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SUMMER HOST.

It is such a joy to greet you from campus as we continue our efforts to return to normal campus operations this August. Each week, there are incremental increases in campus activity which is a welcome sign that we are healing from this grueling and devastating pandemic.

As we work toward our return to campus this fall, I'd like to commend our healthcare partners—especially the Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) professionals who have administered 13,364 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine through weekly events at UNM-Gallup that began on January 23rd. All of us, together, play an important role in our return to normal. And I'd like to thank all of our personnel who've assisted in making these vaccination events successful for our community.

In another sign that we are coming back, UNM-Gallup will soon host a series of important meetings this summer that will bring leaders from throughout the state to our campus.

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

First, the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee's (LFC) management staff and analysts will visit our campus on Tuesday, June 29th. This committee plays an integral role in the New Mexico legislative process, providing fiscal and public policy analysis, recommendations, and oversight of state agencies to ensure the effectiveness and accountability of our state's fiscal resources. Higher education accounts for about 15 percent of the state's \$7 billion general fund, so we look forward to the opportunity to showcase the UNM-Gallup campus while the LFC staff works to align our needs with legislative priorities during the next session.

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE WATER & NATURAL RESOURCES INTERIM COMMITTEE

In that same spirit, we will welcome the New Mexico Legislative Water and Natural Resource's interim committee meeting on July 12th and 13th. This committee is quite large and usually comprises around 35 state legislators, staff, and other public members in attendance.

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE & RURAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE

And finally, the New Mexico Legislative Indian Affairs Committee and the Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force is interested in holding a joint meeting of their committees at UNM-Gallup in order to hear from various tribes, nations, and pueblos regarding their economic opportunities and how the legislature can help. These meetings are scheduled for August 4th and 5th, bringing about 50 committee members and staff along with presenters and the public in attendance.

We are truly excited to host these committees during the upcoming summer months, and they are wonderful signs that our state is returning to good health.



Office of the Chancellor

I'd like to invite our new UNM-Gallup Lobos to apply for the TRIO/SSS Summer Lobo that begins on July 5th and runs through July 30th. This is a great summer bridge program that helps you make the transition to college life. Please go to our website at gallup.unm.edu to apply for the Lobo Academy.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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

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