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UNM-Gallup, there is activity as we persist together as a community through

Students in very limited numbers are socially distancing and wearing masks in our laboratories and other facilities. We have personnel working on improving spaces sterile and clean. There are a number of families and avid runners evening to stay in shape and enjoy the outdoors. Local organizations are COVID testing. And, students and faculty are studying and teaching in can boosted WiFi.

Of course we yearn for the return of normal campus life, but we are res each other safe and well throughout this pandemic. It is that commitment distancing while on campus and remaining dedicated to coursework through will ensure a return to normal campus life in the near future. I commend during these challenging times and following all available safety and health campus.

#### 2040 UNM Branch Strategies

In the coming weeks, I will join with leaders from throughout UNM to present overview of proposed strategies that will help to better align the state's evolving workforce and innovation needs in New Mexico. We will use Opportunity Defined that outlines improved synergy among the four branches campus.

As stated in this report, the branch campuses within the UNM system reasons pursue higher education close to home and at low direct cost who may not be ready to pursue their education at the Albuquerque main campus support students who pursue their education in various other ways main campus and a branch campus such as UNM Gallup.

Other possible synergies and opportunities are being explored through the Mexico students, including a potential increase in the number of schools to provide a low cost path towards their bachelor's degree and the development of courses to give students at the branch level better opportunities to excel this report-and will be presented to our state's leaders as potential pathways degree opportunities to students at our branch campuses.



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This is just a small sampling of the many ideas and innovations we look forward to presenting to the Legislative Finance Committee as a unified UNM community at their hybrid meeting coming October 28<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup> at the state capitol. Once finalized and presented, I will publish the final report for your review.

Without a doubt, there are many wonderful activities and achievements occurring every day throughout our campus. Just last night, I joined with Ralph Birds, chair of our Local Advisory Board, to present progress at UNM-Gallup during a broadcast of the locally produced Barbara Stanley Show. We shared with our wider Gallup community some of your ongoing progress and success in navigating from the many adaptations and innovations our faculty achieved to ensure quality remote instruction to the recent installation of our new EMS simulation rig that provides real world experiences for our students. And, of course, the many upgrades and improvements made throughout this past summer across campus by our facilities management team.

Great things continue to happen at UNM-Gallup even in the midst of this pandemic. It is because of your perseverance and commitment to excellence that we continue fulfilling our mission. We enjoy sharing our success with state leaders and community members here in Gallup and beyond.

Thank you for all that you do for our students and we will continue to work collaboratively and joyfully together as we eventually see our way out of these challenging times for our community and nation.

Stay safe and be well.

Best Regards,



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