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TO: Our NMSU Community

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor 

SUBJECT: Reflections and My Future Plans

First, let me wish you all a happy New Year. As has been reported, I will end my term as NMSU System chancellor on June 30, 2023, at the conclusion of the five-year contract I signed in 2018. When I first took this job, I had no expectations of receiving another contract or an extension, which is why I've devoted so much energy toward addressing our tasks at hand with urgency. While no one anticipated a global pandemic, or some of the other issues we've encountered along the way, I'm proud of all we've be able to accomplish together.

More than 50 years ago, NMSU changed my life by providing an opportunity to a first-generation kid from Alamogordo who wanted to become an engineer. My time as an NMSU student gave me a head start on a life that would take me around the world. In the last five years, I've done everything I could to pay that forward. I have been rewarded by engaging with our students and their leadership – and I have no doubt in my mind they will go on to do incredible things in the future.

I trust you all recognize that our university is stronger and better-positioned today than it was five years ago, thanks to the tremendous work done by so many in our NMSU community. That process has been enabled by a clear vision and compelling goals and strategies as part of our LEADS 2025 strategic plan. Thank you to everyone who gave so much of yourselves during this time to help advance the mission of our university. Each of you should be proud of our progress – though of course there is still much to do.

My goal over the next six months is to do everything in my power to ensure a smooth transition for our next NMSU leader and position our university to be on the best footing going forward. I have been assured by our regents that I continue to have the full authority of the chancellor position, and I intend to keep our momentum strong for the remainder of my tenure.

I want to again extend my gratitude for the privilege of serving this institution for five wonderful years. This continues to be an outstanding university, and serving NMSU as chancellor has been my honor.

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