To my fellow students,

 As Student Body President, it is with incredible honor that I can welcome you to Northern Arizona University and I do so with open arms and in hopes that you are doing well. Whether you are an incoming or returning student I commend you for forging ahead in times as crazy as ours. NAU is an institution dedicated to having outstanding educational opportunities and an atmosphere conductive to your own individuality and development. The path you’ve set out on is your own and when I came here I knew the university would push me to be the best I could be, so strive to carve out the path that is best for yourself. I assure you the administration is working around the clock to ensure a safe learning space and to maintain the fact that NAU is such a wonderful place to meet great people and create new memories that you will truly cherish forever. I want to thank you personally for choosing to pursue your education in the face of adversity.

 NAU offers the diversity needed for a well-rounded education. We are proud of NAU’s reputation for quality instruction and personalized learning atmospheres. We strive to be understanding of different cultures so that we may be more prepared as we venture into the world. Make sure to take advantage of the learning experiences offered outside of the classroom. When I arrived as a freshman I fell in love with the beautiful campus and the welcoming nature of its people and I encourage you to explore the gems of Northern Arizona.

 The opportunities to get involved on campus are endless. NAU has over 400 recognized clubs and organizations specializing in academic, cultural, service, and social backgrounds. My personal advice to every Lumberjack is to find your own way of making a difference by getting involved on campus. Actively participating in an extracurricular interest will open your mind to new and different experiences that are worth exploring and only make the university we attend even better.

 As an enrolled undergraduate student at NAU, you are a constituent of the Associated Students of NAU (ASNAU). ASNAU is the undergraduate student government that is funded by a ‘23’ fee to provide meaningful services and recourse. You are entitled to take advantage of the many services and resources that include free legal counsel, free notary service, funding through reimbursement, free advertising, and much more throughout the year. I encourage you to utilize the ASNAU services and resources that are available to you.

 One of ASNAU’s main responsibilities is to represent and advocate for the voice of the student body and its concerns to the university administration, Flagstaff community, and various Arizona governing bodies. My personal mission is to put students first in my decision making. However, the only way that we can advocate for students and influence administrative decisions is by hearing your concerns regarding all aspects of student life. Therefore, I encourage you to bring your concerns and ideas to your student government. Don’t be afraid to stand up for what you believe in and exercise your rights. The ASNAU office is located in Room 203 in the Student Union and the telephone number is 928-523-4971. You can also find us online at <https://in.nau.edu/dean-of-students/asnau/>. Your voice is important and valued so make your voice count! I look forward to hearing from you.

 Welcome to NAU and best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Joe Carter

ASNAU Student Body President