

## SFRB Public Forums 10/19/20

Sarah Mullins – University Libraries

We normally keep the library open until 2 and as a night owl I don't enjoy working in the day. I think it is very beneficial and allows more opportunities for people to work. We fund security guards to ensure safety. The 24 hours is beneficial for those who need to stay late for midterms. I think that during the pandemic the library has done a good job.

Irene Sananou – APACC

APACC should be a safe place for APIDA identifying students. Would be a good creation for student jobs. Scholarships and support, such as printing and this center can overcome model minority myth. Long overdue.

Paris McKenzie – Athletics

As an international student on scholarship, it has given me the opportunity to get my education. In England, I would just be another student. Want to thank you for the support you give to the athletics department.

Isabel Strawn – Rural Student Project (El Centro)

We give students scholarships to work at a community garden. It really has helped us with that feeling of giving. You work hard and then you give it away. Helping those hold on to their ancestral heritage and helps our future leaders.

Celeste Lucero – AISS

First semester at UNM. They have supported me even before coming to UNM. They have offered counseling services and with scholarships. I have been assigned with my own advisor and helped me with classes and what I should do while struggling with class.

Erica Teagle - CEC

This is essential work that gives back to the community with knowledge, support, and unity. Cultivates multi-cultural knowledge. This gives real world experiences that the class can't provide. The CEC is essential for people of color, minorities, and members of the LGBTQ as a safe place. As a Hispanic serving institution, it would be a large disservice to get rid of the program. Our campus has not been immune to injustice.

Lily Post – Student Publications (Limina)

With a research publication, it allows undergrads to get experience with research and getting published. Please continue to fund Limina.

Monse Rodriguez-Rico – CEP, El Centro

I was able to become involved with CEP after they tables at NSO. First year research allowed me to get a stipend while doing independent research. Was able to get a great mentor who I am still in contact. I was able to be an El Puente fellow and was funded to do research. They provide a critical space for minorities to go for support.

Zara Roy – Student Publications (Limina)

All funding we ask for is printing. None of us are paid, but do it just for the experience. Losing this would be a loss of opportunity for students to publish.

Helen Zhao – APACC

One year ago we started AASA for APIDA students. We were uncertain of our success, but have become one of the largest orgs on campus. This center could provide advisement, financial support, and resources. Since the pandemic started, there had been increased discrimination and furthers the reason why this resource center is essential.

Sall – Any specific comments?

A Chinese student that lived in Lobo Village, there was a student whose roommates posted signs that it was dangerous because of their roommates race. Also, a physics professor with a racial derogatory profile picture of Winnie the pooh.

Jordynn Sills – Student Publications (Daily Lobo)

As a sales manager, I've been able to learn a lot. I have found that I want to pursue business in the future. The Lobo doesn't only allow students to gain experience, but gives the community a much needed service. Due to COVID, sales have decreased significantly, and we have had to come up with creative solutions.

Chenoa Scippio – AISS

During the student bridge program, I really got kick started in to college. I was able to learn how to apply to scholarships and how to make college affordable. As a first year student, trying to navigate the university. I have been in AISS for three years. It has allowed me to participate in leadership and diversity trainings. I have utilized the services such as advisement, and financial support is very important.

Charlotte Gates – Student Publications (Limina), SUB

I'm an editor for Limina and what we do we allow students to become published and allow students to interact with others research. The SUB has a great community, we have places to let students get involved with each other places to eat. I have worked at the SUB wonderful experience.

Kiera Toya – AISS

I am an AISS ambassador, we help with outreach and recruitment. We also have great scholarships for students, there are general scholarships and emergency scholarships. We have workshops for FAFSA and Miss Indian UNM. I was able to be a part of that last semester even though it was cancelled because of COVID. It's a great experience, it helped me grow in to a person and come out of my shell.

Adrian Madera – ENLACE

I'm a success ambassador for ENLACE. A lot of students that come in are at risk of failing and not graduating. Some of our students are undocumented and think they can't receive financial aid. We are able to show them that we can.

Grisell Garcia – ENLACE

I have graduated UNM in Nursing and have been an emergency nurse. Having been a part of the program and in high school. I have been fortunate to have them be a part of my entire family. It has been rewarding to be able to give back to people who look like me. It's incredible to see students that I have been tutoring. I had a student who was passionate playing accordion, who was struggling in math. I was able to see him grow to the point where he didn't need my help.

Gabrielle Thomas – AISS

I'm an AISS ambassador. I am able to get help with financial aid with scholarships and completion of FAFSA. I hope others are able to get the same support in the future.

Andrea Borunda – ENLACE

I'm a first gen Latina PhD student. If it weren't for ENLACE I wouldn't be here. It's critical to have that representation in higher admin. We're not quite there yet, but at ENLACE we are. I have received the ability to go to courses. My mother has been able to support me on a ventilator. They have not only helped me, but my brother. He plays the trombone and allows us to mentor others. In COVID times, it is hard for high school students. ENLACE not only helps at UNM but extends to APS schools.

