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DATE: August 19, 2015
TO: All NMSU faculty, staff and students
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor
SUBJECT: Welcome to the Fall 2015 semester

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Welcome to the start of another exciting academic year at New Mexico State University (NMSU). We have a lot of good news to report this semester and much credit belongs to our faculty, staff and students, who work hard each day to make this an outstanding university.

First-time freshmen enrollment at NMSU is up seven percent this semester, as of this day. I want to thank everyone who has worked on this. Now that these new students are here, we need to keep them here and help them graduate. This will take additional retention efforts from everyone in this caring community. Just this morning a transfer from another great land-grant university talked to me about how much more she liked it at NMSU because it was “like family.”

I am also happy to report that we have five National Merit Finalists and one National Hispanic Scholar enrolled this fall. That’s the most we’ve ever had at NMSU and credit goes to the Honors College for helping us emphasize the importance of bringing in some of the best and brightest to NMSU.

If you haven’t yet been inside the new Hardman and Jacobs Hall, you are going to be surprised. It is one of the most beautiful classroom buildings I’ve ever seen. As school begins, we have more than 40 classes scheduled for that building. The recently passed GO Bond will help us as we begin additional renovation projects on Jett Hall, Jett Annex and Rentfrow Hall this semester. We are also working on our future plans to replace Dan Williams Hall, the home of our Department of Art.

NMSU’s experts are continuing their great work around the state. Our extension agents and engineers are helping with the mine spill that contaminated the Animas and San Juan rivers in northern New Mexico. Our experts are even making an impact on a galactic scale, recently helping to map the stars in the Milky Way.

Looking ahead, I invite you to attend the Domenici Conference on September 16 and 17 when we will focus on energy policy, economic development and the country’s aging infrastructure. Details are available at <http://domenici.nmsu.edu/>. On the evening of September 17, NMSU’s Salon Discovery will feature our expert astronomy faculty along with live dancing from a trio of NMSU dance programs. More info on this can be found at <http://salondiscovery.nmsu.edu/>. Additionally, our first home football game is September 12 against Georgia State, and we’re attempting to sell out Aggie Memorial Stadium, which will be very exciting. Please join us for these events.

To each of our employees and each of our students, thank you for all that you do. Your hard work and dedication to NMSU make this a great university.