



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman
College of Public Health

Dean Update
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November Update

Philanthropic / Large gift Announcement

- At the student's scholarships Luncheon on NOV 9, Kim Bourn announced that Mel & Enid Zuckerman and Family Foundation are giving \$2 Million to MEZCOPH to support students and program development
- Kim challenged the audience for starting a match which resulted in additional \$15,000 raised at the luncheon
- Thanks a lot to Mel and Enid and the Zuckerman family for their continuous support to MEZCOPH
- Thanks a lot to all our donors, faculty, staff, and students for their support to MEZCOPH

MEZCOPH in the Spotlight

- **Heidi L. Pottinger and Celina I. Valencia**, both researchers and alumnae of MEZCOPH, have been named Southern Arizona '40 Under 40' honorees for their impact on the community. Congratulations

NEW Grants

- **Lynn Gerald**: \$8.5M Grant Awarded to Improve Asthma Care with the Navajo Nation
- **Beth Jacobs**: \$2 Million Study to Investigate the Benefits & Risks of Selenium Supplementation
- **Elizabeth Salerno Valdez**, doctoral candidate in maternal and child health, received a 2-Yr fellowship from the NIH to identify the environmental factors that increase the risk or protect against substance use among adolescents living near the U.S.-Mexico

Dean's council update

- At the November's meeting, the DC reviewed the new MEZCOPH Logos with department names and the need to develop a strategic plan for marketing/PR/communication for both Tucson and Phoenix
- 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.

Save the date

- December 7: College wide retreat. Do not forget to RSVP
- December 15: Convocation at Crowder Hall
 - *Undergraduate Convocation at 10:00 am-11:30 am*
 - *Graduate convocation: at 2:00 pm-3:30 pm (Students from the MEZCOPH Online MPH program will be attending convocation)*