

Chancellor Weekly Brief |11.2.2021 Dr. James Malm

DIVERSITY SUMMIT.

Greetings to our faculty, staff, students, and local community members as we begin the month of November and the observance of Native American Heritage Month, which is our opportunity to recognize the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States (Library of Congress, 2021).

Campus is abuzz today with many of our community members coming to UNM-Gallup to exercise their most fundamental right to vote in our local elections. We also held a community-wide blood drive in the Gurley Hall commons area to help solve critical supply shortages. And, we had representatives from other New Mexico four-year institutions visiting campus to help our graduating students decide the next steps along their higher education journey.

Our week of great activities will continue Thursday and Friday with the 2021 UNM-Gallup Diversity Summit. This year's summit is titled: "Diversity and Inclusion: Theory to Practice," and focuses on conversations around transforming individuals, institutions, and communities post-pandemic. Over the course of this two-day virtual summit, you can join with various speakers and other community member on the topics of equity, inclusion, awareness, understanding and acceptance.

Pre-registration for our diversity summit is required. To view the summit's agenda, speaker bios, and register, please visit <u>gallup.unm.edu/diversity</u>.

I'd like to also remind our students that registration for the spring semester opens next Monday, November 8th. We are so fortunate to continue operating under mostly normal campus operations, and I encourage you to stay the course, continue your good work to finish your degree or certificate, and register for the spring semester once registration opens next Monday.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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