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DATE: April 10, 2023  
TO: NMSU Students, Faculty and Staff  
FROM: Jay Gogue, Interim Chancellor   
SUBJECT: Hitting the ground listening

Hello, New Mexico State University! This really is an honor for me to return to serve as interim chancellor of the NMSU System. My wife Susie and I love New Mexico, and we are excited for the opportunities ahead.

We have great respect for NMSU. This is a special place, as each of you already know. For the past 135 years, this land-grant, space-grant, Hispanic serving, minority serving institution has helped improve the lives of the people of New Mexico and beyond. I value the culture, the history values and the traditions of this community and those will be first and foremost in my mind during my time here.

My commitment is that I will hit the ground listening, and that's exactly what I've begun doing throughout this first day on the job. I started the morning having breakfast with a number of student leaders to better understand the challenges they are facing. Since then, I've had similar meetings throughout the day with other NMSU stakeholders to listen to their thoughts on NMSU and what we can do as we work toward the future. From students, to parents, to faculty and staff, alumni and donors, engaging with our constituents is absolutely critical to the success of the university.

I'm no stranger to NMSU. I was proud to serve as this university's president from 2000-2003. I've also held leadership positions at Clemson, Utah State, the University of Houston and at Auburn University. I'm delighted to work with NMSU's branch campuses, the Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Science Centers. In the coming days and weeks, I plan to be very active in visiting with everyone so that I can better know our successes and help in telling your stories to enhance NMSU's reputation. I want to do everything I can to help as we move forward and as we prepare for the university's next permanent chancellor.

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