Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

It is my pleasure to provide you with a copy of the 2014 Annual Report for the Arizona Health Sciences Center. With the completion of my first year as Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, I remain inspired by the tremendous depth and breadth of the scholarly activities and scientific discovery taking place across the health sciences colleges. I am pleased to share with you some highlights of our accomplishments and their impact as presented in this report.

In this edition, you also will learn about AHSC’s economic impact in Phoenix, a major appointment to support diversity, examples of exciting health sciences research projects, as well as honors, awards and recent AHSC research grants.

As the New Year approaches, I want to thank you for your service to our educational and research missions. My particular gratitude goes to those who volunteered to serve on the
various committees, task forces, work groups and advisory councils over this past year as we worked aggressively to enhance AHSC’s research enterprise and other endeavors.

Wishing you happy holidays and a joyful New Year!

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UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
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Dr. Moreno Named AHSC Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
Francisco A. Moreno, MD, professor of psychiatry at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, whose leadership has been instrumental as the deputy dean of diversity and inclusion at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, has been named assistant vice president for diversity and inclusion at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

Economic Impact of Downtown Phoenix UA Campus Hits $961 Million
UA President Ann Weaver Hart and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton announced that the economic impact of the UA’s downtown Phoenix academic health center in 2013 was $961 million, according to a report released by nationally recognized consultants Tripp Umbach.

AHSC Awarded Grant to Reduce Health Disparities
**$3.6 million HRSA Grant to Improve the Nation's Public Health System**

The UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health has received a $3.6 million, four-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a consortium of public health training centers called the Western Region Public Health Training Center.

**‘Tis A Season that Includes Poisonings, Center Warns**

The holiday song proclaims, “you better watch out” as the day of Santa’s arrival approaches but there are more reasons than Santa to be watchful during the winter holidays, say the experts at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

**Dr. Taylor-Piliae Receives AHA 2014 Stroke Article of the Year Award**

Ruth E. Taylor-Piliae, PhD, RN, FAHA, associate professor with the UA College of Nursing, has received the 2014 Stroke Article of the Year Award from the American Heart Association Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing.

**UAMC Designated ‘Infectious Disease Treatment Center of Excellence’**

Looking to create a nationwide model for the development of underrepresented researchers in the biomedical sciences, the Arizona Health Sciences Center has been awarded a $1.25 million National Institutes of Health grant to recruit, train and retain physician-scientists committed to academia.
The UA Medical Center has accepted a request by the Arizona Department of Health Services to become the state’s second Infectious Disease Treatment Center of Excellence, making it Southern Arizona’s designated hospital for the treatment of emerging infectious diseases such as Ebola.