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DATE: May 1, 2024
TO: NMSU Community
FROM: Mónica Torres, Interim NMSU President
SUBJECT: Hello, NMSU!

Today marks my first official day as interim president of the NMSU System. I'm honored for this opportunity as the Board of Regents executes a search for NMSU's next permanent president. While my time as interim leader is short, our university system has many challenges before us, and we simply cannot stand still.

You may know that I have been part of the NMSU community for many years. I am fortunate to have seen our university system from so many perspectives: as a student, a graduate assistant, a Doña Ana "Branch" Community College instructor and program coordinator, an NMSU professor and department head, a DACC vice president for academic affairs and president, and most recently, as community college chancellor. I have learned from each of these roles, and my previous experiences have helped to inform my decisions at each stop along my journey.

I'm happy to report that even amid uncertain times, NMSU remains stable. We remain committed to the same land-grant mission on which we were founded. We understand the value and responsibility of our status as an HSI and MSI, both of which promote broad access to higher education. We have faculty and staff working across the system—at the Las Cruces campus, the community colleges, the agricultural experiment stations, our cooperative extension sites, a "global campus"—all doing incredible work. We have alumni who are proud to be Aggies. We have a network of collaborators, donors, and other supporters who see the value of our work and provide support.

Among my commitments to you is to lead with transparency; to reinforce that our students, our faculty, and our staff are valued members of the NMSU community; and to welcome and consider your observations and insights. Working together, we can build on NMSU's history of academic excellence and public service.

Thank you for what each of you do to make our university system a better place. I look forward to working with you.

Go Aggies!