



From the Office of the President

Friday, February 2, 2018

Greetings,

It is a bittersweet moment that I am writing to announce my Executive Assistant, Lala Trujillo-Garcia, who we all know affectionately as "Lala," is retiring after nine years of service at NMT and a combined total of 35 years in government service.

We will all miss Lala and the combination of professionalism and warmth she brought to the Office of the President during her time at Tech. I will always be grateful for her expertise and professionalism, both of which played a critical role in my transition to this office.

"My experience at NMT has been a most rewarding time in working with so many people who are talented and committed to the work they do." Lala said. "I am so impressed with our student population because of their continuing quest for knowledge and that they are eager to contribute to the industry they are studying. I am proud to have been a part of an administration that has an open door policy and we have always been able to address student's needs."

After a national search, I am very pleased to announce that I have hired Nancy Wagner to succeed Lala, as the Chief Executive Assistant to the President and Special Assistant to the Board of Regents. Nancy will only be the third person to serve as an Executive Assistant to President preceded by Lala Trujillo-Garcia (9 years of service) and Lucy Chavez (43 years of service). Nancy will start on Monday, February 12, and Lala will assist with Nancy with the transition before completing her tenure at Tech.

Nancy comes to New Mexico Tech from Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, where she has worked as the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs since 2010. Nancy is an alumna and former employee of New Mexico Tech who has over 10 years of executive-level administrative experience.

Please welcome Nancy Wagoner back to Tech and give our best wishes to Lala in her retirement.

Best regards,

Dr. Stephen G. Wells
New Mexico Tech President