January 2013

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 14
10-11 a.m.
Tucson Community Stroke Support Group

Monday, Jan. 14
Noon-1 p.m.
College of Nursing Research Seminar
Coming to our Senses: Harnessing the Mind-Body Connection to Enhance Behavioral and Pharmacologic Interventions for Major Depression

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Dr. Merri Pendergrass Appointed Director of the Diabetes Program at UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Merri Pendergrass, MD, PhD, has been appointed director of the Diabetes Program at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson.

Dr. Pendergrass also has joined the faculty of the UA Department of Medicine as a professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology.

Remembering Jan. 8, 2011

The University of Arizona participated in a community-wide bell ringing at 10:10 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 8, to honor the victims of the tragic shooting at the meet-your-congresswoman event held by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild rang the bell at the UA Student Union Memorial Center one time for each of the six people killed and 13 wounded in the attack.
GME Office Awards Fall 2012 Resident Scholarships

Seven resident-physicians in the Graduate Medical Education program at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson have been awarded the fall 2012 Resident Excellence and Leadership scholarships through the GME office. The scholarships are designed to promote the academic careers of residents who have a proven track record of excellence and have demonstrated potential in becoming future leaders. “Developing the next generation of academic leaders for our community, state and nation is one of the missions of this institution” says Conrad Clemens, MD, associate dean for graduate medical education.

UA College of Nursing Ranked No. 11 as Most Social Media Friendly

The UA College of Nursing has been ranked as the 11th most social media friendly nursing school by Nursing-School.com.

Oro Valley Team Uses Technology To Speed Drug Discovery

Medicinal chemists face a multitude of hurdles trying to discover new and effective therapeutics for the treatment of disease. A team of of College of Pharmacy researchers at the UA’s BIOS Oro Valley facility is attempting to address these “speed bumps” along the path from “bench to bedside,” by
A study by public health researchers at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health finds a high rate of vaccination exemptions in Arizona Charter Schools. The research, Correlates of High Vaccination Exemption Rates Among Kindergartens, was published online in the journal Vaccine.

Interprofessional Primary-Care Practice Established by $1.48M HRSA Grant

The UA College of Nursing has been awarded $1.48 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to establish an interprofessional primary-care practice at the The University of Arizona.
Medical Center – South Campus.

**UA Researcher to Study Cancer Outcomes Among Underserved Populations**

UA postdoctoral research fellow Tomas Nuño, PhD, has been awarded a $325,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities to study cancer outcomes among underserved populations.

Gholam A. Peyman, MD, a faculty member at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, was named by President Obama as one of the 12 eminent researcher recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. Dr. Peyman is also a professor of optical sciences and engineering at the UA.

**Campus Collaboration to Benefit College of Medicine – Tucson**

Cross-college collaboration is working to the University of Arizona’s benefit. To honor scholarship and endowed chair donors, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, in partnership with the UA College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture (CAPLA), have solidified and constructed a new donor recognition wall.