations due by March 13); Register in Advance

March 27 5:30 PM, 68th Annual Research Lecture:Mammalian Paleoecology: Using the Past to Study the Present presented by UNM Distinguished Professor Dr. Felisa Smith, PAIS 1100 and via Zoom; Register in Advance

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER



The Women's Resource Center at the University of New Mexico (UNM) serves as a comprehensive hub for resources spanning various topics. The center, located at 1160 Mesa Vista Hall and reachable at (505) 277-3716, extends its services to address a wide range of issues, including feminism, activism, violence, women's health, parenting, sexual orientation, LGBTQ matters, scholarships, and personal finance.

The history of the Women's Resource Center dates back to its founding in 1972 by a collective of faculty, graduate students, and community members. Over the years, the center has evolved into a vital advocate for women on campus and in the community. Aligned with the UNM Women Studies Program, the WRC collaborates with academic units to enhance the overall learning experience.

Learn more about the Women's Resource Center at women.unm.edu

WOMENS HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES:

Virtual Exhibit from the National Gallery of Art, Dorothea Lange: Seeing People (through March 31)

Virtual Exhibit from the National Museum of American History, ¡De última hora! Latinas Report Breaking News (and related content)

Podcast: Library of Congress presents Women of Five Wars: Persian Gulf, Iraq & Afghanistan from the Serving our Voices Veteran's History Project

9 Best TED Talks To Watch During Women's History Month

Virtual Exhibits from the National Women's History Museum

Online and in person events ongoing at the National Institute of Flamenco in Albuquerque

Virtual Exhibits National Museum of Women in the Arts
[Learn more here](#)

UNM ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNM PRESIDENT GARNETT S. STOKES TOUTS SUCCESSES IN 2024 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

University of New Mexico President Garnett S. Stokes delivered her annual State of the University address, highlighting the resilience and strength of the Lobo community over the past six years. The address, titled 'Each of Us Defines All of Us: An Inspired Identity,' emphasized the importance of identity and unity within the university.

Stokes discussed key areas, including the university's inspired identity, growth in enrollment, and success in addressing Grand Challenges. The institution's involvement in groundbreaking AI research, Quantum Information Science, and nuclear micro-reactors was also highlighted. Stokes acknowledged the diverse and accomplished student body, emphasizing initiatives like the CHILE project for student support.

The speech covered achievements across various disciplines, including STEM awards, faculty promotions, prestigious fellowships, and student successes. The university's commitment to community engagement, public health, education, and infrastructure development, such as the Nursing and Public Health Excellence Building and the Critical Care Tower, was also highlighted.

In conclusion, Stokes celebrated the university's dedication to serving the public good and making a tangible difference in addressing societal challenges through research and educational initiatives.
[Learn more here.](#)

UNM PART OF GROUNDBREAKING EXPANSION OF LOCAL JOURNALISM IN N.M.

Local journalism in New Mexico is pressing forward, thanks to Press Forward.

A coalition of some of the nation's largest nonprofit foundations has just announced that New Mexico is joining 10 other new Press Forward Chapters, as part of a \$500 million effort to rebuild and revitalize local news around the U.S.

Press Forward New Mexico will be co-led by the Santa Fe-based Thornburg Foundation and UNM's longtime partner, the New Mexico Local News Fund.

The move comes just as the state approved a second round of groundbreaking support for UNM's Local News Fellowship and Internship program. [Learn more here.](#)

UNEXPECTED COLLABORATION WILL GIVE UNM ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES A SPRING CLEANING

The University Administrative Policies (UAP) at the University of New Mexico are getting a makeover after members of a UNM task force charged with reviewing the policies for equity and inclusion found an opportunity for an unexpected collaboration.

The UNM Policy Office and the School of Law Library are proactively reviewing the 166 policies in the University Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual to ensure each is up-to-date with state and federal regulations and statutory requirements. The manual serves as the guiding document for UNM's administrative functions including details on everything from recruitment and hiring to how the University establishes tuition. Many of the policies are in place to ensure the University follows state and Federal law, with some linking directly to regulations and others referring to them more generally as applicable laws. [Learn more here](#)

NEW MEXICO BASIC NEEDS CONSORTIUM PART OF WHITE HOUSE EFFORT TO END HUNGER

The New Mexico Basic Needs Consortium was one of 141 new commitments from stakeholders nationwide who stepped up as part of the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities announced recently by the Biden-Harris administration.

The commitments include health systems, insurers, companies, non-profits, philanthropic groups, academia, and local officials.

In March 2023, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities. The Challenge was a nationwide call-to-action to stakeholders to make commitments to advance President Biden's goal to end hunger and reduce diet-related diseases by 2030—all while reducing health disparities. The Biden-Harris Administration worked with the CDC Foundation to cultivate the new commitments.

As part of its commitment, the New Mexico Basic Needs Consortium will pursue interventions on campuses throughout the state to improve food security, nutrition for everyone, and retention rates, especially for minority students. [Learn more here.](#)

CALL OPEN FOR 2024 WOMEN IN STEM AWARDS

Applications are now being accepted for the Advance at UNM 2024 Women In STEM awards. The awards, now in their ninth year, are a collaboration between Advance at UNM, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Research.

The awards range from \$3,000 to \$15,000 with three types of grants given. The categories include travel awards to foster collaborations, seed awards to stimulate research projects that will lead to additional external funding, and workshop awards designed to generate innovative research ideas and collaborations. [Learn more here.](#)