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Greetings to you on the beginning of this last week of September. Our warm summer weather has given way to cooler mornings and rainy afternoons—a welcomed change for our parched desert community.

A significant life change is coming to one of our revered campus community members as well. After serving an impactful and significant 45-year career, Cecilia Stafford—director of our Zollinger Library—will officially retire this Friday, October 1st. She joined us in August 2016 at the start of the Zollinger Library expansion and renovation project and has since led our library in a variety of impactful physical and digital transformations.

While we are sad to say goodbye to Cecilia, we send our fondest well-wishes to her and her husband as they embark on this new and exciting phase of their lives together. For more on her esteemed career, please visit our newsroom at Gallup.UNM.edu/news.

UNM VACCINE MANDATE

We received a reminder last night in our email via the UNM News Minute that the deadline for students, faculty, and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is this Thursday, September 30th. This includes the requirement to upload your proof of vaccination or have a medical or religious accommodation in place with the university. For your convenience, we've placed a quick link to the UNM vaccination upload site on the top of our homepage at Gallup.UNM.edu. Please remember that the vaccination incentive program runs through Thursday as well.

My gratitude to all faculty, staff, and students who have done the good work to protect each other and our campus through vaccination. While we only have a handful of faculty and staff who have yet to upload their vaccination documents, we still have many students who have not gone online to upload their documents. **Please do so today!**

Failure to comply with the UNM vaccine mandate may lead to separation from the university, which I do not want to see for any of our faculty and staff, but especially our students. The mandate applies to all students, including those who are doing their coursework online.

And tomorrow, Wednesday, September 29th, we're pleased to welcome the New Mexico Department of Health to Gurley Hall once again from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for our third COVID-19 vaccine clinic with Pfizer and Moderna shots available. This is a great opportunity for you to receive your first or second dose of the vaccine, so please attend if you are beginning or finishing your vaccine series.



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We appreciate all our UNM-Gallup community members. We want you to succeed. We want you to be safe. And we want you to lead healthy, prosperous lives. Let's continue to work together to achieve our mission and get out of this pandemic once and for all.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Malm'.

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