Welcome from UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences J. Lyle Bootman, PhD:

Please enjoy this first edition of the Arizona Health Sciences Center News, a monthly e-newsletter that will feature accomplishments, events, honors and milestones at the University of Arizona’s health colleges, centers and programs. As you see, the combined accomplishments and activities of the various units at AHSC are impressive.

I truly believe AHSC’s greatest asset is its dedicated faculty, staff and students – the individuals working diligently to advance health education, research and patient care throughout our state and beyond. In that vein, I feel it is important that we recognize the diverse activities of the many individuals who comprise AHSC.

While we don’t wear rose-colored glasses about our challenges, AHSC continues to make strides, in Tucson, Phoenix and statewide. We look forward to sharing significant news in this and in future editions of the newsletter.

ABOR Approves Construction of UA Cancer Center Facility in Phoenix
The Arizona Board of Regents has approved plans for construction of a new University of Arizona Cancer Center facility on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. The project will support the recent affiliation of The University of Arizona Cancer Center with St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center/CHW (St. Joseph’s).

**Portable Device to Aid Lung Function in Phase II Trials**

What do cystic fibrosis patients and racehorses have in common? They both need to have optimal lung function.

A team of staff and students from the UAHSC has taken a cue from a device that aids racehorses and is studying its use in patients.

**Public Health Students Shine in Environmental Research Blitz**

**Tucson Sculptor Honors Parkinson’s Researcher**

**New Partnership To Bring Integrative Primary Care to Maricopa County**

The new Phoenix Integrative Primary Care Clinic, part of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, is scheduled to open in July 2012, the result of a partnership between the UA Center for Integrative Medicine at the College of Medicine – Tucson and Maricopa County.
“Excalibur,” a carved representation of the legendary sword in the stone, has been installed in the lobby of the Medical Research Building, honoring the work of Dr. Scott Sherman at the Parkinson’s Research Laboratory.

First Place in the 2011 Environmental Grad Research Blitz, sponsored by the UA’s Institute of the Environment, went to UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health graduate student Anastasia Sugeng for her study of pesticide exposure and farm families in Yuma, Ariz. Fellow graduate student Vivien Lee was awarded an Honorable Mention for her research on a parasitic disease.

El Tour Full of Thrills (and Some Spills) for AHSC Employees

Every year, El Tour de Tucson draws thousands of cyclists from across the nation and the globe to traverse the Old Pueblo on two wheels. The Arizona Health Sciences Center was well represented in this year’s race, sponsored by The University of Arizona Medical Center.

College of Nursing Pioneer Class Presents a Picture Perfect Gift

The first graduates of the UA College of Nursing celebrated their 50th anniversary at Homecoming 2011. The Pioneer Class of 1961 chose to present the College with a class gift that not only honors alumni from their class but also every class that followed.