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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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Dear Students and Colleagues,

I hope the end of the academic year went well for you all. The first two weeks of May are often the busiest time of the year for many faculty and staff, and I am no exception. In addition to the **[fantastic send-off we gave our nearly 8,000 graduating students](#)** on Friday, May 12, here are a few highlights from around the University and in our community:

[Pima JTED Health and Medical Careers High School Groundbreaking](#)



On May 4, we joined with many local partners and political leaders to celebrate breaking ground for the **Mel & Enid Zuckerman Center for Health and Medical Careers**, which will be a 50,000 square-foot facility at the Bridges in South Tucson. This is an important step in our partnership with the Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) to create a high school for health and medical careers, which will instill the importance of early health science education and create pathways to meaningful careers for students from all backgrounds. I am so excited for this collaborative effort that has yielded exceptional results on an expedited timetable that will enable Pima JTED to benefit more students faster. As the healthcare industry faces healthcare worker shortages, it is more important than ever that we inspire our young students to go into the health sciences and to return to serve their home communities in South Tucson and beyond.

University of Arizona Global Campus

We are continuing the process of acquiring the University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC) and I am grateful to those involved. Our goal is to ensure the continuity of comprehensive, quality educational experiences and accessible opportunities for current and future UAGC students, many of whom are working full time. Through the contributions of many faculty and staff across the University, we anticipate the acquisition to be completed on June 30, 2023, subject to accretor approval and applicable regulatory requirements.

A key part of this process is welcoming UAGC employees to the University. I had the honor of joining a town hall with UAGC employees earlier this month, where I shared what makes the University of Arizona such a special community.

Pay One Price



This fall, the University of Arizona Bookstores is launching **Pay One Price** for main campus undergraduate students. This new program will provide digitally-preferred access to all required textbooks and courseware at a predictable flat rate of \$250 per semester. Students, regardless of major, will be automatically enrolled in the program each semester and can choose to opt out. You can learn more in this [Lo Que Pasa story](#).

Faculty and instructors, you have until June 15 to submit both print and digital **textbook and courseware adoptions** to ensure your materials are included in the program, as mentioned in an [email you received](#) earlier this month.

I am excited about how this program will offer easy access to affordable course materials to our students on the first day of class.

Regents Professors, University Distinguished Faculty, and Distinguished Outreach Faculty



Regents Professors Price Fishback, Takeshi Inomata, Chris Segrin, Kathy Short, and Todd Vanderah

And, finally, on April 21, the Arizona Board of Regents confirmed the appointments of **five new Regents Professors**, the highest faculty rank reserved for only three percent of

the total number of the University's tenured and tenure-track faculty members. We also awarded the University Distinguished Faculty, Distinguished Outreach Faculty, and other faculty awards to **29 University of Arizona faculty** who have had an incredible impact in teaching, research, and service. I look forward to celebrating all of these outstanding faculty stars in 2024.

As busy as it was, I am very proud to be part of momentous celebrations and to see all of these fantastic plans for the future come into place.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Bear Down,

Robert C. Robbins, M.D.

President
The University of Arizona

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