

Division Updates

Administration

Project signage is coming soon. Signage will include a QR code with more project information available on the FM website.

Last week, Director Al Sena, participated in the comprehensive cancer center legislative basketball game as game announcer. The game was the first in-person game since COVID began. The game went into overtime and was won by the Senate.

FM SAFETY COMMITTEE

Smoke Alarms

Three out of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace the battery immediately.



Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Smoke alarms can be interconnected wirelessly. That means, when one sounds, they all sound. A Consumer Product Safety Commission survey found this is the best way to notify everyone in a home if there is a fire. Be sure to purchase smoke alarms with the label of a reputable testing agency, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Always be diligent with your safety!

For questions/concerns/suggestions, please contact Kristina Rucker at ruckerk@unm.edu or 505-925-9516.

UNM ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNM Board of Regents endorse new UNM Mission Statement

In support of the UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined strategic planning process, The University of New Mexico Board of Regents endorsed a new UNM Mission Statement.

As the state's premier institution of higher learning and provider of health care, The University of New Mexico promotes discovery, generates intellectual and cultural contributions, honors academic values, and fosters an educated, healthy, and economically vigorous New Mexico.

The updated Mission Statement has been published in the Regents' Policy Manual: Foreword, University Administrative Policies and Procedures (UAP) 1000: UNM History, Mission, and Organization, and Faculty Handbook A20: Mission Statement.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement to be Lifted for Most Lobos

After evaluating current public health guidance, and in consultation with our own medical and public health experts, The University of New Mexico will no longer require the COVID-19 primary vaccine series for students and employees, effective March 13. UNM Health and Health Sciences programs and clinical areas will continue to maintain their COVID-19 vaccine requirements. We continue to strongly recommend that the entire Lobo community should keep up to date with vaccinations, stay at home if sick, and follow CDC guidelines for all COVID-19 matters.

2023 UNM Staff Council Elections

The 2023 Grade Elections will be held in the last week of March. Eligible voters will receive an electronic ballot to their UNM email. Make an informed decision about who is representing your grade at the University by looking at the 2023 Grade Elections Guide.

UNM Selected as New Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety

Some exciting news out of our School of Engineering, as it was announced last week that The University of New Mexico has been selected as the home for a new center to study and address bicycle safety. The Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety is a Tier One University Transportation Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, providing UNM with \$2 million annually for five years. The new center will be led by assistant professor Nicholas Ferenchak in the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering. It will use existing virtual reality (VR) technology and research that Professor Ferenchak and his team have conducted over the last several years to make our roadways safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Congratulations to our entire team. I look forward to hearing what the center discovers over the next five years.

Student Affairs seeks nominations for Louie Awards

The Division of Student Affairs seeks nominations for its five Louie Award categories. Three awards will go to employees in the Division and two are open to employees from any UNM department. The nomination deadline is March 24. The award ceremony will be held April 7. Nominate here.

PCS Outstanding Staff & Work Group Nominations

The Provost Committee for Staff invites faculty, staff, and students to nominate a staff member or a working group at UNM who has provided extraordinary service for the Outstanding Staff Awards. Nominations are open March 13 – April 14. For more information about eligibility or to nominate a staff member or work group, visit pcs.unm.edu.

Kudos

Duck Pond Cleaning

Thank you to Richard Schorr, Joe Duran, and the Grounds and Landscaping crew for their hard work cleaning the Duck Pond this past week. This is a huge undertaking, and they handled the project seamlessly.



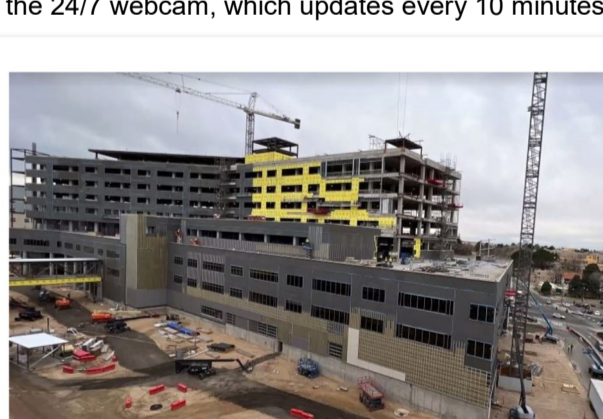
Project Highlight

UNM Hospital

While the construction at the hospital may feel endless, the project is progressing nicely and the final product will be worth the wait.

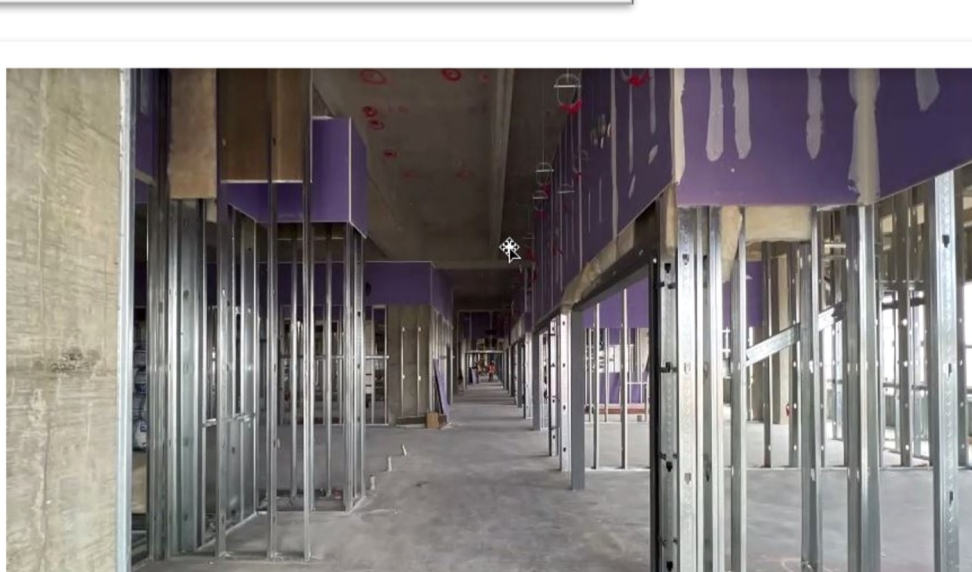
The new hospital tower has been designed to consolidate all adult critical care services under one roof. These services include 18 new operating rooms, 96 ICU beds and an emergency department with more than 40 exam rooms. This project also includes a bigger parking garage, so patients and visitors have an easier and more accessible experience arriving and leaving the hospital.

If you're curious to see how construction is progressing on the new tower, take a look at the 24/7 webcam, which updates every 10 minutes. [Watch the live webcam here.](#)



Looking Southeast

March 7, 2023



Level 6 ICU Corridor

March 7, 2023

Looking Northwest

March 12, 2023

