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Monday Morning Message - July 23, 2007

Good morning.

It's the final week of the summer session, so congratulations to our faculty and students who've just about completed this particular challenge. Teaching or taking summer classes, when your friends are taking a break, require a ton of discipline and personal initiative. You're to be commended. Remember that as you're cramming for finals or grading final papers this week. We'll be pulling for you.

A number of UNM educators who work with public service and community engagement projects will meet today in Albuquerque with their colleagues from around the state. They'll be discussing how federal and state work-study funds can be used to boost community service among college students. It's something Lt. Governor Diane Denish and other state leaders have been advocating and it's something worth pursuing. You'll be hearing more about this.

UNM is a sponsor and co-host of the Institute for Higher Education Policy Summer Academy this week at Tamaya. The aim of this Washington, D.C. -based Institute is promoting student access and student success, which happen to also be the foundations of our new vision for UNM. A number of us will be making presentations based on the theme, "Cultivating Access and Success for Students of Color." This will be a great opportunity to share our vision with colleagues from around the country.

Hard to believe, but Lobo football season begins in about a month. It's a favorite time of year. If you're a fan, remember that season tickets for faculty and staff are 50 percent off and full-time students can get into the home games free. That ought to be something to look forward to during the coming dog days of August.

Have a good week. Good luck on your finals.

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