Sara Kinney – AISS

I'm a first year student and am part of that first year experience. Without the program, I wouldn't be where I am as far as getting financial aid. I was able to have a support system I haven't had in a while. We go over how the world is changing, and with different ideas. Without the program, I wouldn't have gone more in depth with the college. I'm introverted and I think this program has allowed me get out there.

Karla Ochoa – ENLACE

I have been part of ENLACE since high school. They have helped me with leadership opportunities. They allowed me to get scholarship opportunities, without that support I wouldn't have been able to continue my academic dreams. They take the time to really get to know each one of their students. I have been able to attend conferences and trainings. They are always there for a letter of rec. Big part in helping us in LULAC. I'm a TA and encourage my students to reach out to them.

Indica Simpson – Student Publications (Limina)

Student publications is very important. Limina is the only nonfiction review by students on campus. Taking away funding would no longer exist without funding. How can we be a

research university, and not have a place to publish . There is power in the pen, there is no other platform that does that at UNM.

Rocio Barraza – ENLACE

I am a student success ambassador. We help students progress with their transition in to college. We have had many moments where there are students that are first-gen or in the DACA program. It's always nice being able to help students to give them answers. In high school, I was overwhelmed with the transition in to college. I can understand that fear in these students and we can provide a lot of guidance. Please fund Enlace.

Gwen Maly – Athletics

I am a senior on the Women's Soccer Team. As an athlete, I felt supported in my academic work. Funds from SFRB have had an impact on my academic success. With scholarships and textbook support. I believe I have been set up to go to medical school. I have friends who have also benefited the same.

Jacob Olaguir – APACC, El Centro

I'm in support of the APACC initiative because it will be a good resource for APIDA students. As a Filipino-Mexican I felt closer to my Mexican heritage because of lack of resources. With all the work that I have been able to, I have been able to realize the systemic racism. A big part of going against institutionalized racism is that people in my background are funneled in to the military industrial complex. We should be fostering scholars not soldiers. I'm grateful for Rosa from El Centro, on committee for a scholarship I received. I have been able to gain experiences from my heritage.

Christine – APACC

Addition of APACC would benefit UNM. The APIDA community is small but growing. As an alumni. Creating this center would not only help students but to connect and meet new friends. They could host workshops and events, and could attract out of state students to come to UNM. A resource center would create a safe space, and allow students to come together to discuss.

Naomi Jimenez – ENLACE

This have given me the opportunity for resources that have set me up for nothing but success. As a first gen student, I didn't have a single person who could answer my questions. ENLACE was fortunately that one open door. It makes me emotional, because if it weren't for ENLACE I wouldn't be here and I'm so thankful for them.

Justin Garcia – Student Publications

There is a necessity for an independent new source. Without funding from SFRB we wouldn't be able to continue. There are many alumni in newspapers across the state. Since working here at my newspaper, the environment is identical to that of the Daily Lobo. Without on the ground training I wouldn't be prepared. I speak for all alumni, that the communities we live in

we would be worse off. The position you all are in is probably very difficult this year more than ever. I hope you are able to represent the students during the process.

Sall – I appreciate the experience that you show, do you think you're experience would be different if the Daily Lobo didn't print?

Justin – I'm currently working at a daily newspaper. Online media is very important and no one really knows how to use it in an ethical and profitable. Printing was really important, it provides the ability to provide stories in a different light. Putting that in print ensured a responsibility in the news room in a way that the internet does not provide.

Joseph McKee – Student Publications (Daily Lobo)

The experience as the layout designer is immense. The funding with COVID but to say that a printed paper and what experience you gain for that. I wouldn't be here if we weren't printing. This is something that is important, when it come to newspapers, magazines, and menus. Graphic design is most definitely relevant. We gain experience that would transfer directly in to the workforce. We have been to protests, and stayed after they were shot at with rubber bullets, and tear gasses. We are currently working on a special election issue directed toward the student. We serve a purpose to UNM, Albuquerque, and New Mexico.

Ally Wiesel – Student Publications (Limina)

Everyone may not have access to online publications. I know that there is a lot going on right now. Being published, learning about the editing, and reading other publications is vital. "Student publications is important Limina has been around a long time. Non-fiction writing is helpful for students in resume building, drafting and research.

Valeria Garcia – ENLACE, Student Resource Centers

I was part of the program in high school. I think the program at UNM helps bridge students in HS to come to UNM is important. The idea of going to university can be daunting, if you don't have someone in your corner. They helped me with the application program, and even after being a student. I think that programs that help bridge that gap are completely invaluable. As a first gen student of color, there is a big push to help students and all of these programs paved the way to where I am now.

Micah Cornelio – APACC

I wish I had more support on campus. There were limited scholarships for Asians when I was applying to UNM. I have been able to find connections within AASA, but a resource center would be greatly used.

Cisco Aragon – CEC

Everyone I have met has been very driven to those disenfranchised. I'm a senior majoring in Biology. My dream is to pursue a career in dentistry. The CEC has allowed me to connect with my community and the Bernalillo County Health Council, who I've been able to conversate with. Has allowed me to gain a community in Albuquerque.

