

Date: May 13, 2016
To: NMSU Faculty and Staff
From: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor
Subject: NMSU is a caring community

As the end of the semester approaches, I wanted to pass along the following two emails that I recently received. The first is from a soon-to-be graduate who pursued his Ph.D. while working full-time. The second is from an elementary teacher who recently brought her students to campus. These are both outstanding examples of the great work done by our faculty and staff. Thank you to everyone who works each day to make New Mexico State University a caring community transforming lives through discovery!

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NMSU – All About Discovery!

Dear President Carruthers,

I am excited to be graduating this weekend with a PhD in Industrial Engineering! It has not been easy and I thank you and NMSU for the opportunity to earn my PhD as a distance education student.

I especially thank my advisor, Dr. Alla Kammerdiner of the Industrial Engineering Department, for her patience and leadership while pursuing my goal. I thank Dr. Edward Pines, Industrial Engineering Department Head, for his patience with me and support of my effort. I also want to thank Milen Bartnick of the Graduate School for helping a distance education student get his dissertation approved and submitted from my home here in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I cannot say enough good things about my experience at NMSU! I will recommend the school to anyone interested in a distance education experience although working full time, while pursuing a PhD in engineering, is probably not the smartest thing I've ever done.

Charles F. Vaughan

Dr. Carruthers,

I hope this finds you well.

I am a third grade teacher at Conlee Elementary School in Las Cruces. Today we had the *great* pleasure to take our students on a field trip to NMSU's STEM Lab, Arthropod Museum, and one of the Chemistry Labs. I cannot tell you what an AMAZING field trip we had. As an alumni I remember seeing students on a field trip to the campus, but I never realized just how much the campus had to offer to students. It was evident when I saw my 26 students completely engaged in what they were learning begging to stay inside the Chemistry Lab so they could see dry ice sublimate and watch gummy bears explode versus going outside to play. As teachers we can only do so much in the classroom and allowing them to go onto the NMSU campus to visit these facilities, explore higher education, and see what opportunities they may want to explore taught them so much more than I could have ever done in the classroom. I wanted to thank you for providing such an amazing field trip opportunity -- NMSU is a hidden gem to our community and to our students. Seeing what I saw today makes me extremely proud to be an Aggie!

Thank you,
Caitlin Pfeifer