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To: NMSU Students and Employees

From: Chancellor Dan Arvizu and President John Floros

Subject: Unity in our Aggie community

We are deeply saddened to once again deal with the aftermath of senseless violence in our nation. The communities working to put back the pieces this time are Atlanta and Boulder, but these attacks affect each and every one of us. When people are killed as they go about their daily lives, it diminishes the security and safety for us all.

As the role of ethnicity in these two tragedies is investigated and debated, our Aggie community should find unity in recognizing the fundamental humanity we all share. We are gratified that people from all over the globe choose to study, teach, and work at NMSU. This diversity is a strength, and diversity in all its aspects strengthens our community against hatred and divisiveness.

It is understandable to feel a sense of loss or uncertainty after events like these. If you need support, consider reaching out to NMSU's <a href="Employee Assistance Program"><u>Employee Assistance Program</u></a> or the <a href="Aggie Health and Wellness"><u>Aggie Health and Wellness</u></a> <a href="Employee Assistance Program"><u>Center</u></a> for <a href="counseling services"><u>counseling services</u></a>. If you have a concern about discrimination, contact NMSU's <a href="Office of Institutional Equity"><u>Office of Institutional Equity</u></a>.