



**CEO Weekly Brief – 3/15/2019**

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**WELCOME SPRING!**

***“Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.”  
- Charles Dickens***

Welcome back to our students and faculty from what I hope was a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break. With eight weeks down, the finish line of the spring semester seems in reach.

Traditionally, the vernal equinox signifies the official arrival of spring for those of us north of the equator. Despite the cold and snowy weather which might indicate otherwise, longer and warmer days are on the way. This year’s vernal equinox will happen on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:58 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time. In [a great article by Deborah Byrd](#) this annual astronomical event is explained and illustrated.

As we hover between winter and summer, let’s all continue to keep our vision looking forward and return from spring break ready to dive into the second half of the semester. This academic year has seen tremendous growth and celebration for UNM-Gallup. Everything from our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the recent Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit has highlighted our strong history, our enthusiasm for learning and the unlimited potential we share as we work together as a campus.

There is still much more in store for us as we cruise towards our May graduation. Thanks for everyone’s efforts aimed at making us stronger and for providing such great feedback which guides our campus in making decisions that benefit all Lobos.

Happy spring!

