

Academic Dispatch

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This is an exciting week at UNM. Our new students are coming onto campus and moving into the residence halls, and our faculty are diving into the planning of educational experiences and classes. Suitcases are being brought into apartments, syllabi are getting written, potted plants are appearing in windows, and pipets readied for use. Senior Vice Provost Barbara Rodriguez and I spent time this week helping to move boxes, water bottles, refrigerators, and personal effects for our students from their cars to their rooms, and learning some of their stories along the way. It was a great reminder of why we are here: to help our students achieve their dreams, and to discover the new ideas that make our state and our world a richer place in which to dream.

Have a great start of term, learn and grow, and Go Lobos!



Many volunteers gave of their time to help our students move in. It was a long day, but we had fun helping out.

Provost's Professional Conference Support Program

The Office of Academic Affairs is creating a modest pool of funds to support faculty travel. Conferences are important ways for faculty to share their ideas and connect with their peers, thereby both validating and creating new ideas, and sharing the contributions of the university. Unfortunately, over the past ten years funds to support UNM's presence at these professional conferences have been particularly

vulnerable to reductions. While various departments provide funds on an ad hoc basis to support conference travel, these are inconsistently available across departments and units, or cover only a portion of travel expenses. This new program will provide up to \$2000 per tenured or tenure-track faculty member for the purpose of presenting a paper or results at a professional conference. The program will have an application cycle every other month and support 6 travel requests per cycle. For more information on the application and minimum eligibility requirements, please see the webpage for the [Provost's Professional Conference Support Program](#).

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