



# The Wednesday Communiqué

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As students prepare for a couple of days off as part of our Fall Semester Break, we send out important news across several fronts. Have a restful time, catch up on what you must, and enjoy the beauty of this season.

## **Native American Cluster Hiring Initiative:**

In keeping with who we are as an institution and our commitment to the people of New Mexico, UNM is proud to launch a [Native American cluster hiring initiative](#) for new faculty. This initiative has been under development as a collaborative effort of academic affairs and the deans, with support from a variety of units. We announce it this week as part of UNM's celebration of Indigenous People's Day, now officially recognized by the University. Already in 2018, we have hired two outstanding Native American scholars on main campus, plus two others at the branches. Through this ongoing initiative, we hope to hire excellent new faculty across a variety of science, humanities, social sciences, and professional disciplines—and raise UNM's national and international profile as a top destination university for scholarly work by Native Americans or about the experience of indigenous peoples.

## **Enrollment Task Force to Help UNM Address New Challenges & Opportunities**


We are launching a new, short-term task force to provide immediately-actionable as well as long-term ideas for how UNM will address building enrollments. Dean Christos Christodoulou and VP for Enrollment Management Terry Babbitt will co-chair the Task Force; the charge and membership are shown [here](#). Profound thanks on behalf of the UNM community to all those serving on this effort.

## **Beam Raising Ceremony for the PAÍS Building**

Everyone is invited to the [beam raising ceremony](#) for the Physics and Astronomy and Interdisciplinary Science (PAÍS) Building, which will be held a week from today on Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. The PAÍS construction site is on the northeast corner of Redondo Drive and Yale Mall. The PAÍS will house the Department of Physics and Astronomy as well as interdisciplinary centers for bioinformatics and genomics, geo-spatial data analysis, human and primate studies, stable isotopes, electron microscopy and many others.

## **Graduate Climate Survey**

The Graduate Resource Center, in collaboration with Graduate Studies, has created a Graduate Climate Survey. The survey is open to all UNM graduate students to provide feedback on their experiences at



UNM, and to help us gain a better understanding of the graduate experience in all its dimensions, including: academic and professional development, emotional wellbeing, and social relationships among faculty, staff, and students. The climate survey is an online, anonymous survey that runs from October 15 through November 5. Beginning on October 15, graduate and professional students will receive a recruitment email with the survey link. The survey data will help us develop better graduate student support services. We are asking for the help of graduate program administrators and chairs to encourage all graduate and professional students to participate in the survey, which is the first of its kind at UNM. We expect the survey to provide data that can help all staff and faculty develop better graduate student support services and measures of success. Participants are eligible to win a \$100 scholarship, with 10 scholarships awarded in total.

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