

Dear Lobo Community,

As an institution that values community spirit and a commitment to helping those in need, our partnership with the United Way of Central New Mexico and the UNM Foundation is a source of organizational unity and pride. Through the annual [UNM Gives Campaign](#)—coordinated across the various UNM communities—our faculty, staff and employees have consistently contributed time and money to charitable organizations in an effort to change lives and circumstances.



The university's all-encompassing giving campaign allows our Lobo community to direct their support, whether it be a financial donation or a pledge of volunteered time and talent, to programs and nonprofits of their choosing. Here are some of the ways we do that:

Donate through [United Way](#). Employees who wish to support a charity through United Way can sign-up for a payroll deduction [online](#). No amount is too small. 10% of donors' tax-deductible gifts will be allocated to the work of UWCNM.

If you wish to support a UNM program, scholarship or focus area, consider giving through the [UNM Foundation](#). The UNM Foundation ensures that 100% of your gift is directed to the university area you wish to support. Your donation through the UNM Foundation is tax-deductible. Employees wishing to support a specific UNM area can make their gift [online](#) or through a payroll deduction form.

[Volunteering time and talent](#) is just as important as financially supporting our community. Volunteerism connects our pack with local schools, service clubs, businesses, and nonprofits. People with diverse skills, cultural backgrounds, ages, and abilities, strengthen our capacity to meet the evolving needs of our community. Employees can log or pledge their donated time as part of the campaign.

The decision to participate is yours—I write to remind you of that, but also to remind you the community needs our help more than ever. The challenges we face in New Mexico are severe and unique, when compared to most cities in the U.S. We can only succeed in confronting these issues if we come together as a community for the community.

Let's focus on the future together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chaouki Abdallah".

Chaouki Abdallah  
Interim President