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Monday Morning Message - December 1, 2008

Good morning.

Welcome back! I hope you were able to spend quality time with family and friends this past long weekend. Thanksgiving comes at just the right time to give us all a much-needed break before the final push toward finals, commencement and the winter holiday.

UNM's holiday season officially begins on campus this Friday evening with the annual traditions surrounding Hanging of the Greens. Janet and I are really looking forward to this. You're all invited to University House for hot chocolate, biscochitos and some steaming posole starting at 6 p.m. You're also invited to bring an unwrapped book that will surely bring cheer to the youngsters at UNM Hospital. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season together.

For many of you, however, it all starts much earlier in the day. I'm told that Mortar Board and approximately 25 other student groups will be placing 12,500 luminarias all over campus Friday and will then light them all at dusk. On behalf of the University community, thank you. That's a huge job, but it makes for a magical evening for everyone strolling on campus. Carolers will also congregate in front of the Center for the Arts around 6 p.m. to sing their way to University House. So please join your University family for an evening of celebration.

I hope you've all had the opportunity to view my webcast on the economic challenges we have been preparing for and will no doubt be dealing with for the foreseeable future. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to share your thoughts and suggestions with me. We all need to work together to get through this, and we continue to invite your input, so please submit your ideas at unmpres@unm.edu.

In the spirit of the season, please remember those less fortunate in our community by giving to United Way. You'll feel good about it, I promise you.

Have a good week. Janet and I look forward to seeing you at Hanging of the Greens.

David J. Schmidly