VETERANS DAY OBSERVED
The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month marks the moment the Armistice came into force to end all fighting on land, sea and air in World War I between the Allies and Germany. I humbly offer gratitude and admiration for the service of all our military personnel, past and present. Here are five stories from American Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy veterans that gave me pause for reflection.

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
This week I met with UNM information officers Ann Swancer and Steve Perry to discuss the renewal of our service level agreement with UNM. This document specifies the IT services provided by main campus to our branch. The new agreement is still being constructed, but the link below is to the existing document and will provide information as to what items are part of the agreements between our two campuses. I am very glad to continue our relationship with UNM IT as it pertains to our information technology structure and the impact it has on our ability to enhance education and business operations.
CLARENCE CRUZ POTTERY DEMONSTRATION
We welcomed artist Clarence Cruz to campus this week as part of the ongoing Ingham Chapman Gallery exhibit series. Mr. Cruz, a well-renowned artist and potter from the San Juan Pueblo, demonstrated his talents to a full house throughout the day sharing his philosophy about art and life and how he has been shaped by his craft. Many thanks to John Zimmerman for his successful and ongoing efforts to bring arts to our campus as part of the gallery programming.

MLT ACCREDITATION VISIT
We welcomed program reviewers this week from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) for their two-day site visit as part of the MLT accreditation process. We are fortunate to have such talented faculty and staff who work diligently to prepare students to graduate with the skills needed to work in our local healthcare industry. Corine Gonzales provides the professional classroom and didactic instruction needed by the MLT students to enter and advance seamlessly into their professional field.
FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
The UNM-Gallup leadership team met with Faculty Assembly President Cecilia Stafford for our monthly conversation regarding the content of the chief executive officer, dean of instruction and directors’ reports to the assembly for Friday’s meeting. Click below for Friday’s agenda and draft minutes of the most recent meeting.
SPRING 2019 SCHEDULE
Spring 2019 registration began on Monday, November 12th and activity was much more robust compared to the same time last year. With the first week almost completed, academic leadership and student affairs officers continue to meet to discuss strategies to minimize student wait lists in high-demand courses. We are committed to removing bottlenecks and other barriers that impede students’ abilities to persist in an organized and timely manner.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT
I am happy to support the strong work of Dr. Antoinette Abeyta in her submission to the National Science Foundation for a collaborative grant effort in conjunction with UNM main campus, UNM Valencia and Central New Mexico Community College. The proposal is titled Collaborative Research: GP-IMPACT: GeoAcequias at the University of New Mexico. If funded, the project will improve undergraduate transitions into geoscience careers. The role of
UNM-Gallup will be on matriculating students into four-year bachelor degree programs and integrating inclusive curriculum and research experiences into the undergraduate student experience.

COMMENCEMENT
Fall 2018 graduation has been scheduled for Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hiroshi Miyamura gymnasium. We are honored to host Interim Senior Vice-Provost Barbara Rodriguez as our commencement speaker. Dr. Rodriguez graciously accepted our invitation to join us as we celebrate our students and the completion of their certificate and degree programs. Please plan on joining us in recognizing these great accomplishments.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENTS
In celebration of November as Native American Heritage Month, UNM-Gallup offered several opportunities to honor and learn more about the rich Native American culture of many of our campus community members. The Gurley Hall Commons area was alive with music Wednesday afternoon as we were treated to performances by Ashkii Red 1 and traditional drumming by the Rusty Spurs Singers. Wednesday evening saw a live performance by student Cobin Willie and a lecture by Dr. Lloyd Lee. Dr. Lee is an associate professor and graduate faculty director in the department of Native American Studies at UNM. He spoke on Navajo Identity in a 21st Century World.
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Carmen Wellborn, Senior Web Designer, on being chosen as the October employee of the month. Carmen's supervisor Marilee Petranovich noted, “Carmen is always pleasant, professional and accommodating to every person she interacts with...Carmen’s skills and expertise in the areas of website maintenance and design, computer programming, graphic design and social media outreach are unmatched...Her work is always of the highest quality.”

Carmen Wellborn and Marilee Petranovich