



## From the Office of the President

*Thursday, November 30, 2017*

Greetings NMT employees and students,

I'm excited to introduce a new event at New Mexico Tech, one that I hope will take root and become a tradition over the years to come. In an effort to usher in the holiday season and some cheer as the semester ends, we are hosting Tech's "Jingle & Mingle" by kicking off the evening at Torres Hall next Wednesday, Dec. 6, starting at 5:30 p.m. We'll be caroling through the dorms, labs, the library, and Speare Hall. This will be followed by the inaugural "Lighting of the Trees," where we'll meet up at the evergreen trees behind (west of) Wells Hall for a holiday tree-lighting ceremony. Students, please take a break from your studies and join us for some holiday cheer.

There are a couple of other activities I encourage you to attend as the holiday season gets rolling. I hope you can find some time during this hectic end-of-semester period to enjoy the some other fun events happening on campus and in town.

In conjunction with the City of Socorro's Holiday Electric Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, New Mexico Tech and the city are hosting hayrides from Socorro City Plaza to Brown Hall. The Holiday Electric Light Parade will start at 6 p.m., proceeding from Zimmerly Elementary School to the city plaza. The hayrides will conclude with hot cocoa and other snacks. These hayrides are benefitting a toy drive taking place to support Toys for Tots of Socorro County. Participants are encouraged to donate a toy (or money).

For those of you who stay in Socorro after the semester is over, New Mexico Tech is sponsoring the annual Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Fidel Center. Faculty, staff, and students, as well as their families, are welcome to attend. This year's theme is "ugly sweaters." We'll be providing a full holiday dinner, along with door prizes, pictures with Santa, "Santa's Workshop," hayrides, a teen party in the game room, and much more. The grand prizes will be big screen TVs.

We work hard here at New Mexico Tech, and it's important to me and my administration that, as a community, we take opportunities when we can to join in some fun, celebrate the holidays, and enjoy each other's company.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen G. Wells  
President, New Mexico Tech