Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

The Arizona Health Sciences Center e-Newsletter seeks to keep faculty, staff and students apprised of the major accomplishments, advancements and special events taking place at our bustling academic health center. In this forum, we will draw attention to some of our most significant achievements and our progress toward reaching the goals set out in the UA “Never Settle” strategic plan.

In this edition, you will learn about some major recent appointments, several examples of exciting health sciences research projects, as well as a selection from the numerous honors and awards of our faculty and staff.

As I’ve said many times, the Arizona Health Sciences Center is poised to reach remarkable heights, I thank you for your support and hard work and hope you enjoy this and future e-newsletter updates.

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, PharmB, who is internationally recognized in genomics and predictive biology, environmental and molecular

The AHSC VETS Center will host a grand opening, at its new location in the Arizona Health Sciences Library on Thursday, April 10, 4 to 5 p.m.
520-626-3265

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VETS Center Grand Opening
Arizona Health Sciences Center

Saturday, April 12
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Living Healthy with Arthritis
Tai Chi for Arthritis

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

Friday, April 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Second Annual Interprofessional Rural Health Professions Conference

Thursday, April 24
2:30-5 p.m.
Brain Mapping Symposium

Friday, April 25
10-11 a.m. iVida! Lay Audience – Spanish
Noon-1 p.m. iVida! Lay Audience – English
Breathe Well- Feel Better!
RSVP: Bettina Hofacre
520-626-3265

Noon-1 p.m.
Diversity Seminar Series

Every Friday in April
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
UAMC Farmer’s Market
AHSC Plaza

Dr. Reel Appointed Associate Vice President

Sally Reel, PhD, RN, FNP, BC, FAAN, FAANP, associate dean for academic practice, university distinguished outreach professor and clinical professor at the UA College of Nursing, has been appointed associate vice president for health sciences interprofessional education, collaboration and community engagement.

UA Researchers Awarded Collaborative Flinn Foundation Grant

University of Arizona researchers have been awarded a $200,000, two-year seed grant by the Flinn Foundation through its Promoting Translational Research in Precision Medicine grants program to define the pulmonary virome and the role of Cytomegalovirus persistence in the lung.

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The UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health has partnered with the American Lung Association in Arizona and the Tucson Unified School District to implement a school-based asthma program in selected elementary schools.

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Two UA College of Pharmacy faculty members have been awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health of $1.7 million over five years to investigate arsenic exposure and its biochemical effects on the body.

Rita Ellsworth Appointed BioCommunications Director

Rita Ellsworth, MS, who has more than 28 years of medicine and toxicology, has been appointed associate vice president for precision health sciences at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

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Arizona Health Sciences
Center.

caregivers to communicate with
on-call hospice nurses in urgent
situations.

AHSC Research Grant Awards
for March

Find a monthly listing of of
Arizona Health Sciences Center
grant awards here.