

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE**

# **Vice President for Research**

**Lobos, we are reimagining our future!**

**Just two weeks into the fall semester and UNM faculty and student researchers are already giving us so many reasons to celebrate. Lobos across all campuses are leveling-up and collaborating, ultimately encouraging student innovation to soar and solve problems that impact people on a local, national, and even global level.**

**We are taking our research endeavors to new heights in the next few months, and I am proud to be part of a group of researchers up for the challenge.**

**This semester will be an opportunity for all of us scholars and life-long learners to engage in new experiences that broaden our ways of thinking, learning, and creating across multiple disciplines and sectors - one of the truly great things about being part of an academic and scholar community.**



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# Noteworthy Events This Month

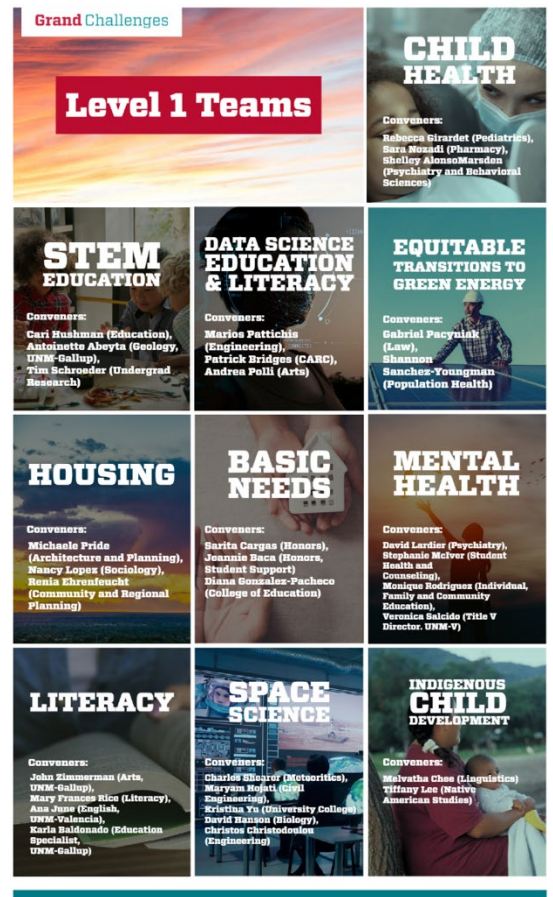
## Grand Challenges Kick-off

Today, we continue to expand our research endeavors by welcoming 10 new [Level 1 Concept Teams](#) to UNM's Grand Challenges Program.

In 2019, the creation of three institutional [Grand Challenges](#) including, Substance Use Disorders, Successful Aging, and Sustainable Water Resources initiated a collaboration of researchers and scholars from several multi-disciplinary areas across campus.

Today, the reimagined Grand Challenge program will represent all UNM campuses including the Health Sciences Center and UNM Branch Campuses. The research teams comprise UNM faculty, staff, post-docs, and graduate students.

The teams, selected through a competitive application process, represent the breadth of research and innovation at the University, while supporting UNM's commitment to address topics that are of the utmost importance to all New Mexicans. Join us this afternoon to meet the 10 new teams in SUB Ballrooms B & C from 12 - 2 p.m.



## Upcoming Events

### Research Administrators Symposium

It's almost time to register for the [2022 Research Administrators Symposium](#).

The 6th annual event, sponsored by the OVRP, will feature a great line-up for research administrators this year.

The symposium will be held October 19 - 20. We will have two half-days of virtual informative sessions and workshops, as well as in-person opportunities Thursday, Oct. 20.

Save the Date for the upcoming

# Research Administrators Symposium

OCTOBER 19-20 • 8:00AM-12:00PM

The RA Symposium will offer informative sessions and workshops over Zoom as well as an in-person networking opportunity\*

Mark your calendars—registration coming soon!

