

**Chancellor Weekly Brief | 10.19.2021****Dr. James Malm****BUILDING OUR FUTURE.**

Greetings to our faculty, staff, students, and to our community members who may be tuning in to this Weekly Brief as we begin the second half of the fall semester. We are grateful that on-campus activity remains robust and many of our endeavors to build our future continue even after all that we have been through together throughout this pandemic.

Our stewardship of UNM-Gallup is so important to our students, local community, and region—and we know that a productive and successful future for our branch campus relies so heavily on degree and certificate offerings along with pristine and modern facilities.

Today, UNM-Gallup welcomed Dr. Hansel Burley, dean of UNM's College of Education, and Dr. Jay Parkes, associate dean for undergraduate and graduate education at UNM, who presented sustainable plans for education degree offerings at UNM-Gallup to our Local Advisory Board. These plans to bring more degree offerings to UNM-Gallup will help us to grow local teachers and to fill a critical shortage and workforce need for our community.

I am also pleased to update you on our plans to upgrade our Career and Technical Education (CTE) building. This project is moving along nicely with the feasibility study now complete, architects for the project selected, and the financial mechanics now in place to fund this multi-million-dollar project. With these renovations to our CTE building—which was originally built in the 1970s—UNM-Gallup will better meet our community's need for innovative workforce development initiatives—along with better facilities for our students to learn—by providing multiuse spaces, learning labs, and a job-training center for the Gallup-McKinley County area.

We are also moving forward, though at a slower pace, with our plans to include the Gurley Hall student experience renovations in our 2022 General Obligation Bond proposal to the state legislature. While we've asked for an \$8 million bond request, the New Mexico Higher Education Department has recommended \$3 million in funding to the legislature. We will wait and see what legislation is passed on our line item bond request in this winter's legislative session for a statewide vote in November 2022.

More degree and certificate offerings and better facilities to meet the needs of our students and local workforce demands. That is the good work we're doing together that will ensure the continued effective stewardship of our campus. These are exciting developments for UNM-Gallup and are possible because of the collective and collaborative work we do together as one community.

Continue the good work and study you are accomplishing each day. And please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,



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