



CEO Weekly Brief – 11/20/2017

Dr. James Malm

I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving as we give thanks for our many blessings. I am humbled by all of the warm welcomes I received during my first week on campus. I'm glad to have met so many of you already and look forward to our continued student success work at UNM-Gallup together.

On November 17, I had the pleasure of attending my first Faculty Assembly meeting. It was great having the opportunity to address the Assembly as the CEO. I was impressed with the level of mutual respect and universal collegiality I observed in seeking input from our faculty regarding my appointment of an Interim Dean of Instruction. I'd like to take this time to thank Dean Ken Roberts for his 25+ years of service to UNM-Gallup and wish him the best of luck with his retirement.

It was also a bittersweet event as the campus came together to say *Ave Atque Vale* to our Director of Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, Rick Goshorn. Many thanks to the committee members who worked to organize the pot luck luncheon and to all those who attended. Rick leaves the campus with a sound financial foundation. UNM-Gallup's loss is UNM-Valencia's gain – best of luck, Rick!



Rick Goshorn



UNM-G Construction Technology Students Working on Habitat for Humanity House

In my first week, I was privileged to attend two wonderful student events. Under the watchful eye of their instructor Chris Chavez, I observed our construction technology students using their classroom skills to work on their fifth Habitat for Humanity House. Habitat for Humanity partners with communities to build homes for families in need of affordable housing. Our students, while utilizing their well-taught skills, are also giving back to their hometown and supporting the Habitat for Humanity mission of “building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.”

Our dually enrolled culinary arts students showed off their skills as UNM-Gallup hosted the Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours last Thursday evening. These students worked to design the menu, prepare and serve the wonderful cuisine for the evening. It was very impressive hearing them introduce themselves to our campus guests. My guess is that many wonderful chefs will emerge from that group!



UNM-G/Miyamura High School Culinary Arts Students at Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

With our relentless drive towards student success, I am happy to continue the tradition of extracurricular community events in support of our students in 2018:

- 1) Annual Hoe Down Dinner/Dance
- 2) Do-or-Dye Color Run
- 3) Muddy Endurance Races

I would like to put out a campus call for volunteers to serve on any one – or all – of these committees. Everyone has something they can give, and supporting student success is a great way to use your time and talents to give back to the

many different student communities we serve. Please work with your direct supervisor in considering how you are best able to help and contact Ara Green at 863-7519 or adgreen@unm.edu to sign up.