Rance C. Miles, ’80

Rance C. Miles, a native of Hagerman, New Mexico, earned his way through college by working 20 hours per week as a livestock feeder at the NMSU campus farm for just $2.75 an hour.

Today, he leads Select Milk Producers, Inc. as the chief financial officer and chief operating officer. After graduating from NMSU in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree, Miles embarked on a two-decade career in banking and finance. His banking career led him to meet two partners who eventually decided to start the company from scratch.

Now, with multiple manufacturing sites and more than $2 billion in annual revenue, Select Milk Producers, Inc. is one of the nation’s leading cooperatives made up of dairy farmers committed to high-quality milk and animal care and comfort.

Miles credits his time at NMSU for laying the foundation he needed to succeed. In return, he supports current Aggie students by speaking on campus and supporting scholarships, including the Aggie Finish Line Scholarship that provides the financial means needed to help students in their final semesters at NMSU.

Miles is the son of Warren and Juhree Miles of Hagerman. He currently lives with his wife Deanna in Dallas, Texas. He has two children – a daughter, Erin Miles Field, who lives in Dripping Springs, Texas, with her husband Storm Field and daughter Hadley, as well as a son, Trevor Miles, who resides in Dallas.

“It is only after you graduate and get well into your professional life that you realize and appreciate the value and significance of your NMSU college education. It will stack up against any other college in the U.S., and it will open many doors and carry you far.”

~ Rance C. Miles