Congratulations to our graduating Lobos and their families! The end of another academic year is finally in sight. With final projects and exams nearly complete, our graduating students are preparing to walk across the stage at Commencement later this month. This is a memorable time for students and families alike - a chance to celebrate the enormous efforts one undertakes on the path to their degree. We hope you are looking forward to spending time with your new graduates. And congratulations to the Lobos who are another year closer to their own graduation ceremonies!

Before the semester ends, we have some quick updates regarding upcoming deadlines, preparations for the summer, and Spring Commencement. We also have a message from the Board of Directors detailing recent board business and a look at the year to come.

**Parent Tip of the Month – Coming Home for the Summer**

Transition can be difficult, but it doesn’t have to be! If your student is coming home for the summer, have an open conversation with them about your collective expectations during the break. What are their plans for the summer? What do you need them to do while they are at home? Remember, especially for those with students who have just completed their first year, that students go through a lot of change when they begin to explore their independence. They may not be exactly the same person they were when you last spent significant time together - and that is totally okay! Make time to get to know who your college student is now. An open dialogue will make your time together more enjoyable and help set clear expectations.

**Reminder – Spring 2023 Commencement**

Congratulations to our upcoming graduates and their families! The transition from student to alumni is an important milestone, and we hope you are looking forward to the many moments of celebration to come. If you have not already, now is the time to prepare for Spring Commencement on May 13, 2023. Commencement is a much-anticipated opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication required to make it to the stage at graduation.
Spring Commencement will begin at 9:00 AM at The Pit. Students must RSVP if they intend to participate in Commencement. Please remind your student to register for Commencement by these deadlines:

- **Undergraduate RSVP** closes on May 5 at 5:00 PM
- **Masters RSVP** closes on May 5 at 5:00 PM
- **Doctoral RSVP** closes on May 3 at 5:00 PM

Spring Commencement is estimated to take two to three hours. A clear bag policy will be in effect during the event (your clear bag from last year’s Fall Family Weekend would be perfect!), and attendees should refrain from flash photography. Additional student and guest information is available to help you prepare for this memorable occasion. Your student may also be interested in attending their departmental convocation, so be sure to check in together before your plans are finalized.

### Preparing for Move-Out

Saturday, May 13th is the last day to use meal swipes and dining dollars! Any Meal Swipes or Dining Dollars unused by May 13th will expire and will not roll over to the following semester. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to UNM Food at [mealplans@unm.edu](mailto:mealplans@unm.edu) or by phone at 505.277.1362.

Students who currently live in student housing need to vacate their rooms by 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 13th. Students may request an extension from their Hall Coordinator to remain in their room until 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 14th. Full 13-week summer housing move-in will occur on May 14th, and students should check their email for further instructions arriving within the next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Residence Life & Student Housing at [housing@unm.edu](mailto:housing@unm.edu) or by phone at 505.277.2606.

### Summer Opportunities
Is your student working during the summer? Do they have an internship lined up? Here are some resources if your student is getting a late start on their summer planning:

- UNM is hiring! Student Employment and work-study positions are available through UNMJobs.
- Search Handshake for jobs and internships.
- Websites like Indeed and LinkedIn are good places to start searching for positions.
- Contact UNM’s Career Services at (505) 277-2531 or career4u@unm.edu for career advisement, resume review, and more!

**Upcoming Events**

**May 2nd** – Free Mid-Week Movie: Knock at the Cabin
Location: UNM SUB Theatre
Time: 6pm
Cost: FREE

**May 4th** – May the Fourth Be with You
SUB Atrium
Storm Troopers • Wookie Cookies
Photo Booth • Crafts • Free Drinks
Come in Costume!
Location: SUB Lower Level  
Time: 11:30 AM-1:30pm  
Cost: FREE

Join the Student Activities Center in celebrating all things Star Wars. Meet Storm Troopers, enjoy free wookie cookies, drinks, crafts, and a photo booth area. Come in costume!

May 7th - Late Night Breakfast  
Location: SUB  
Time: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Kick off finals week by joining us in the ballrooms from 7-9pm on May 7 for free food, giveaways, and raffles!

Visit the Student Activities Center Student Event calendar for a list of the final Spring 2023 events!

**Important Deadlines - All Deadlines are 5:00 PM**

May 5th - For those enrolled in *full term classes* (those that run from January 16 - May 13) this is the **last day** to CHANGE grade mode with form, **last day** to ADD sections and/or CHANGE credit hours with forms ($75 per transaction), AND **last day** to DROP with Dean’s Permission with form.

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For those enrolled in *second-half term classes* (those that run from March 20 – May 13) this is the **last day** to CHANGE grade mode with form, **last day** to ADD sections and/or CHANGE credit hours with forms ($75 per transaction), AND **last day** to DROP with Dean’s Permission with form.
May 12th – For those enrolled for the Spring term this is the last day to report the removal of Incomplete.

**Annual Survey – Open through May 16th at 5:00 PM**

Do you still need to complete the UNMPFA’s Annual Survey? Click [here](mailto:) to share your opinion about the UNMPFA’s future programming, newsletter content, and yearly involvement. The survey will close on May 16th at 5:00 PM MDT. Thank you to everyone who responded thus far- your feedback is appreciated!

**Message from the Board of Directors**

As we wind down this school year, the UNMPFA Board of Directors congratulates our graduates and their families on your achievements! Your support of your UNM student has been significant in helping them reach this major life milestone – thank you! Good luck with your future endeavors.

Looking forward, we are pleased to announce our board members for the upcoming 2023-24 school year: Chair-elect Caroline Weaver, Vice Chair-elect Liz Abeyta, Board Members Heather Rom Bratton, Sarah Charai, Francie Cordova, Bonnie Johnson, Susanne Mahoney, Monica McNitzky, Rich McNitzky, Rachael Mesillas, Aaron Miscenich and Sarah Smith. And a warm farewell and thank you to our ‘graduating’ member, Angie Gallegos.

This spring and summer the board will work on strengthening your family-school connection by planning Fall Family Weekend, participating in New Student Orientation, awarding two student scholarships, rolling out improvements to our website pages, and utilizing feedback from our parent survey. We are focused on helping your family stay informed and welcome during your student’s UNM experience.

Enjoy your summer and time with your UNM student and-

Go Lobos!

**May Board Meeting**

May 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM – Please email parenta@unm.edu for Zoom access to this meeting.

Stay connected, join the Parent & Family Association! If you’d like to get involved, please inquire about our meetings by sending an email to parenta@unm.edu. Should you have comments or suggestions regarding any aspect of the newsletter or any ideas for topics, please reach out to us.

Best regards,
UNM Parent & Family Association