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TO: NMSU Faculty and Staff

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SUBJECT: National recognition for our important work in research, social mobility

We are celebrating the news that New Mexico State University was listed as a national leader in a recent report from the Brookings Institution. The report evaluated universities on their ability to act as “ladders” for social mobility as well as their success as institutions where important research is carried out. Universities that scored highly in each of those categories, such as NMSU, were named “leaders.” Only 20 percent of the 342 universities evaluated in the report were placed in the leader category. Among the leader universities, NMSU was in second place in terms of the percent of its students from low income families.

We are among some outstanding institutions regionally and nationally in the leader category. Other universities who made the leader list include the University of California Berkeley, the University of California Davis, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Texas at Austin.

The report used data from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education for its research findings. Mobility rates for each university measure the proportion of students from families in the bottom fifth of the income distribution who move to the top fifth in a certain period of time after graduation.

The Brookings report shows we are not only a great science university, but we are also promote the upward mobility of our graduates, which is very important to our state and a key responsibility of ours as a land-grant institution.

To read the complete report and find links to other studies visit [https://www.brookings.edu/research/ladders-labs-or-laggards-which-public-universities-contribute-most/?utm\\_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=54131003](https://www.brookings.edu/research/ladders-labs-or-laggards-which-public-universities-contribute-most/?utm_campaign=Brookings%20Brief&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=54131003).

We should all feel very proud of the work we have done to earn a national reputation as a top research university, as well as a top university in working to help students achieve social mobility. Well done, Aggies!