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TO: NMSU Las Cruces Faculty and Staff

FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor

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SUBJECT: Descubre Program

Earlier this week, we announced our Descubre program which allows students from Mexico who meet NMSU's admission standards to attend our institution for 1.5 times the tuition rate charged to our New Mexico resident students. This program is being implemented after approval by the New Mexico Higher Education Department, as well as our Board of Regents through a resolution passed in March. Some press accounts have apparently created some confusion, so I want to clarify a couple of things:

- This program does not allow students from Mexico to pay less than New Mexico resident students.
- These students will pay one and half times the in-state tuition rate, which means a New Mexico resident undergraduate taking 15 hours at NMSU will pay \$3,364.50 in tuition and fees, while an undergraduate student admitted under the Descubre program will pay \$4,691.25 for the same course load.
- New Mexico resident graduate students will pay \$3,294 for a full 12-hour course load while graduate students from Mexico will pay \$3,975 for the same course load.

I hope this clears up any confusion about this program. If you have questions, please contact my office president@nmsu.edu or the office of Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard at provost@nmsu.edu.