



Provost's Report: Faculty Senate October 28, 2025

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Faculty Awardees

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Research and Creative Works Leadership Awardees



- **James Cavanaugh**, professor of psychology
- **Peter Gilbert**, professor of music theory and composition
- **Melvatha Chee**, associate professor of linguistics
- **Minghui Chen**, associate professor of nuclear engineering
- **Ting Jiang**, research assistant professor of pharmacy
- **Xuexian Yang**, associate professor in the School of Medicine

Distinguished Professors



- From the Health Sciences campus:
Sally M. Davis, Michelle S. Harkins, Douglas J. Perkins, and C. Fernando Valenzuela
- **Iain D. Thomson** from the College of Arts and Sciences

Congratulations!

Call for nominations now open



The Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Faculty Academic Affairs in the Health Sciences Center encourage departments and programs to nominate outstanding candidates for the next group of Distinguished Professors, which will be announced in the summer of 2026.



For additional details on the nomination process and deadlines, see provost.unm.edu.

Retention, Promotion & Tenure AY 2024-25

Milestone Review	Central campus	Branch campuses
Mid-probationary	25	3
Tenure & promotion	25	2
Promotion to Professor	21	2
Senior Lecturer	8	0
Principal Lecturer	1	0
Total	81	6



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Grand Challenges Day



Last month, UNM celebrated the success of the existing Grand Challenges research teams and discussed future funding opportunities.

And six new Level 1 teams were introduced:

- Disaster resilience
- Multilingualism matters
- Rural perinatal access
- Safer streets
- Timescales of biodiversity changes
- Trustworthy AI

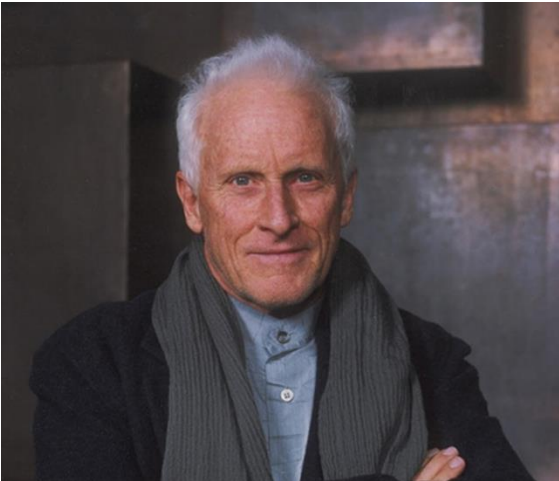
Lobos @ APS Day



On Oct. 23, UNM's College of Education and Human Sciences will host its annual **Lobos @ APS Day**

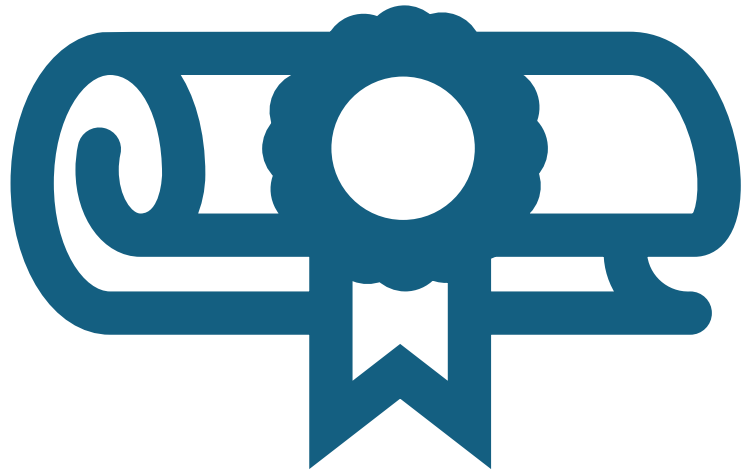
- The immersive event is designed to deepen partnerships between UNM and Albuquerque Public Schools
- UNM faculty, staff, and administrators will connect with APS classrooms, educators, and support teams through shadowing exercises and other opportunities that provide UNM educators insight into our state's largest public school system.

Celebrating SA+P 50th anniversary



- The School of Architecture and Planning celebrated its 50th anniversary with a variety of events during UNM's Homecoming, including a ribbon cutting of the **Predock Center for Design and Research**
- The center honors the late **Antoine Predock**, a UNM alumnus and world-renowned artist and architect who considered New Mexico his spiritual home and inspiration to much of his work.
- The center will house studios dedicated to supporting faculty and students in the architecture-related design fields.

