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DATE: December 18, 2015  
TO: All NMSU employees  
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, chancellor of the NMSU system  
SUBJECT: Vice President for University Advancement

Today, I have promoted Andrea Tawney to the role of vice president for university advancement at New Mexico State University, effective Jan. 1. She has served as the interim vice president of university advancement since August.

After speaking with NMSU Foundation board members, deans and other university leaders and staff members at the Office of University Advancement, I have found tremendous support for Andrea's promotion. She's demonstrated a professional, high-energy approach to fundraising activities.

I originally hired Andrea in 2011 as the assistant dean for development in NMSU's College of Business. In 2013, she became NMSU's director of presidential donor relations and development. Last year, she was named associate vice president for university advancement in charge of principal gifts and regional programs.

She has worked in higher education for 12 years, after serving her country during four years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. She has a bachelor's degree in justice systems, policy and planning and a master's in education from Northern Arizona University. Her Ph.D. is in higher education from Texas Tech University, with a focus on the predictors of academic success for first-generation college students.

While she may not have graduated from NMSU, you wouldn't know it by listening to the way she talks about her love for this great university. It's important that we move forward in our fundraising efforts. We have an ambitious fundraising campaign ahead of us, and I am confident Andrea will help us aggressively pursue the successful completion of this campaign.