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TO: NMSU Students, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Barbara Couture, President

RE: 2010 Year-End Message

As we prepare for final exams next week and finish this semester's work, I thank each of you for your dedication to NMSU. This holiday season we have much to celebrate. By working together, we have realized strong progress; the evidence of your accomplishments can be seen in many areas.

- Next week marks our fall commencement, with more than 1,900 students receiving degrees. Faculty and advisers have been engaged in mentoring students, and we can all take great pride when we share in the graduation celebration.
- The community as a whole has benefitted from our service projects and our outreach efforts continued to be strong with Cooperative Extension Service offices bringing research-based knowledge to our fellow New Mexicans.
- NMSU researchers have achieved progress in several key areas such as the development of algal biofuels, unmanned aerial vehicles, anti-cancer and anti-viral drugs, and new opportunities in chile production.
- Each NMSU campus location has advanced in different ways including the opening of the new Advanced Technology Center at the Alamogordo campus and the American Indian Student Center on the Las Cruces campus. My thanks to all the staff who worked hard to develop these centers and do an excellent job to maintain and make the best use of all of our facilities.

By continuing to work together, we can advance our mission of excellence across a range of initiatives. I understand that the current economic climate means we are facing some tough challenges, and I repeat my pledge to make academic support a top priority at our university. Please know that I appreciate your efforts and wish you all the best during this holiday season.

Good luck with finals and enjoy the semester break. I look forward to 2011 and a continuation of our great accomplishments in teaching, learning, research, engagement and outreach to our communities.

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