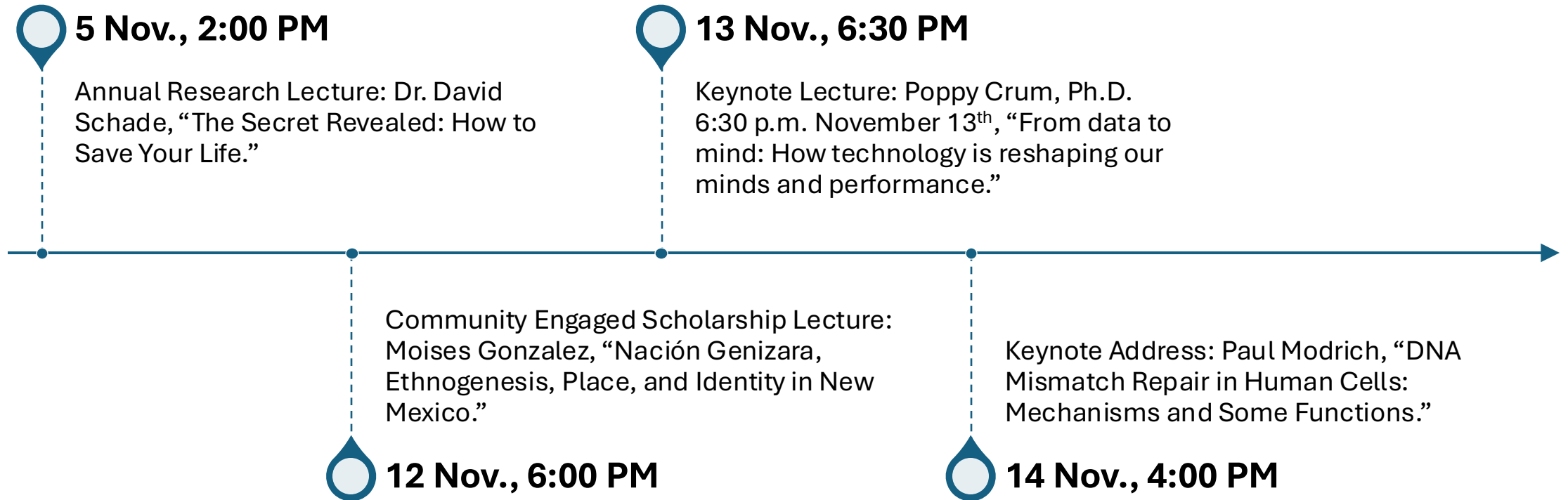
Art & Science of Data: From Numbers to Narratives



- October 16-17, 2025
- Office of Institutional Analytics and Office of Assessment/Academic Program Review
- Hybrid event
- Purpose of the event: Provide guidance on how to use data to inform decision-making and advance student success at UNM
- Faculty, staff, and students attended

2025 Research & Discovery Week

November 5 – 14, 2025





Enrollment & Retention

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Enrollment and Retention

Enrollment	Fall 2025
23,955 Albuquerque campus	28,285 Total across all UNM campuses
3,814 New first-year students	

Retention

Fall 2022 Cohort	Fall 2023 Cohort
• 72.8%	75.4%

Transfer student - Retention

UNM Transfer Student Retention Rates Fall 2021-Fall 2024						
Entry Term	Complete Cohort Size (Full-time & Part-time)	Complete Cohort Retained to 3rd Semester	Complete Cohort Retention Rate	Full-Time Cohort Size	Full-Time Retained to 3rd Semester	Full-Time Retention Rate
Fall 2021	1250	899	72%	752	581	77%
Fall 2022	1494	1067	71%	934	704	75%
Fall 2023	1373	998	73%	859	666	78%
Fall 2024	1394	964	69%	879	635	72%

Data sourced from the Office of Institutional Analytics [Official Enrollment Report](#) looking specifically at Albuquerque Campus transfer students, and includes Branch transfers, transfers from a NM institution, and Out-of-state transfers from Fall 2021 through Fall 2024. Retention is calculated by the number of students from the initial cohort who were enrolled as of the 3rd semester after their entry term.

Government Results Opportunity (GRO) Expendable Trust



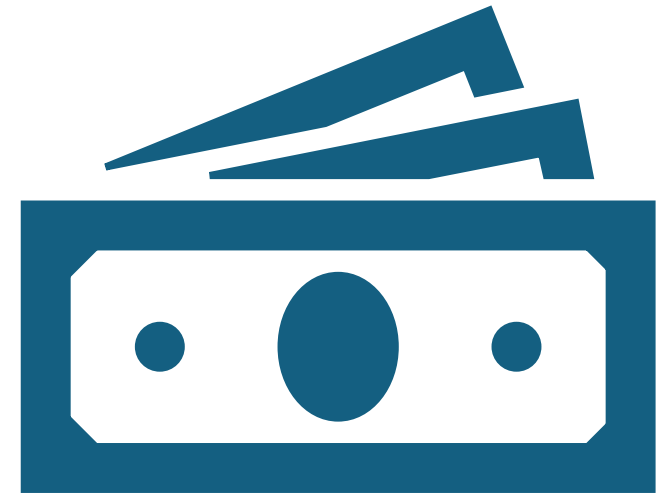
\$2,553,816 one-time dollars to be expended by June 30, 2026



\$1.2 million designated to support proposals focused on improving student retention



\$1.3 million additional course sections & advisement





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Taskforce on Health Professions Enrollment Growth: Undergraduate Education Impacts

To meet the needs in the rapidly growing health professions, Academic Affairs has established a task force charged with delivering recommendations in these focus areas:

- Undergraduate and graduate education
- Enrollment modeling and course demand
- Academic personnel capacity
- Instructional resources and infrastructure
- Financial modeling
- Intercampus communication and collaboration



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Deliverables expected by taskforce include:

- Identifying challenges and opportunities
- Providing short- , mid- , and long-term plans to enhance academic capacity and ensure sustainable high-quality education
- Aligning recommendations with UNM 2040
- Designing a governance and communication model to ensure successful execution of plan





Academic Affairs' visits

Leadership from the Office of Academic Affairs visited schools and colleges this semester to gain insights and information to shape goals for Academic Affairs in months to come.



Preliminary themes include:

- Resource needs
- Cohesiveness
- Visibility on campus
- Organizational culture
- Fostering a spirit of interdisciplinarity

Key Takeaways from Campus Conversations

College of Arts &
Sciences

College of
Education &
Human Sciences

College of
Libraries &
Learning
Sciences

School of
Engineering

College of Fine
Arts

School of
Architecture &
Planning

Honors College

University College

Anderson School
of Management

School of Law

Graduate Studies

- Driving meaningful engagement initiatives
- Elevating organizational culture and communication excellence
- Bringing forward bold new ideas
- Transforming teaching & learning practices
- Equipping emerging leaders for success
- Investing in new academic pathways
- Driving excellence through targeted graduate programming
- Curating transformative co-curricular experiences