Hello, my name is Dick Howell and I’m the Dean in the College of Education at the University of New Mexico.

I want to welcome all of you to our website and to our College here in the Southwest. As the flagship institution of New Mexico, we take the responsibilities of being the only research intensive institution in the state very seriously – as evidenced by our world class researchers throughout the 38 different degree programs in the college. As a comprehensive college of education, we have an enormous range of offerings for you to explore, including such things as Sports Administration, Nutrition, Exercise Sciences and Educational Psychology. These are in addition to all of our teacher, counselor and administrator preparation programs in areas such as educational leadership, bilingual education, special education and of course, elementary and secondary education. They all make for an exciting and stimulating place to live and work, and we hope you will take the time to investigate the many different offerings of our College.

As you consider a career in education, you can’t help but notice the increased emphasis on accountability and responsibility that is sweeping the nation in both public and higher education. We at UNM, embrace this change and are playing our own part in ensuring that we have the highest quality assessment
systems that include career portfolios, intensive mentoring and tutoring, as well as the latest technological innovations to support teaching and learning. We are at the table in every state and federal discussion of the future of teacher education and the path of all education professions, endeavoring to shape that discussion for the benefit of our students, and students throughout the schools.

It is an exciting and very challenging time to become a professional educator – there is no other job as important in the United States. For each of us holds the future in our hands and the shape of that future is ours to mold. I urge you to delve deeply into the various programs and offerings of our college, to contact us if you have questions – and to become engaged in the greatest challenge of our times. Help us to continue the progress of the American Dream with a new and emerging American majority. It is our challenge and we hope it will soon become your challenge.

Thank you