Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

May always is a time of change at AHSC, and this year not only do we celebrate our graduating students, we also welcome a new head of the Department of Surgery at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson: Dr. Leigh Neumayer, one of only six female surgery department heads in the nation.

We also celebrate the “topping off” of the new UA Cancer Center building in Phoenix, the accreditation of two UA College of Pharmacy residency programs, and honors achieved by Dr. Terry Badger of the UA College of Nursing and Dr. Howard Eng of the UA College of Public Health.

In this edition of AHSC News, you’ll also read about a UAMC study of sensors to prevent patient falls, and AHSC research grants in April.

I want to congratulate our graduates and our faculty on their many accomplishments.

As summer approaches, we continue to move ahead, blazing new trails through the
changing landscape of health care. Our achievements will be chronicled in future e-newsletters, so stay tuned!

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Thursday, May 15
6-8 p.m.
Convocation
UA College of Medicine
– Tucson

Friday, May 16
8 a.m.
Convocation
UA College of Pharmacy

Saturday, May 17
8-11 a.m.
Convocation
UA Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Friday, May 30
10-11 a.m.  iVida! Lay Audience – Spanish
Noon-1 p.m.  iVida! Lay Audience – English
Health Effects of Climate Change

Every Friday in May
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
UAMC Farmer’s Market
AHSC Plaza

UA Cancer Center – Phoenix ‘Topped Off’

A construction milestone has been reached at the new UA Cancer Center at Dignity Health’s St. Joseph’s outpatient facility in downtown Phoenix as the final beam was set atop the building.

Dr. Terry Badger Receives Shannon Mentorship

Terry A. Badger, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, professor and director of the community and systems health science division at the UA College of Nursing, has been honored with the Anna M. Shannon Mentorship

Dr. Leigh A. Neumayer Appointed Head of UA Department of Surgery

Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, MS, internationally known for her expertise in breast cancer surgery and research, advocacy for women’s health issues and leadership in surgical education, has been named chair of the UA College of Medicine’s Department of Surgery and the Margaret E. and Fenton L. Maynard Endowed Chair in Breast Cancer Research.

White House Names UA’s Dr. Howard J. Eng
**Award from the Western Institute of Nursing.**

**UA College of Pharmacy Residency Programs Granted Accreditation**

Two of the newest UA College of Pharmacy residency programs were granted accreditation recently. The PGY2 Residency Program in Ambulatory Care and the PGY1 UA Medical Center – South Campus Residency Program each have received the maximum accreditation term of six years from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

**Champion of Change**

Howard J. Eng, DrPH, MS, RPh, assistant professor at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been named a “Champion of Change” by the White House for his work as the director of the Pima County AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) Navigator Program in Arizona.

**UAMC Study: Do Wearable Sensors Predict and Prevent Patient Falls?**

Researchers at the UA Medical Center are studying whether small, wearable sensors that measure a patient’s activity, heart rate, wakefulness and other biometrics can predict and prevent falls, one of the leading causes of
injury to hospitalized patients.