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\*subject to change based on local & state health regulations



## Research & Discovery Week 2022

We are just two months out from our first celebration of UNM Research & Discovery Week. Mark your calendars beginning Saturday, Nov. 5 - 11 as we plan an exciting week's worth of events showcasing the excellence and diversity of UNM's research enterprise. We'll also promote resources and opportunities available to UNM researchers.

Check back on our [website](#) to learn more as our calendar develops. There is something for everyone, including students, faculty, staff, legislators, and community members.



## Announcements

### Mary Jo Daniel's Retirement

After dedicating nearly 13 years of service at UNM, Associate VPR Mary Jo Daniel will be retiring, effective Dec. 1.

Mary Jo has been an essential component of the research enterprise at UNM – her institutional memory, deep knowledge of research administration, and quirky sense of humor have made her nearly indispensable.

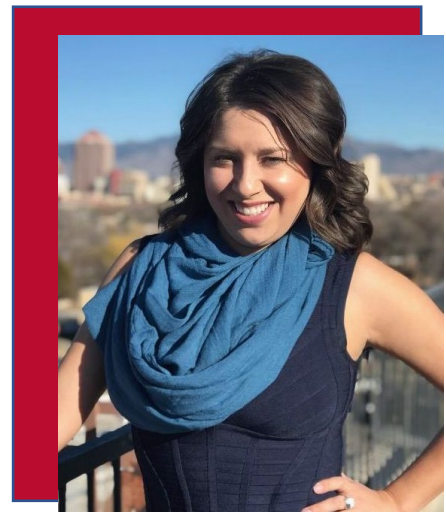
We will be conducting a national search for a new associate VPR to join our team in the coming months.

### Marissa Lucero joins the OVPR

We have added a new member to the OVPR team!

Marissa Lucero joins us this month as our new Communication and Marketing manager. Marissa is coming over from the UNM Communication and Marketing (UCAM) office where she worked for three years. Before starting her career in public relations, she spent seven years as a working journalist.

She's a proud UNM alum and is currently working on a master's in communication.



## Inaugural Ovation Awards for Research & Scholarship Winners

This week, eight Lobo researchers were selected as recipients of an OVPR Ovation Award for Research and Scholarship.

The new Ovation awards recognize full-time faculty for recent accomplishments with unusually high impact that address local or global challenges, while elevating the University's reputation on a national and international stage.

Each researcher will receive a \$1,000 prize to be distributed to their research account and will be honored during Research & Discovery Week, November 5-11.



## Faculty Mentored Research

Congratulations!

Research Assistant Professor Achraf Nouredine and biochemistry BA/MD student Lien T. Tang are the inaugural winners of the [2022 Faculty-Mentored Undergraduate Research Award](#) that recognizes an outstanding mentor/student duo.

Nouredine and Tang collaborated on research utilizing silica nanotechnology to create versatile platforms for the treatment of different types of cancer and other diseases such as obesity.



## 2022 Outstanding Research Staff Awards

Nominations are open for the 2022 Outstanding Research Staff Awards. This is a new category of awards that will be given out each year. We recognize that the expertise, dedication, and professionalism of our diverse research support staff are essential to the success of UNM's research mission.

Research support staff at all levels, including students, are eligible. This does not include research assistants or technicians working on behalf of a single investigator. Staff who receive an award will be ineligible in the subsequent two years.

Nominations may be made by any UNM staff, faculty, or student, but self-nominations are not permitted. Individuals may submit one nomination per award category.

Award winners will be selected by the OVPR executive committee. The nomination deadline is Friday, Sept. 30 and must be submitted via [UNM InfoReady Review](#).

# Technology Updates

## Streamlyne Update

[Streamlyne IRB](#) is fully operational. New protocols and amendments have been submitted successfully. We anticipate full implementation of Streamlyne for proposals, awards, and conflict of interest (COI) in October.



## Streamlyne Implementation

UNM'S NEW ELECTRONIC  
RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION PLATFORM

Just a reminder, as the Office of Sponsored Projects and Contract and Grant Accounting work to ensure a successful implementation of Streamlyne, please be patient with any technical delays and avoid last-minute proposal submissions.



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