

DATE: May 18, 2022
TO: New Mexico Junior College
FROM: Pat Chappelle, Chair, Board of Directors
RE: Announcement of New Mexico Junior College's Next President

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors has asked Dr. Derek Moore to assume the position of President of New Mexico Junior College. His first day in office is expected to be July 1, 2022. We welcome Dr. Moore's leadership as we enter the next chapter of New Mexico Junior College's history.

Derek Moore, Ed.D., is currently Vice President for Student Services at South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado, AR. He previously served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success at Arkansas State University Mid-South in West Memphis, AR. Dr. Moore earned a Doctor of Education in Community College Leadership from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD; a Master of Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in Little Rock, AR; and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in Pine Bluff, AR.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the entire College community for your participation at the recent presidential forums. Everyone's input was reviewed and greatly valued by the Board. Everyone's collaborative and concerted work truly enriched the search process. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Presidential Search Committee for their time, dedication, and thoughtful work on behalf of New Mexico Junior College.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve McCleery, Ed.D., NMJC Interim President and Search Consultant, smccleery@nmjc.edu.