

A NEW PACE.

Greetings to you at the beginning of this last week of May, which has been an eventful and joyful month as we wrapped up the spring semester and continued our tremendous work to emerge out of this COVID-19 pandemic. Today's weekly brief is a special edition as the past two Fridays have been busy for our campus. On Friday, May 14th, we held an amazing and well-deserved commencement ceremony to send off our Class of 2020 and 2021 graduates. And this past Friday, I had the pleasure of being in Taos as I led efforts to finalize a national search for a new UNM-Taos chancellor.

This is truly an exciting time for all of us, and we are experiencing a new pace with quickly changing public health guidelines and positive news that the tide may finally be shifting in our favor. Today, I am coming to you from my office on campus for the first time in nearly 440 days due to our remote operations. Each department on campus is working with main campus officials and UNM-Gallup administration and other personnel to finalize their own safe return plans. Further details will be announced as those plans are approved and implemented. I should emphasize that our planning will continue to be driven by data, public health guidelines, and with the safety of our faculty, staff, and students as our priority.

In some of the pandemic, like the CDC guidelines and professional associations, we have been able to continue to serve our community through events here at UNM-Gallup.

Continued progress is possible with all of us working together, and I appreciate all of the good work each of you do every day on behalf of our students.