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TO: NMSU Carlsbad faculty, staff, and students

FROM: Chancellor Dan Arvizu

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SUBJECT: Interim President Andrew Nwanne

As you know, NMSU Carlsbad President John Gratton is retiring effective July 1, 2020. Although plans were for NMSU to conduct a search for the next NMSU Carlsbad president, the onset of COVID-19 precluded the search from being completed. Fortunately, the NMSU Carlsbad campus is well-positioned for meeting the challenges of present environment with an excellent leadership team of the vice presidents in Andrew Nwanne, Karla Volpi, and Juanita Garcia.

At my request, Vice President Andrew Nwanne has agreed to serve as interim president of the NMSU Carlsbad Campus. I have great confidence in his experience, ability to engage the faculty, staff and students, and his commitment to NMSU Carlsbad and the greater system as we pursue our LEADS 2025 goals.

Please join me in thanking Andrew for stepping into this critical role. I look forward to his leadership and will count on your support for Andrew and the leadership team in the coming months and as NMSU Carlsbad plans for the fall semester and adapting to our new environment.