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TO: All Faculty and Staff

FROM: Garrey Carruthers, President

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SUBJECT: Greetings

Good morning! I'm delighted to serve as the 27th president of this great university and the first Aggie to hold this position. I really appreciate the warm welcome I have already received from so many in the campus community.

NMSU is one of the best universities in the country and the most important institution in the state. To keep it that way, we have work to do. It is now time for us to focus on the enterprise – New Mexico State University – our students, faculty, staff, and our state, and to commit to having pride in what we do, performing at the highest level, and always promoting the enterprise and not ourselves.

To me, communication is vital to a successful university. I will keep the campus updated on a regular basis regarding important information, university initiatives and the strategies we are using to keep New Mexico State University the envy of others in the state.

Shortly after being named president, I formed three transition teams to provide an independent assessment of NMSU Athletics, the Foundation and our 2-year community college system. I am seeking the advice of the individuals on these teams and have asked them to highlight areas where we can make improvements. I expect their work to be completed within a few weeks and I will keep the campus community posted regarding their findings.

We need to focus on our students. They are our core business and without their academic success, we don't have success as a university. We will continue our efforts to drive recruitment, retention and graduation to even higher levels. In addition to their academic pursuits, we should impress upon our students the importance of being an active member of the campus community, participating in activities, clubs and attending sporting events. Studies have shown that the more engaged students are in campus life, the more likely they are to graduate.

This is a great university, and I look forward to working with each of you to help make it even better.