Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

I was proud to be part of the recent groundbreaking for the Biosciences Partnership Building at the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. This new research facility will support our ongoing efforts to significantly expand AHSC’s research enterprise. Providing laboratory space for talented AHSC faculty members will, in turn, strengthen our biomedical workforce and partnerships with industry by bringing advancements in health care from the laboratory to the bedside.

In this edition, you also will learn about some major recent appointments and honors, several exciting health sciences research projects, as well as recent AHSC research grants.

As November approaches, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our AHSC alumni and friends and hope that this year’s homecoming is a memorable one.

Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, MD
UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
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NACP awarded $13 million

The Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention has been awarded $13 million from the National Cancer Institute to continue bringing prevention and biomedical research training to Native American communities in Arizona.

UA College of Medicine – Tucson Launches Pathway to Medical School

Called P-MAP, for Pre-Medical Admissions Pathway, the one-year program is open to students who have not had the educational and economic advantages that help students get accepted to medical school and cope with its rigorous curriculum, but whose character, commitment

University of Arizona, Phoenix Break Ground on New Downtown Project

UA President Ann Weaver Hart and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton tilled soil ceremoniously marking the beginning of the two-year design and construction for the 245,000-square-foot research building on the Phoenix Biomedical Campus.

Dr. Elliott Appointed to Governor’s Council

Pediatric infectious diseases physician, Sean Elliott, MD, professor of pediatrics and medical director of infection prevention for the University of Arizona Health Network, has been appointed by Gov. Jan Brewer to the newly established Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

Dr. Russell-Kibble Receives Joint Faculty Appointment

Audrey Russell-Kibble, DNP, FNP-C, director of clinical practice innovations and clinical assistant professor at the UA College of Nursing, has received a joint faculty appointment in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson.
Good Diet Before Diagnosis is Linked With Lower Mortality

The quality of a woman’s diet was linked to lower mortality and may have a protective effect after ovarian cancer, according to a new study published this month in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

Valley Fever Drug Receives Fast-Track Designation by the FDA

The UA’s request to designate the antifungal drug nikkomycin Z as a “qualifying infectious disease product” has been granted; clinical trial to begin in late

New App Teaches Children About Diabetes Prevention

The UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and University Information Technology produced an app to teach children how to prevent type 2 diabetes. “Don’t Monkey Around with Diabetes” is free and available now in the iTunes store.

Dr. Rosales Named Public Health Change Champion

The Public Health Institute has named Cecilia Rosales, MD, the 2014 "Public Health Change Champion" for her work to improve the health and quality of life among border populations in both the Southwestern United States and Mexico.
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AHSC September Research Grant Awards

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