



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 9, 2021

Dear Lumberjacks,

We are just two weeks from the start of classes at NAU. I am excited to welcome our Jacks back and look forward to a rich and vibrant academic year ahead. I cannot wait to see our campus alive with faculty, staff, and students engaged in the important work of learning and advancing knowledge.

As this milestone for our university and our broader community approaches quickly, **the state of COVID-19 has continued to occupy my thoughts**—as I am sure it has for many. As I shared last week, in these circumstances, providing more information is crucial to help us make informed decisions and boldly take on the semester ahead. With this context in mind, I write today to invite the NAU community to join a virtual Town Hall at **3 p.m. Wednesday, August 11**, for another important opportunity to share information and answer your questions as we near the start of the fall semester.

TGen North director Dr. David Engelthaler and the medical director of infectious diseases at Northern Arizona Healthcare Dr. Joel Terriquez will join me for the live event. They will share information on public health and the current science around the virus, local health and safety updates, the latest knowledge behind the best ways to protect each other and ourselves, and answer questions.

Please submit questions or feedback via our online form in advance. We want to hear from you and will aim to address as many questions as possible.

The Town Hall will be broadcast as a live Zoom webinar, livestreamed to YouTube, and recorded and posted online. A link will be shared Wednesday morning to join.

I look forward to your participation and engagement as we share this important information to educate and encourage our NAU community to prepare for a vibrant Fall 2021 semester.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "José Luis Cruz Rivera".

José Luis Cruz Rivera
President