Welcome to the New Mexico State University at Carlsbad campus. I am extremely pleased that you are devoting your time and energy to researching the college’s diversified events and programs. All of the NMSU Carlsbad staff is very proud of our college and we would relish the opportunity to have you join the college as a student or as an employee. As you peruse the information in the catalog, please be sure to pay particular attention to the variety and quality of associate degree and certificates offered at the college. NMSU Carlsbad has experienced continued growth over the past few semesters and the college plans to continue that growth by increasing course offerings and expanding dual credit, academic, and vocational programs.

NMSU Carlsbad was among the first community colleges in New Mexico, established in 1950 as the Carlsbad Instructional Center. In 1953 NMSU Carlsbad became a part of the NMSU system, which was at the time known as the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. Since that date, NMSU Carlsbad has increased in size, currently serving more than 2,000 students throughout Eddy County and employing approximately 105 full-time and 60 part-time employees.

NMSU Carlsbad is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and was one of the first institutions to be admitted to the HLC's Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) which is a unique accreditation approach focused on continuous quality improvement. Due to our commitment to quality and continuing improvement, NMSU Carlsbad has been recognized on three separate occasions by Quality New Mexico and the college has been recognized for the past three years as a Top College and University in New Mexico.

NMSU Carlsbad’s vision is to become “a diverse and community-centered institution dedicated to excellence and student success through transformative discovery.” The college will strive to accomplish this vision by focusing on our mission which is “to provide students the resources necessary for them to fulfill their educational potential so that they may help meet the needs of their community as well-trained, well-educated, and productive citizens.”

In order to accomplish this mission, quality must be stressed in all college operations and services. As a comprehensive community college, we strive to meet the needs of all of our service area constituents by providing a broad spectrum of resources including academic and vocational training, dual credit programs of study, non-credit continuing education training, workforce development and contract training, small business development assistance, and online learning programs. The college is committed to providing these opportunities which are vital to the success of Eddy County and southeastern New Mexico.

Thank you for visiting and please feel free to contact our HR Department at (575) 234 – 9208 or one of our Counseling and Student Development staff at (575) 234 – 9337 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

John Gratton

President