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Dear members of our NMSU Community:

Our Aggie family has been through a difficult time recently – particularly over the past week, as allegations of hazing came to light in our men’s basketball program. This kind of behavior is unacceptable and has no place on our campus; and the more details we learn about what went on, the more appalled we have collectively become at what happened.

In addition, we’ve faced news this week of a shooting at [Michigan State University](#), and last night a shooting at [Cielo Vista Mall in El Paso](#), a city so many of our Aggies call home. I’m overwhelmed by the gravity of all of this, and I suspect many of you feel this way, too.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge that hearing about these events may be deeply upsetting to many people in our campus community. Particularly for those who have experienced a sexual assault, this may also bring past trauma to the surface and trigger anxiety and panic. Please know that there are resources available to support your emotional health at this difficult time.

The [Aggie Health and Wellness Center](#) offers [counseling](#) for students provided by a staff of counselors and psychologists. Services are free and confidential to NMSU main campus students. We also have counseling services available for faculty and staff through the [Employee Assistance Program](#).

Faculty and staff, you may be called on to help a student or a colleague who is experiencing [distress](#) over recent events. Please take a moment to explore the [resources available](#) from Aggie Health and Wellness Center to help you navigate that situation if it arises.

Mental health services for students at Aggie Health and Wellness Center include short-term individual counseling, walk-in crisis counseling, group counseling, campus outreach including psychoeducational workshops on campus, and consultation with faculty, staff, or student groups. If you’d like more information about these services, contact AHWC at [campus\\_health@nmsu.edu](mailto:campus_health@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-1512.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of an assault or other kind of misconduct, discrimination or harassment, you can report it confidentially. For information and links on how you can report incidents, concerns or complaints, visit [report.nmsu.edu](http://report.nmsu.edu).

This reset of our men’s basketball program is just a first step in healing for our student-athletes, their families, our entire student body, and our broad Aggie community. We are a strong and caring community, and we’ll get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan E. Arvizu".

Dan E. Arvizu  
Chancellor