Jacob Griego – Student Publications

Students in journalism depends on the Lobo for experience. We employ over 100 people. We have the ability to go toward an online platform. We would like to help students with additional deals. Hopefully you can fund us in full and continue doing what we are doing.

Sarah Quevedo – CEC

With out the CEC I would not be here. They linked me in a site in the south valley that feeds people. We are able to give healthy food to the community in the south valley. As a queer student of color there are many students that need a safe place and CEC has been that place for me.

Leticia Trujillo – ENLACE

Within my time within APS, I have been able to see the impact it has had on our students. The services that ENLACE has in invaluable. There are students who never thought they could ever gain higher education degrees who are leaders with degree. It's incredible, and I thank everyone for supporting ENLACE.

Ellie Aikman – Student Publications

It has been beneficial to me and going into my adult life. I have learned how to sell to clients. When I graduation I hope to have my own business, and the skills I have gained will hopefully transfer over. I was able to get so much knowledge from photographers in the newspaper. I've learned more from the Daily Lobo then most of my classes.

Ambar Angeles – CEC

This year I'm the main point of contact for service corps. I make sure that students are staying on track. I'm a senior, but in my first level of the nursing programming. It highlights the student experience. We try to have activism through anti-racist lens, but the work we do affects our daily lives. To have funding for students to further learn and work for their communities. There are students with housing and internet and access to resources have been difficult. Students have a huge sense of belonging in this program. I have applied to the nursing program three times and I wouldn't have gotten in if it weren't for CEC.

Trisha Martinez – ENLACE

In my role as Site Coordinator, I've been able to mentor leaders that help high school students navigate the pathway to college. ENLACE has spent many hours in trainings to help online, and it has helped us become well aware of how to help these students and family. ENLACE really sets the bar for student success programs. ENLACE is a family and gives our students that sense of family hood.

Reynaldo Teodoro – APACC

The Filipino Student Organization allowed me to find a home when I came to UNM. The Filipino Student Organization would like to collaborate with other Asian student groups, and it could help with that.

Grace Wyka – PLF

We sit in classes with the students and are a bridge between students, Tas, and teachers. I actually have had an experience at another college where I was struggling, they would direct you to a tutor. You would come out of the tutoring feeling stupid. We are taught how to connect to students who are struggling. I hope to see this continue to be that life line to students who are struggling.

John Materum – APACC

Coming from Atrisco Heritage in a Hispanic prominent high school, I wasn't able to connect with my culture. I was able to find FSO and AASA here at UNM and these organizations have helped me with college. I have met many amazing people who mentor me. I'm being guided to being successful. Being part of these organizations really made me feel at home. Having a central resource center for the APIDA community is important for that sense of community.

Angel Anaya – ENLACE

As a second year, it has helped me have a job that works around my schedule. They help me not just with the process of going through college, but allows me to help others. You are able to build confidence in students and spark curiosity.

Tasawar Shaw – Graduate Resource Center

This helps graduate students that can transition from college to the job market. Since my first year, I have been able to gain support from these grad students. Above all, they have specific writings help face to face. Good support academically.

Hannah Najjahih – AISS

I am an ambassador for AISS and we recruit and outreach with training workshops. I think AISS has helped me, and I didn't think I would come this far. AISS has guided me and helped me through college. There are native and I am native and it really was like family, and I think that would really help.

Jessica Martinez – ENLACE

As a student who has worked with ENLACE for many years, I am a third year law student. The one organization that has helped me out of the many I have been involved with. ENLACE in high school let me know I was able to go to college, and that I would have resources and a family going to UNM. I think that some people take for granted, that if you have people who want to see you succeed, it helps a lot. Dr. Roybal still reached out to me. I was able to be a mentor at Highland and coach students to get through to college. Just today you have students who are obtaining PhDs and going to law school, with students that didn't even believe they belong in college.

Vanessa Garcia – ENLACE

As a college student, when we need support Dr. Roybal is always there. We help students who think that they don't have an opportunity we encourage students to go to college. We prepare

students to go to college. We would give tours at UNM so student could see where they were going.

Bernadette Hardy – ENLACE

I will be coming back to UNM in community health. I'm a site supervisor, and we have amazing students at UNM. I was trying to think of points that no one has said yet. We have a spark scholarship that funnels people to UNM and gives students \$1000 scholarships. Our community is very diverse. At Highland, there are many students who are refugee students. It's a beautiful place for people to come together. Hopefully we can get more students next year and can even get more students out of high school in to UNM.

Nainika – CEC

I have been a part since 2017, the CEC is more than just a job on campus. Connects students to organizations that do incredible work in our communities. I have been able to work with a lot of Asian and refugees. I have been able to go to DC to advocate for the Clean Dream Act. The CEC constantly encourages to do our work with an anti-racist lens but goes far beyond that. CEC has solidified what I want to do when I get out of college. There is no other program would have facilitated this growth.

Wesley Frank – AISS

They have helped me with advice and scholarships. They have made me very independent and have allowed me to get financial assistance and I hope other students can get guidance like I have.