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THE UNM ALUMNI and Parent Associations are partnering to kick off a new tradition titled "Summer Sendoffs." The Summer Sendoffs are casual receptions for students and families to celebrate freshman acceptance into UNM for the 2008 fall semester. The "Summer Sendoffs" will be held Aug. 9, from 2 - 4 p.m. at various community parks all over New Mexico including Clovis, Farmington, Gallup, Hobbs, Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

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PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL students have an opportunity to immerse themselves in a college experience through a new, free program offered at the University of New Mexico. UNM's new "Parent Experience Program" provides parents or guardians with information needed to support their student's goal of attending a college or university. Parents will live and dine on campus and attend casual, informative sessions during the two-day, one night program held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1-2.

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DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHY recipe you would like to share? As one of the UNM Wellness Mini-grant recipients, Internal Medicine/Cardiology is putting together a UNM Heart Healthy Cookbook filled with YOUR healthy recipes, but UNM Wellness needs YOU to submit them! Be a part of this cookbook – don't wait! Submit your recipe right away. Tell your co-workers and pass the word. Entry submission deadline is Aug. 1. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003062.html#more

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY needs volunteers for Freshman Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 24. This is a welcome for UNM's new freshmen and a great way to start the semester. Hours of need vary but begin at 12 p.m. and continue through 7 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, sign up at:

http://www4.unm.edu/facsen/volunteer/ffdvsignup.cfm.

PARKING PERMITS for the 2008-2009 academic year are currently on sale to faculty, staff and students. Staff and faculty not enrolled in the automatic payroll deduction program must renew their permits annually and can purchase their new permits from the UNM Parking and Transportation Services Department. New permit rates are effective Aug. 25. To purchase online visit: http://pats.unm.edu/.