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Dr. Kenneth S. Ramos Accepts Positions at Texas A&M University

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To the UAHS Community,

Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, PharmB, associate vice president for precision health sciences, has accepted a position as executive director of the Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston and assistant vice chancellor for Health Services at The Texas A&M University System. He will begin his new duties at the end of March.

As an accomplished physician-scientist and transformational leader with a depth of experience that spans our tripartite mission of education, research and clinical service, Ken has guided efforts to address health issues of regional and global importance related to genomics, precision medicine, environmental health and toxicology.

Dr. Ramos has served in a number of roles since he joined the University of Arizona Health Sciences in March 2014. While serving as interim dean of the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, his extraordinary leadership guided the successful completion of the LCME accreditation in June 2017 and ensured stabilization of the college. As founding director of the Center for Applied Genetics and Genomic Medicine, he has been instrumental in developing precision health strategies to improve health care delivery, in partnership with our colleagues at Banner Health.

In September 2014, Dr. Ramos was appointed program director of the MD/PhD program at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson. Under his guidance, enrollment in the program has grown from 4 to 26 students in 2019. In addition, Dr. Ramos was the driving force behind the 2016 establishment of a sister MD/PhD program at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, which welcomes its sixth student this year.

The impact Dr. Ramos has had during his tenure here has been remarkable and we sincerely hope to continue a strong relationship with him in the future. Please join me in thanking Ken for his leadership, passion and dedication to the University of Arizona Health Sciences.
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