



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 8, 2022

Dear Lumberjacks,

I hope that all of you—our faculty and staff—have had an opportunity this summer to rest, reflect, and refresh in preparation for what I know will be a great academic year ahead. In my own reflections, I want you to know that I am honored and humbled to have such a dedicated team, committed to equitable postsecondary value. You made my first year at NAU a most memorable one, and I thank you, one and all!

Together, we have achieved so much and have reason to celebrate the foundation on which we will build this year. We collectively crafted a bold new strategic vision in **NAU 2025 – Elevating Excellence**; launched transformative initiatives that focus on access and success, like **Access2Excellence** and the **Admissions Pilot**; doubled down on our commitment to the people who dedicate themselves to NAU through the **New NAU Workplace** and other **initiatives** and **investments** in our people; and worked **collaboratively** to make our NAU community a home for our students and ourselves of which we can all be proud.

It is no surprise, then, that our work has been recognized by a broad community of supporters—internal and external—as demonstrated by **unprecedented investments from ABOR and the NAU Foundation**, a state budget that puts us on firm footing for the year ahead, and **record philanthropic support** that highlights the clarity and impact of our vision.

As we set the stage to welcome our students back and engage in another bold and ambitious agenda for academic year 2022-23, it is timely and important to come together as a community of faculty and staff for a university convocation that reviews what we have achieved and paves the vision for the road ahead.

It is my pleasure to invite you to join me at 8:30 a.m on Monday, August 22—at High Country Conference Center or via live stream—for a celebratory gathering and university address, my inaugural **University Convocation**.

Please see the invitation below, and I hope to see you in two weeks to kick off a bold and boundless academic year.

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

President José Luis Cruz Rivera

invites you to the inaugural

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

to welcome the 2022–23 academic year.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

8:30 a.m.



High Country Conference Center
201 W. Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001



RSVP by Wednesday, August 17 to
nau.edu/FallConvocation or 928-523-3672.

If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please call 928-523-3672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Luis Cruz Rivera".

José Luis Cruz Rivera
President



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