

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 9.14.2021

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VAX THE PACK RALLIES.

Greetings to you at the start of this fourth week of the fall semester and as we collectively paused over this past weekend to remember the lives lost and honor the heroes from 9/11. As that solemn weekend of remembrance concluded, UNM and all branch campuses on Monday began the annual Suicide Awareness Week that includes a number of important virtual events held daily through this Friday. A full event listing for this awareness week with Zoom links can be found on our newsroom at gallup.unm.edu/news.

And tomorrow, we begin National Hispanic Heritage Month, when we pay tribute to and honor the cultures and contributions of Hispanics and Latin Americans. These are both important observances and celebrations held this week and throughout the next month, and I hope we can join as a campus community to observe Suicide Awareness Week and honor our Hispanic brothers and sisters who contribute so much to our community, state, and nation.

UNM-GALLUP COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are spreading the good news about all the good work accomplished at UNM-Gallup through a series of community events and meetings coming up. Over the next several weeks, I will join with some of our faculty who will give presentations at the Gallup Rotary International Luncheons held weekly at a local venue. UNM-Gallup is a proud partner of the Rotary, and we are this month's lecture series sponsor. Thank you to our faculty for participating this lecture series and representing our campus so well.

This Friday, September 17th, I will meet with the Gallup Executive Directors Alliance to engage with the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments and provide an overview of our shovel ready CTE Building program for their consideration in a regional U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development funding effort that is part of the American Rescue Plan. As we work to modernize our facilities, we ask for and welcome support from throughout our community and seek out partnerships.

And later this month, I will revive the live and in-person Chancellor's Open Office Hours to be held on the last Friday of each month, where you can bring your questions and provide input. Please stay tuned to your email and our website for additional details and an invitation to this month's office hours.

UNM-GALLUP COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

As I mentioned last week, we are placing our full attention this month on efforts around vaccinating our campus community and helping our faculty, staff, and students upload their proof of vaccination—or receive a valid exemption—prior to the September 30th deadline.

My gratitude and thanks to our student affairs team who will hold a series of “Vax the Pack” rallies around campus starting with tomorrow's rally from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Gurley Hall CTE wing and will continue with another rally on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Gurley Hall patio. Bring your proof of vaccination to upload and join your classmates at these rallies for food and swag bags!



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Please take the time today or this week to upload your proof of vaccination. You can access links related to the UNM vaccination requirement from our homepage at gallup.unm.edu. All faculty, staff, and students are required to be vaccinated and upload proof of their vaccination on or before September 30, 2021. A request for accommodation for those with certain medical conditions or sincere religious beliefs that would prohibit them from getting a vaccine can be submitted prior to this deadline.

Keep up the good work for the good of all our UNM-Gallup faculty, staff, and students. We are unified in our mission and in our continued diligence to keep our campus open and thriving during even amid the persistent COVID-19 pandemic.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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

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