

**Beverlee J. McClure**  
**March 15, 2018**

Trustees:

In 2015, I accepted the position as president of Adams State University as I believed in the core purpose of the university and was committed to working with underserved populations. I leave this position with the same belief and with the same commitment.

I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved since 2015. We remediated the issues that placed the University on probation, resulting in the excellent report by the HLC Visiting Team that recommends the reversal of our probationary status. We worked to position the University to be a key player in economic and community development. The Value Added Ag sector partnership resulted in a joint agriculture degree with Colorado State University and a farm bill complaint Industrial Hemp project are two of many examples of the positive impact the University has had on the San Luis Valley.

And though the probationary status has hindered us from achieving our enrollment goals, we led the state in the closing of the attainment gap between our Hispanic and white students. Proof that in spite of obstacles, we remained committed to our core purpose.

None of us could have fully predicted the negative fiscal impact that the loss of cash generated by open enrollment courses would cost us. That said, the plan of action for closing the \$800K gap was presented to you by the deadline. Additionally, the plan of action for the coming years is following the process set—a fulfillment of the commitment to honor our shared governance. As president, I believed that following the process versus reaching around and reaching through departments to make cuts took more fortitude and was more in line with my personal value system. That said, I still believe that Adams State must continue to seek diversified revenue streams and not depend entirely on cutting expenses.

The board composition and leadership has changed from that of the board who hired me. I believe this current board is poised to make courageous decisions about the future of Adams State University and to build on the many successes since 2015. I wish Adams State University and the San Luis Valley the very best.

I respectfully submit my resignation effective March 31, 2018.

Sincerely,  
  
Dr. Beverlee J. McClure