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TO: NMSU faculty, staff and students

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, chancellor of the NMSU system

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SUBJECT: Alan R. Shoho selected as new provost

I am pleased to announce that Alan R. Shoho, dean and professor emeritus of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, has been selected as our new provost and chief academic officer. He begins his new role April 17.

Dr. Shoho has tremendous experience both as an administrator and as a researcher in the fields of education and social justice. His vision for NMSU aligns with the progress we've made toward the goals outlined in our LEADS 2025 strategic plan, and I am sure he is the best fit to help elevate our research and social mobility initiatives.

Before serving as dean at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for five years, Dr. Shoho was associate vice provost for academic and faculty support at the University of Texas at San Antonio for two years. He started his academic career as an assistant professor in the University of Portland's School of Education in 1991. Previously, he worked as a high school math teacher in Hawaii after working as an electrical engineer for Hughes Aircraft Company and Rockwell International. Shoho's father, a Korean War veteran who grew up on the island of Kauai in Hawaii as the seventh of 11 children, earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois using the G.I. Bill.

Dr. Shoho said his father's higher education experience had a big impact on his own life: "I have personally experienced how families are transformed with the opportunities created through access to higher education. Had he not been able to attend and earn his degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois, my life would likely have been very different. Consequently, I am very passionate about providing students with the same opportunities."

Dr. Shoho was drawn to NMSU because of our status as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and a land-grant university, and because of our mission to improve student success and advance equity, inclusion and diversity.

I would like to thank the search committee, led by College of ACES Dean Rolando A. Flores Galarza, along with each of the candidates and all those who participated in the candidate forums and gave feedback.