From Dr. McLaughlin

Dear Community Faculty,

For those who do not know me, I am the UNM SOM Alumni Association president (SOM class of 2008). I recently took over the role as president from Dr. Nathaniel Roybal (class of 2007) a few months ago.

I also have recently assumed the role of Chief of Staff of UNM Hospitals and Clinics. In this role, I work closely with our CMO, Dr. Steve McLaughlin who is featured elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am a native New Mexican with strong generational roots in the state. I was born in Albuquerque and grew up in Las Cruces. I completed my undergraduate degree in Agricultural Biology at NM State and then returned home to Albuquerque to pursue my education in medicine.

I completed my residency in Internal Medicine and completed a chief resident year, after which I joined the Department of Internal Medicine Division of Genera Internal Medicine. I am currently the Chief of Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and spend my clinical time evaluating and treating patients with Long COVID syndrome.

Like you, I have a passion for teaching our next generation of medical professionals. Although some of you may not be alumni of the UNM SOM, your involvement as community faculty is valued and is an important contribution to the SOM.

I hope to meet or reconnect with you all at our upcoming events. The UNM SOM Alumni board is always looking for feedback on ways to further engage our community clinicians.

Again, thank you for your continued commitment to teaching.

Sincerely,

Alisha N Parada, MD
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