



February Update

Faculty in the Spotlight

- Jeff Burgess provided expert testimony to the AZ House of Representatives Health Committee.
- The Professional Firefighters of Arizona asked Jeff to present to the Arizona Legislative Committee in Phoenix on February 9, 2017. The purpose of the committee is to consider amendments to the Arizona presumptive cancer law for firefighters. House Bill 2161 would expand cancer coverage for worker's compensation to include additional forms of cancers that firefighters suffer from at higher rates than the general public.

Students in the Spotlight

- The Graduate College announced the names of six graduate students who will receive the prestigious Marshall Foundation Dissertation Fellowship and the winner of the Dr. Maria Teresa Velez Marshall Dissertation Fellowship.
 - Carmella Kahn, MPH, (Diné-Navajo) is the winner of the Dr. Maria Teresa Velez Marshall Dissertation Fellowship. She is a doctoral candidate in maternal and child health. Her research interests are in American Indian (AI) health disparities, AI resilience, and AI food systems.
 - Sofia Gomez is the recipient of the Marshall Foundation Dissertation Fellowship and her Dissertation Title is: "Arizona's Immigration Enforcement Policies: Implications for Accessibility of Care in Immigrant Families"
- This academic year the College has a significant presence in the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) with the addition of three students in the master of public health (MPH) program.
 - Claudia Diaz-Combs: Dual degree MPH/LAS
 - Hana Putnam: First year MPH student in the Public Health Practice, Phoenix
 - Alma Hernandez: a second year MPH in Health Services Administration.

National Awards

- Kacey Ernst is named 2017-2018 Leshner Leadership Institute Public Engagement Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
- The EOH program received the Community Safety Leadership Award by the Southern Arizona chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, for being a community leader in furthering safety and health in both the workplace and the community at large.

Dean's council update

- The main focus in February was to go over the "Inclusive excellence document" and plan for the next steps. Paloma attended the meeting and will lead the effort in summarizing strengths and weaknesses, drafting a plan, soliciting feedback from the different departments and units, modifying the draft according to feedback, and presenting it to the Dean's council .
- The meetings' minutes are posted on the intranet.
- As a reminder: The dean's council meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and the chairs of the faculty, APs, staff and student assemblies are welcome to submit an agenda item to Lorraine 10

days before the meeting to be 1) either discussed by the dean's council or 2) the chair or his/her representative can attend in person to present the issue to the council and be part of the discussion.

Spring College-wide Retreat

- Save the date: Monday, May 15; 11:30-4:30PM
- Retreat will start with lunch
- Agenda will be finalized and sent before the retreat

Dialogue with the Dean

- I will host several informal meetings around breakfast in March and April
- Lorraine will contact all of you to work on the time and RSVP for each group
- Lorraine will work with Chris to coordinate the students' RSVPs

Training Reminder

- As members of the University community, we share in the responsibility of creating and supporting an environment free of harassment and discrimination. In support of our commitment to this goal, the University offers a harassment prevention program to its employees, including student employees, in the form of online training. Through a series of engaging scenarios and activities, you will learn important principles and develop skills to enhance your working and educational relationships. The program will conclude with a comprehensive quiz.
- Please click on the following link: <http://equity.arizona.edu/online-training> and choose the appropriate training.
- You will need your NetID to access the training module. Once you have completed the training, be sure to print a Certificate of Completion for your records and provide your Department Chair or unit director with a copy. Additional training is available titled "Preventing Sexual Misconduct".
- I encourage you to complete that training as well.