The Arizona Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona has numerous people, programs and initiatives aimed at improving the state’s health-care workforce, life sciences economy and health-care delivery system. Each month we compile the top stories and notable news items that highlight our efforts and progress in these important areas.

(Please Note: Each “Media Mention” provides a hyper-link to the full story as reported by the respective media outlet listed.

**Partnering on Health-Care Transformation**

**UA Public Health Students to Assist on Super Bowl Sunday**
Posted: Jan. 30, 2015
The Maricopa County Department of Public Health will get a hand in looking for signs of infectious-disease outbreaks, foodborne illnesses and injuries at the big game in Glendale, Arizona.

Media Mentions:
ABC News
Arizona Daily Star
Arizona Republic
MSN
News Every day
Pittsburgh Post Gazette

**UA’s Dr. David Harris Appointed Executive Director of New Biorepository at Arizona Health Sciences Center**
Posted: Jan. 8, 2015
David T. Harris, PhD, professor of immunology at the University of Arizona, has been appointed executive director of the new Arizona Health Sciences Center Biorepository.

Media Mentions:
Arizona Business Magazine
Arizona Daily Star
KJZZ
Phoenix Business Journal

**Expanding the Life Sciences Enterprise and Health-Care Professional Pipeline**

**U.S. News & World Report Ranks UA College of Nursing Among 2015 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs**
Posted: Jan. 7, 2015
The national ranking formula is based on student engagement, faculty credentials and training, peer reputation, student services and technology, and admissions selectivity.

Media Mentions:
Arizona Daily Wildcat

**Expanding Access to Low-Cost, High-Quality Care**

**UA Arthritis Center Receives $6.1 Million 5-Year NIH Grant to Help Identify Treatments for Osteoarthritis**
Posted: Jan. 23, 2015
Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common cause of disability in the aging population, and the public health impact of knee OA, in particular, is expected to increase dramatically. The UA research will help identify potential targets to prevent the development or halt the progression of the condition.
Abbett Family Foundation Donates $115,000 to UAMC Diamond Children’s
Posted: Jan. 22, 2015
"The Abbett Family Foundation is proud to support the efforts of Diamond Children’s in providing the highest quality of care for the children and families in our community," said Jeffrey Abbett.

UA Steele Children’s Research Center Receives $2 Million from CDC to Continue Identifying Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Arizona
Posted: Jan. 15, 2015
The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson Steele Children’s Research Center received a four-year, $2 million grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue its Arizona Developmental Disabilities Surveillance Program (ADDSP).

‘Molecular Truck’ Could Deliver New Treatment Option for Kids with Ulcerative Colitis
Posted: Jan. 5, 2015
A new drug administration system that functions like a molecular delivery truck could help children suffering from ulcerative colitis.

Contributing to the Growth of the Arizona Biosciences Economy

Providing Tomorrow’s Medicine Today
Posted: Jan. 27, 2015
The Arizona Center for Accelerated Biomedical Innovation will transform UA research into practical health care solutions through the commercialization of biomedical technologies.