Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

In this issue of AHSC News, we celebrate a major recent development in securing the future growth and development of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. On June 17, the Phoenix City Council gave approval to a five-acre expansion of the campus with the University holding an exclusive, 10-year window to develop this parcel. Already under consideration is a 60,000-square-foot outpatient primary care clinic that would be developed in partnership with Banner Health. This facility would provide further opportunities to integrate our Phoenix-based health professional training programs with Banner while adding another state-of-the-art facility to the Campus' impressive footprint.

Additionally, please join me in congratulating the UA College of Medicine – Tucson’s Office of Continuing Medical Education for its re-accreditation and Dr. Dan Spaite for being selected to receive the “Outstanding
Contributions in Research” Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Also in this edition, we have highlighted a new practice doctorate program, the Arizona Board of Regents’ approval for the launch of two new UA College of Medicine – Phoenix academic departments, a recent major appointment, prestigious honors, as well as exciting health sciences research projects and recent AHSC research grants.

As we progress through the summer months, we continue our commitment to strengthen the clinical and translational research workforce pipeline with new programs such as BLAISER and AZ-PRIDE that work to reduce health disparities through impactful research and training the next generation of health-care professionals. These innovative programs serve as a national model and are shaped by AHSC’s amazing group of dedicated faculty, staff and students, who are working to shape the future of health care.

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday and are experiencing the relief of another fantastic monsoon season!

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

The UA College of Medicine – Tucson’s Office of Continuing Summer Shines the Light on Diversity Programs at AHSC

To address the critical lack of diversity in the health-care workforce in
Medical Education, which sponsors accredited CME activities to meet the needs of practitioners and improve the health of people in Arizona and beyond, has been re-accredited for four years, through March 2019, by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Dr. Garcia Selected for American Thoracic Society Leadership Award

Joe G.N. "Skip" Garcia, MD, senior vice president for health sciences at the University of Arizona, received the prestigious 2015 Leadership Award from the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly of the American Thoracic Society.

Molecular Component of Cinnamon Prevents Colorectal Cancer in Mice

University of Arizona, City of Phoenix Approve New Partnership

The University of Arizona, the anchor tenant of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and the City of Phoenix have entered into an agreement to expand the university’s presence on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus.

High Triglyceride Levels Associated With Protection Against Type 2 Diabetes

Researchers at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health found high levels of
Research conducted at the UA College of Pharmacy and the UA Cancer Center indicates that a compound derived from cinnamon is a potent inhibitor of colorectal cancer.

**State’s First Clinical Practice Doctorate with Nurse Anesthesia Specialty**

The state’s first practice doctorate with a nurse anesthesia specialty now is being offered through the UA College of Nursing.

**Dr. Spaite Receives Outstanding Contributions in Research Award**

Daniel Spaite, MD, professor and distinguished chair in the UA Department of Emergency Medicine, was selected to receive the “Outstanding Contributions in

Genetically elevated triglycerides are associated with a decreased risk of type 2 diabetes.

**Dr. Alan Bedrick Appointed Executive Director**

Alan Bedrick, MD, professor and division chief of neonatology at the Department of Pediatrics at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, was appointed executive director of the International Neonatal Consortium, established recently by the Critical Path Institute.

**Sundt I DPR Selected to Construct 11-Story Tower**

Banner Health has selected local contractor Sundt Construction Inc. and partner DPR Construction to construct a new, 11-story tower that will replace the 40-year-old portion of the
Research” Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

AHSC May and June Research Grant Awards

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

AHSC Students Practice Use of Telemedicine in a Rural Setting

Ten health sciences students from the University of Arizona recently participated in a pilot simulation using telemedicine to support patient care in a rural setting.

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