

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 6.1.2021**Dr. James Malm****COMMEMORATION.**

We begin this month of June commemorating historical events and causes that have truly shaped the soul of this nation, and we honor our brothers and sisters who continue to champion their causes to obtain equal rights, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Today, we mark the solemn 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre when over 300 people were killed, and more than 1,250 homes and businesses were destroyed—deeply wounding the African American community in Tulsa and throughout the country. Today also marks the 153rd anniversary of the [Navajo Nation Treaty](#), which was signed on June 1, 1868, providing the Navajo a sovereign nation.

On June 19th, we will commemorate Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, when we remember those who had been once enslaved in the United States. And we begin Pride month, which is a month-long celebration to honor our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and remember the Stonewall Riots on June 28th, 1969, that ushered in a new era of resistance for this community.

These commemorations in the month of June should remind us here at UNM-Gallup that we value diversity by striving to strengthen our university, our community, and our society through the respectful treatment of all people. As stated among our [core values](#), we “recognize, accept, and value differences of culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, language, and academic discipline,” and we embrace diversity as a learning opportunity.

A CONTINUED RETURN TO NORMAL

As a sign of continued progress toward a hopeful return to normal this fall, many of our faculty and staff are returning to their campus offices on a condensed and hybrid basis throughout the summer. It’s important for us to continue treating each other with patience and a spirit of collegiality as we all navigate the coming months together.

Right before we left for the Memorial holiday weekend, we received an important email from UNM’s Division of Human Resources with some key dates that I’d like to rebroadcast here:

- As of May 16th, business travel recommenced with no restrictions;
- The staff temporary voluntary reduction in appointment percent option ended on May 31st;
- On June 30th, the suspension of main and branch campus hiring and personnel actions will end; and
- Our operating tiers and COVID-19 remote work reimbursements will end on July 31st.

It’s also important to note that a full return to campus operations is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd. This will include the expectation that all faculty and staff will operate from campus unless there is a medical exception in place to continue operating remotely.

This is truly an exciting time for us as we emerge out of this pandemic. If you have not received a COVID-19 vaccine, please consider getting vaccinated at your earliest convenience. You can receive a vaccine this



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Thursday (6/3) and Saturday (6/5) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at UNM-Gallup. [These vaccination events](#) are open to anyone 12 years and older.

Best Regards,

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

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