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DATE: January 20, 2016  
TO: All NMSU students  
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor   
SUBJECT: Welcome to the spring 2016 semester

Welcome to the spring 2016 semester. New Mexico State University is a caring community transforming lives through discovery. As an NMSU student, you are part of a lot of exciting things happening here every day.

The outstanding reputation of NMSU continues to spread. We are a U.S. News & World Report Top Tier University. Forbes ranks NMSU as one of America's Top Colleges. We are recognized as a top military-friendly university and as one of the 50 most underrated colleges in America.

Your faculty members are world-class. This week, we recognized a number of their contributions to the university in the areas of community engagement and teaching excellence. Additionally, College of Business Professor David Boje, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Professors Martha Desmond and Thomas Dormody and College of Arts and Sciences Professor Tom Smith were each named as Regents Professors. This honor recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions to NMSU's mission of education, research, extension education and public service.

I love the energy on campus. It's something you can see and feel. I've been around this university a long time, and I don't think I've ever seen so many Aggie T-shirts, hats and jackets as I walk around campus. Thank you all for being important members of the Aggie community. Have a fantastic semester.