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TO: All NMSU Employees

FROM: Dan Arvizu, Chancellor 

SUBJECT: New President of Doña Ana Community College

It is with great pride that I announce that Monica Torres has been named as the new President of Doña Ana Community College. She most recently served as Interim President of DACC and will immediately assume the post.

Since her selection as interim president, Dr. Torres has demonstrated her ability to lead with vision, purpose and a deep commitment to student success. NMSU's community college system plays an essential role in our work to serve the people of New Mexico, and Dr. Torres' knowledge of the campus and track record of accomplishment will serve the DACC community extremely well.

Dr. Torres has served as the interim DACC president since September 2018. She succeeds Renay Scott, who was appointed as NMSU's vice president for student success in August 2018. From 2014 until her appointment as interim president, Dr. Torres served as DACC's vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Torres shared some of her thoughts after today's announcement:

"To be selected as the next president of Doña Ana Community College is the highlight of my career," she said "I am truly committed to working alongside the faculty, staff and our community to continue the principal focus on student success. We have a rich tradition in this regard. Staying in step with our students' aspirations and educational needs is at the very heart of what DACC is all about."

Dr. Torres also previously served as an assistant professor, associate professor and department head at NMSU's Department of English. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in English from NMSU. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in American studies with an emphasis in cultural studies.

She is the 10th president of the college, which celebrated its 45th anniversary this year.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Torres on this accomplishment.