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Good morning and Happy New Year!

We've enjoyed some time off to enjoy family and friends, to rest and reflect. Now we're back, ready to roll up our sleeves and meet the challenges of 2009. I'm looking forward to joining you in taking on what this New Year will bring. We are already well aware of some of the upcoming funding issues, but let's not forget the joys and opportunities ahead of us. Where better than a university to encounter new ideas, energized debate, leading-edge research, the anticipation of learning and the satisfaction that new knowledge brings. I'm looking forward to the journey.

Of course, many of you continued to work through the holidays and we thank you. From physical plant workers and police who kept watch over our campus to the health care personnel who kept hospitals and clinics operating to the athletes who continued to practice and play to the faculty, staff and students preparing for intersession classes - thanks for keeping us going. It is obvious that UNM never shuts down. The Albuquerque Journal had a great story over the break about the growing popularity of the intersession courses. All of you involved put in extraordinary time and energy. We commend you.

I'd like to mention again that I've set up a new blog that contains all of my Monday Morning Messages, web casts and other notes and thoughts. I invite your comments, because as I've always said, nobody has a monopoly on good ideas, especially when they're communicated in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. Please visit <http://blogs.unm.edu/president/> to tune in and weigh in with your thoughts.

One of the major campus events in the near future will be our Lincoln/Darwin Symposium, celebrating the 200th birthday of two individuals who shaped and changed the world. This will be a week-long campus-wide celebration with lectures, panels, student presentations and special events. I'm told there will even be birthday cake. Thanks to all who are participating in the planning. We'll keep you updated on the details in the coming weeks.

With the New Year comes new Federal standards for maintaining, collecting and presenting data on race and ethnicity. The new data collection begins this fall, so everywhere race and ethnicity data is collected, stored and used at the University must be brought into compliance with the new standards by that date. I've asked Dr. Jozi De Leon, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, to lead the effort with Dr. Valerie Romero-Leggott, Vice President for Diversity for the UNM Health Sciences Center.

Every unit on campus will have to pitch in and participate fully in order to make this effort a success. You'll be hearing more about the time-line being defined by the Race and Ethnicity

Data Collection task force in the near future.

It's good to be back.

Have a good week.

David J. Schmidly