

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 1.8.2021

Dr. James Malm

A NEW YEAR.

When the turn of the calendar brings a New Year, there is an incredible sense of hope and possibility that the year will bring new opportunities, good health, and prosperity to us all. As we begin 2021, I truly hope that this year provides you with tremendous success and achievements even as we continue to experience much of the uncertainty and unrest from the past year that has yet to subside.

I'd like to speak directly to our students for a moment. I understand the challenges you are overcoming to continue your educational pursuits at UNM-Gallup. Many of you are balancing coursework with demanding work schedules and caring for your families while engaging in your courses in less-than-ideal learning environments. I know that many of you struggle to grasp course material or stay on track in your classes with the restrictions placed on all of us due to this ongoing pandemic. You have my commitment that we are here for you. We will continue to work together—patiently, diligently, and with care and concern—to help you succeed.

Even in the midst of the chaos we are experiencing, it is so important to pursue your education. When this pandemic subsides and a sense of stability and peace returns to our daily lives, your degree or certificate will prepare you to compete with your peers from throughout the globe and help you excel in your career. Your education at UNM-Gallup will also help you build the future that you've always hoped for, and it will provide you with a solid foundation upon which to succeed throughout your life.

Please stay the course. Continue to work toward your goals. [Register](#) for the upcoming spring semester. You have my promise that we will monitor this pandemic and continue planning for our eventual safe return to campus and to normal at UNM-Gallup. We will be face-to-face again eventually in our classroom and labs; and with our community members enjoying the fitness trail and gym once again. Our campus will one day soon be abuzz with activity. That day will come. Our job now is to persist, persevere in our goals, and support one another in our pursuit of excellence in all that we do at UNM-Gallup.

I'd like to also encourage our faculty, staff, and students to review our updated safe return plan for the spring semester at www.gallup.unm/safe-return/. Remember that we have COVID-19 testing available every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Lions Hall parking lot. And you can now pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine at www.cvvaccine.nmhealth.org.

The chaos and the pandemic will not win. It will not defeat us. And we will not be distracted from achieving our ambitions in this year or in the years to come. I wish you all the best and a Happy New Year.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,



Office of the Chancellor

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

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