Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

After well over a year of complex but highly productive discussions and negotiations, the University of Arizona and Banner Health finalized the terms of a 30-year academic affiliation agreement. We eagerly anticipate the realization of numerous opportunities for AHSC. Please read more about this momentous partnership [here](#).

Please join me in congratulating Charles B. Cairns, MD, on his new role as interim dean for the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, as well as the appointment of Anthony “Tony” DeFrancesco as senior director of operations for AHSC.

In this edition, you also will learn about a new faculty fellowship program, exciting health sciences research projects and events, as well as honors and recent AHSC research grants.

We enter a new era with the closure of the
Wednesday, March 4
5-7:30 pm
Donald K. Buffmire
Visiting Lectureship
Phoenix

Wednesday, March 4
6-7:15 p.m.
Living Healthly with Arthritis
Osteoarthritis Under the Microscope

Friday, March 6
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Career Development Symposium

Sunday, March 8
8 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Senior and Caregiver Health Fair

Monday, March 9
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Telemedicine Applications Training

Monday, March 9
10-11 a.m.
Tucson Community Stroke Support Group

Wednesday, March 11
5:30-7 p.m.
Mini-Medical School 2.0

 UA/Banner agreement on Feb. 27, this historic agreement launching the Banner – University Medicine Division. It would not have been possible without the tremendous effort and support of a great many people. I want to acknowledge the UA Offices of General Counsel, Research & Discovery, Tech Launch Arizona, Human Resources, Business Affairs and University Relations. Leadership and staff from each of these units were critical to completion of the agreement and their time commitment and support is greatly appreciated.

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

Dr. Cairns Promoted to Interim Dean of UA College of Medicine – Tucson

Charles B. Cairns, MD, FACEP, FAHA, who has served as vice dean of the UA College of Medicine – Tucson since September, has been promoted to interim dean of the college.

UA Arthritis Center Receives $6.1 Million 5-Year NIH Grant

Researchers at the UA Arthritis Center at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson are working to identify treatments to slow the progression of osteoarthritis, supported by a recent $6.1 million, five-year grant from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases of the National Institutes of Health.

Science Draws Big Crowds to UA Phoenix
Green Valley Stroke Support Group
Saturday, March 14
8 a.m.-noon
2015 Interprofessional Diabetes Updates Conference
Saturday, March 14
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Living Healthy With Arthritis/Canyon Ranch Active Series
Wednesday, March 18
10-11:45 a.m.
Brain Matters in Neurology
Thursday, March 19
10-11 a.m.
Green Valley Lecture Series
Friday, March 20
10-11:30 a.m.
Class of 2015 Match Day
UA College of Medicine – Tucson
Friday, March 20
10-11:30
Class of 2015 Match Day
UA College of Medicine – Phoenix
Friday, March 20

More than 2,000 adults and children crowded the downtown Phoenix campus for its first annual Connect2STEM event.

Iman A. Hakim, MD, PhD, MPH, dean of the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been appointed to the governing board of the Council on Education for Public Health by the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

The UA Medical Center’s adult diabetes education program was recognized by the American Diabetes Association for the UA College of Medicine Diabetes Program Recognized by ADA

Through the generous support of a three-year grant from the David and Lura Lovell Foundation, nurse leaders at the UA College of Nursing are establishing the Integrative Nursing Faculty Fellowship program.

The development of dementia following a stroke may be due to chronic inflammation in the brain that could be treated with a medication used for rheumatoid arthritis and some cancers, according to a study published in the Journal of Neuroscience.
Noon
The Five W’s of Elder Abuse: Who, What, When, Where and Why

Monday, March 23
6-8 p.m.
Arizona Public Media Screening

Wednesday, March 25
Noon-12:30 p.m.
Walk With Campus Leaders
Theodore Tong, PharmD

Tuesday, March 31
Noon-1 p.m.
Cindy Wool Memorial Seminar on Humanism in Medicine

Every Friday in March
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Farmers’ Market

program, based in the Abrams Public Health Center adjacent to UAMC - South Campus, recently received recognition by the Education Recognition Program of the American Diabetes Association.

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Pick Your Poison Conference Set for April 10-11

“Pick Your Poison: Current Trends in Toxicology” will be held April 10 and 11 by the Center for Toxicology and Pharmacology Education and Research, in collaboration with Banner Health.

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AHSC January Research Grant Awards

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

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Senior Director of Operations Appointed

Health-care executive Anthony “Tony” DeFrancesco, RD, MS, FACHE, has been appointed senior director of operations for the Arizona Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona in Tucson.
member of the AHSC community.

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