



# The Interim Provost's Weekly Brief

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Good afternoon! It is exciting to look forward to a new chapter at UNM with the naming of Garnett Stokes as the [22nd president of UNM](#). The first female president will truly be an historic moment for the University. I am confident that President Stokes will find broad support and goodwill as she begins her term in March.

On a personal note, I will resume my duties at the Anderson School of Management at that time. I have enjoyed serving in the role of interim provost over the past 10 months and look forward to doing so until March. It is a privilege to have a “bird’s eye” view of all the outstanding work being done in furtherance of the academic mission.

## **Deans' Retreat**


We are holding the deans' retreat today, focusing on three major topic areas: 1) budget considerations, including the future vision, challenges, and reserves; 2) the structure of undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary programs; 3) advancing equity and excellence at UNM in lean times; and 4) a general discussion of how these areas relate to one another. An underlying principle of this agenda is that we need to strive across budget contexts to focus on strong curriculum and support of faculty, staff, and students. I'll report further on the emerging ideas related to these topics, and on the budget situation as it develops over the next few weeks.

## **International Education Week (Nov. 13-17)**

International Education Week is returning to UNM for its 18<sup>th</sup> year. Beginning on Monday, Nov. 13, International Education Week is a celebration of world cultures, people, and languages. There will be much to [see and do](#) (the calendar includes over 20 activities), and the events kick off with Global Translate, a student showcase of more than a dozen communities around the world (SUB Atrium). I encourage you to get out and join the festivities.

## **Henry Fountain: “The Great Alaska Quake of 1964”**

UNM's Center for the Southwest is hosting New York Times climate reporter Henry Fountain for a [special lecture](#) on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in Hibben Auditorium. He will be presenting, “The Great Alaska Quake of 1964: How Nature Transformed Science.” The lecture is free and open to the public. There will



be a book signing and reception after the lecture, co-sponsored by the Center for the Southwest and the Department of History.

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