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Dr. Joan Shaver to step down as Dean of UA College of Nursing

To the UAHS Community,

Joan Shaver, PhD, RN, FAAN, who has led the UA College of Nursing for nine years, will step down as dean and professor of the college, effective Aug. 12, 2018.

Under her leadership, the College of Nursing has strengthened its standing in the nursing field in numerous ways. Dean Shaver has been a forceful advocate for expanding educational opportunities to close the health care gap. In this regard, she has led the way in creating opportunities in the important area of interprofessional learning. She has elevated the nursing practice through innovative research and training and expanded access to learning through leading-edge online technology.

The establishment of the progressive RN-MSN degree program in Clinical Systems Leadership, creation of a wide-ranging portfolio of continuing professional educational and community engagement programs, and remarkable growth of the student body to more than 1,400 across five degree programs is an extraordinary legacy that benefits all of us.

Dean Shaver has continued the College's pursuit of inclusive excellence and has consistently demonstrated her strong commitment to its students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. During her tenure, there has been a marked increase in grant-funded research and she has developed gift and endowment funding that established a stable financial position for the College. She has made a measurable difference for this College, for the nursing field and for our students.

Please join me in thanking her for her dedicated service to the University of Arizona.

We will launch an immediate search for Dean Shaver's successor and an interim dean will be identified in the coming weeks. Working together, we will continue to shape the future of health care.

Michael D. Dake, MD
Senior Vice President for UA Health Sciences



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