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OPPORTUNITY DEFINED.

While we have been under limited operations meeting virtually in our daily professional and student lives at UNM-Gallup, it has been difficult for us to feel as if we're a part of a vibrant campus community striving for great things together. Even so, great things are on the horizon for our university and students now and well into the future as we work collectively as a university system to define opportunity and success as well as identify areas of improvement for the University of New Mexico and the UNM-Gallup campus.

Among [the values](#) we hold at UNM-Gallup is sustainability, where we are committed to meeting the needs of the present while preserving the well-being of future generations. We live up to this value by not only ensuring that we are effective in the stewardship of our campus, but we are robust and diligent in creating a blueprint that will position us well for the challenges and opportunities presented in this 21st century and beyond.

UNM President Garnett Stokes has invited all Lobos to join the virtual launch and discussion for [UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined](#) coming up on Friday, May 7th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. I encourage all of our faculty, staff, and students to [reserve their spot](#) at this important launch of the next UNM strategic plan and help shape our future. We will include a reminder with registration links for this launch event in next Monday's "What's Happening" email.

We should acknowledge that past efforts at implementing an effective strategic plan for UNM-Gallup have not been successful for various reasons, including lack of focus, intention, and other difficulties that kept us off task. Even so, I am excited at this renewed effort university-wide and for the opportunity to join with our colleagues and students throughout the UNM system to envision our future. Beginning with the UNM 2040 virtual launch on May 7th, we will join these strategic planning efforts in full force that will also result in a UNM-Gallup 2040 plan that closely aligns with the university's plan.

GRADUATION REMINDER

To our 2020 and 2021 graduates, please remember that we have created a graduation Webpage to serve as a resource for you and to register for our upcoming commencement ceremony on Friday, May 14th, at 10 a.m. Our student affairs team will also hold a second graduation information session via Zoom next Tuesday, May 4th, at 11 a.m. You can find all things graduation related at gallup.unm.edu/students/graduation.

We are on the homestretch of this spring semester. Finish strong and be sure to register for summer and fall classes as we anticipate our joyful return to campus in August. And please get vaccinated as your conscience allows.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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

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