Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

As we progress through the summer months, we continue to move AHSC research goals forward.

The recent publication of our research advisory councils’ white papers outline their initial recommendations to strengthen and expand our basic, clinical and translational research programs and are available for your review and input here.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jason X.-J. Yuan, associate vice president for translational health sciences, and Dr. Andrew S. Kraft, director of the UA Cancer Center. Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Burgess who has been appointed associate dean for research at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.

We also celebrate the successful corrective spine surgery of an orphaned Ugandan boy at UA Medical Center and the Arizona Board of Regents’ approval of plans to construct a research building on the campus of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix.
10-11 a.m.  
**Green Valley Stroke Support Group**  
Thursday, July 10  
Noon-1 p.m.  
**iVida! Health care Professionals Series**  
Monday, July 14  
10-11 a.m.  
**Tucson Community Stroke Support Group**  
Friday, July 18  
9 a.m.-noon  
**8th Annual KEYS Research Showcase**  
Friday, July 18  
3:30-5 p.m.  
**White Coat Ceremony**  
UA College of Medicine – Phoenix  
Friday, July 25  
Spanish: 10 -11 a.m.  
English: Noon -1 p.m.  
**iVida! Monthly Educational Series**  
Every Friday in July  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**UAMC Farmer’s Market**  
AHSC Plaza

In this edition of AHSC News you will also read about UA College of Pharmacy students training with the American Lung Association to teach children who have asthma how to detect the warning signs of the disease and the outreach efforts of UA College of Nursing alum, Dr. Heidi McGuigan, in Sierra Leone.

AHSC has an amazing group of dedicated faculty, staff and students, who are working to shape the future of health care to better serve not just Arizona but the nation. I thank you for your support and efforts and hope you enjoy this e-newsletter.

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UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences  
Interim Dean, UA College of Medicine – Tucson

**Dr. Yuan Appointed Associate Vice President**

Dr. Jason X.-J. Yuan, MD, PhD, an internationally recognized leader in pulmonary vascular disease research, has been appointed associate vice president for translational health sciences at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

**Dr. Kraft Named Director of UA Cancer Center**

Dr. Andrew S. Kraft, MD, a nationally recognized prostate cancer physician-scientist and cancer center administrator, has been named the Sydney E. Salmon endowed chair and director of the UA Cancer Center and associate vice president for oncology programs for the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

**Dr. Burgess Appointed Associate Dean for**
Builds Nursing Capacity in Sierra Leone

Since becoming a registered nurse in 1978, Heidi McGuigan, DNP, FNP-C, FSHP, has worked in many areas of nursing: family practice, urgent care, school health and community health.

UA College of Pharmacy Students Teach ‘Open Airways for Schools’

First-year UA College of Pharmacy students train with the American Lung Association to teach children ages 8 to 11 who have asthma how to detect the warning signs of the disease, avoid their triggers and make decisions about their health.

Research

Jeff Burgess, MD, MS, MPH, professor of environmental and occupational health at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been appointed associate dean for research.

Regents Approve New UA Downtown Phoenix Project

The Arizona Board of Regents approved plans to construct a 10-story, 245,000-square-foot research building on the campus of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix.

Orphaned Boy Undergoes Surgery at UAMC to Correct Deformed Spine
Neurosurgeons Ali Baaj, MD, UA Department of Surgery, and Kumar Kakarla, MD, Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, successfully performed corrective spine surgery on a severely deformed Ugandan orphan at the UA Medical Center in Tucson.