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November Report Out

Purpose of Report Out: Inform HEST Faculty and Staff of details from the HEST Advisory Committee Meetings

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Happy holidays everyone! While the Dean's Search is progressing smoothly, we are grateful for the opportunity to share the work of the HEST Advisory Committee. This community report-out summarizes our work during our October 20th, November 3rd and 17th meetings, where we galvanized around providing a series of roundtable dialogues addressing data-driven issues most impactful in our State.

These dialogues are intended to bring topic-specific experts together with faculty, students and communities to have a conversation about ways in which our interdisciplinary College can collaborate with others to positively impact New Mexico and promote social justice. The three dialogues we are planning for Spring include:

1. **Critical Workforce Shortages in Education and Health.** In New Mexico, critical workforce shortages in front-line professions, such as education, nursing, social work and public health, are prevalent. This dialogue will provide space to explore root causes of these shortages and ways we can address them.
2. **Racial and Economic Disparities in the Borderland.** During the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and racism, this dialogue seeks to address oppression and its impact on communities across New Mexico and the roles HEST can play in promoting social justice and equity.
3. **Health Disparities in the Borderland.** Well-evidenced are health and behavioral health disparities impacting immigrants and their families. This conversation will also engage first-generation college attendees. The intent for this roundtable discussion is to center the work being done to eliminate these disparities while also exploring innovative methods through intentional collaboration.

We hope these roundtable convenings will offer space for broad stakeholder voice to guide our work in the coming years! We want to hear your thoughts, so please don't hesitate to send us your feedback.

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