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This has been another week of incredible activity here at UNM. Tuesday morning, we jointly celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Project New Mexico Graduates of Color and recognized incredible mentorship at the Faculty of Color Awards. And the same evening we held the UNM Rainforest 2022 Innovation Awards in the SUB. This wonderful event honors the inventors and creators on our campus who have generated licensed patents or copyrights through UNM Rainforest Innovations. We have a very creative faculty! Then, on Wednesday, we recognized some of our students' achievements at the 2022 UNM Scholar-Athlete Banquet. Over 70% of UNM's varsity athletes have a GPA over 3.0, and many of these wonderful scholars were there for the dinner and to receive a variety of awards for a various of academic achievements. Our student-athletes are a very accomplished pack! On Thursday, we opened UNM's new Asian and [Pacific Islander Resource Center](#), as we kickoff Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Also on Thursday, the College of Pharmacy held their Research Day, with talks and posters by many of the bright lights of the COP student body. It was fun to hear their talks, and for me to try unsuccessfully to pronounce "glycosylphosphatidylinositol."

There are lots of other UNM events this weekend as well, including the Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony recognizing some of our most academically accomplished students. In the wider world, the Gathering of Nations takes place this weekend at Expo New Mexico. Also this weekend, on May 1, some of our community will celebrate the Feast Day of San Felipe, and others will mark the end of Ramadan with the Feast of Fast-Breaking.

## **Dr. Eric Scott, Vice President for Student Affairs**

I am excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Eric Scott as UNM's next Vice President for Student Affairs, effective August 1, 2022.

Eric brings an amazing wealth of experience to UNM, having worked at several universities of different profiles. He comes to us from Boise State, where he currently serves as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Despite having started just before the covid pandemic hit the world, he had many accomplishments there, including coordinating the development of the institution's first-ever tribal MOU with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall reservation, creating a University Tribal Advisory Board, and serving on the Idaho Indian Education Committee. He expanded support for Greek life and led development of the housing master plan for the university. Before Boise State, Eric was Dean of Students at the University of Alaska Southwest. While there he oversaw the development of the first-year experience program, fostered partnerships with community resources and secured grants to support student mental health and wellness. Eric has also served in residence life at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, University of South Carolina, and at Sonoma State University.



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Dr. Scott's dissertation at Oregon State University focused on how intersections between race, gender, and rurality manifest in postsecondary outcomes for students from rural remote Alaska. He is currently collaborating on two book chapters focusing on student life programs and fraternity and sorority life.

I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Eric Scott to UNM.

Dr. Scott will start on August 1, 2022, stepping into the role currently held by Interim Vice President Tim Gutierrez, who will retire from long service to UNM on June 30, 2022. I thank Tim for his incredible and dedicated service to our students. He's a credit to UNM. Dr. Jenna Crabb, Director of the Center for Career Services, will serve as the Interim Vice President for the month of July, until Dr. Scott joins UNM.

I am grateful for the work of the search advisory committee that brought Dr. Scott to Albuquerque. The members: Barbara Rodriguez, Greg Golden, Amy Levi, Ryan Lindquist, Jenna Crabb, Brandi Stone, Ryan Swanson, Megan Chibanga, Ryan Regalado, Damon Alvarez, Stephanie McIver, and Patricia Gonzales.

## **James Paul Holloway**

**Professor of Nuclear Engineering**

**Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs**

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