Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

With the beginning of the fall semester, not only do we welcome our new and returning students to AHSC, we also welcome a new head of the Department of Medicine at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson: Dr. Monica Kraft, and the new director of the new Division of Population Genetics: Dr. Rick Kittles.

We are pleased to share outcomes from an AHSC study that shows a new system in designated Cardiac Receiving Centers dramatically increased the survival rate of victims of sudden cardiac arrest in Arizona.

In this edition, you also will learn about an exciting health sciences research award that will study how Latinos living in border communities can avoid or counter the risks for chronic illnesses. Read how we are rapidly moving forward with our continued commitment to better support faculty research, as well as a selection from the numerous honors and awards of our faculty members.

As you can tell, this is an exciting time for the Arizona Health Sciences Center. I hope you
Noon-1 p.m.  
The Donald K. Buffmire Visiting Lectureship in Medicine  
UA College of Medicine – Tucson

5:30-7 p.m.  
Mini-Medical School 2.0 – Shift in Health Care Toward Personalized Medicine  
UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

6-7:15 p.m.  
Outcomes and Evidence on Joint Replacement Surgery  
Living Healthy with Arthritis, Tucson Lecture Series

Thursday, Sept. 4  
4 p.m.  
Town Hall with Dr. Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia

5-7 p.m.  
The Donald K. Buffmire Visiting Lectureship in Medicine  
UA College of Medicine – Phoenix

Friday, Sept. 5  
6:30 a.m.  
3rd Annual Golf Tournament  
UA College of Medicine

will join me and learn more about AHSC’s progress and bright future at the upcoming Town Hall on Sept. 4.

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD  
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences  
Interim Dean, UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Watch Out for Bites from 'Invisible' Snakes  
The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center urges anyone who feels a mysterious "sting," "pinch" or "bite" while outdoors, especially on an arm or a leg, to immediately call the center at 1-800-222-1222.

New System in Arizona Improves Survival from Cardiac Arrest  
A new system that sent patients to designated Cardiac Receiving Centers dramatically increased the survival rate of victims of sudden cardiac arrest in Arizona.

Dr. Monica Kraft Appointed Chair of Department of Medicine  
Monica Kraft, MD, an internationally renowned physician-scientist who specializes in translational asthma research, has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.

CDC Awards $4 Million to Arizona Prevention Research Center  
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded $4 million to the Arizona Prevention Research
Phoenix
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Women’s Health Research Symposium on Sex and Gender Differences

Monday, Sept. 8
10-11 a.m.
Tucson Community Stroke Support Group

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Noon-1 p.m.
From Person to Place and Beyond: Achieving Equity through Population Health

Thursday, Sept. 11
10-11 a.m.
Green Valley Stroke Support Group

Friday, Sept. 19
Early dinner entry registration, 14th annual Jim Himelic Memorial Golf and Dinner Classic

Friday, Sept. 26
Spanish: 10-11 am
English: noon-1 pm
YOGA for Mood Management

Every Friday
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

... according to a new study.

Dr. Koithan Selected for Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing

Mary S. Koithan, PhD, RN, associate professor and associate dean for professional and community engagement at the UA College of Nursing, has been selected for fellowship in the prestigious American Academy of Nursing.

AHSC and UA College of Medicine – Tucson Research Offices Combine

In response to the recommendations of the AHSC advisory councils to bolster support for faculty research efforts, the UA College of Medicine – Tucson Research Office has combined with the new AHSC Research Center at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health to study how people and their communities can avoid or counter the risks for chronic illnesses.

Dean Shaver Inducted into International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Joan Shaver, PhD, RN, professor and dean at the UA College of Nursing, was inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame during the 25th International Nursing Research Congress in Hong Kong.

Dr. Kittles Appointed Director of New Division of Population Genetics

Rick Kittles, PhD, a national leader on cancer health disparities and the role of genes and environment in disease, and a pioneer in DNA...
AHSC July Research Grant Awards

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

testing to trace the ancestry of African Americans, has been appointed director of the new Division of Population Genetics, part of the new Center for Applied Genetics at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.