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Dear Graduating Class of 2019:

I am honored to congratulate you on your graduation from New Mexico State University – Alamogordo (NMSU-A). I know your friends, family, and the greater NMSU-A community share my confidence that tonight is not just an ending to applaud, but a new beginning.

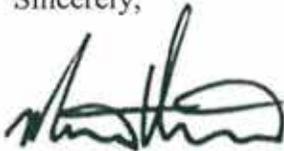
You represent the diversity and perseverance of New Mexico ingrained in our history. You come from all stages of life and career to walk this stage and receive diplomas this evening. Some of you may be the first in your family to attend college. You brought various interests and talents - as well as dreams, hardships, and accomplishments - to the campus and the classroom during your time at NMSU-A. You are unique individuals, firm in the belief that despite your different paths, you forged a common experience here that you will cherish for a lifetime.

In this ever-changing world, what you have accomplished and learned here is all the more important. Our country needs your leadership, your perspective, and compassion. We need your perseverance and unique skills. We need you to engage in your community and to explore what lies beyond. I encourage you to consider the meaningful calling that is service to others and to use your education in a way that inspires and changes people's lives for the better.

At NMSU-A, you worked hard and demonstrated the character and determination necessary for success. I am confident that you are ready and capable of taking on the challenges and opportunities before you. Again, congratulations.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of President Van Winkle and NMSU-A faculty and staff for their efforts to build a strong foundation for your continued achievement. I pledge to keep working hard in Washington to ensure that our educational institutions have the tools they need to prepare the workforce of today and tomorrow, and that all students have the support they need to succeed.

Sincerely,



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