

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

UA is Ranked Among the Top 50 Public Universities

- The University of Arizona is tied for #48 among public universities and #105 overall in the 2023 [U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges](#) ranking.
- We can all be proud that the University of Arizona has once again received recognition as one of the nation's top public universities. We are an institution that serves a robust and diverse student body made up of students who study alongside many of the world's preeminent scholars.
- Many of our programs and colleges received outstanding rankings as well including undergraduate programs in management information systems, accounting, and entrepreneurship as well as overall rankings in nursing, computer science, and engineering.
- These rankings are an outstanding reflection of our commitment to our students.

UA is Ranked #1 in West and #8 Overall by Military Times

- Our university has been ranked as one of the nation's best universities for service members according to Military Times. We achieved our highest-ever ranking from Military Times, rising to first in the West and eighth overall out of a total of 311 institutions.
- We can all be proud services like the Veteran's Education and Transition Services (VETS) that help us to serve our veterans and ensure a successful transition to the university environment. Programs like this help us to improve educational access for all service members and their families.

Beyond Juneteenth website is now live

- In June, I announced that the university would celebrate Juneteenth, a day which commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, by adding an annual university holiday starting on June 19, 2023.
- The Beyond Juneteenth Committee has developed a website to share upcoming events as well as educational resources for our community to learn more about Black history in the Southwest.
- Please check this resource frequently for exciting updates and information about the year-long educational campaign of the Beyond Juneteenth Initiative.

Arizona Online Continues to Grow

- Our continued efforts to grow into the ever-expanding online education realm with Arizona Online. Since Arizona Online began in 2015, over 7,000 Arizona Online students have graduated from online programs, with more than 2,000 students graduating in May 2022 alone.
- Additionally, the program launched "Mentor Cats," a virtual peer mentoring program in June 2022. To date, 461 mentees have been matched with 117 mentors, which represents almost 10% of Arizona Online undergraduate students
- Arizona Online now has over 8,235 students. Over 1,300 were new online students admitted for Fall 2022, the largest class ever.

- In addition to online-only options, the Near You Network (distance education) has started a new partnership with the City of Chandler for its employees to attend classes. Additionally, construction in Gilbert has allowed the Nursing hybrid programs to expand their footprint and serving capacity for nursing students.

Research Building and Grant Updates

- Two of our largest building projects are making immense progress towards their final stages of serving our campus community. The Applied Research Building is on track for substantial completion by January 2023, and the Grand Challenges Research Building is starting to take its final shape with the installation of exterior glass panels.
- UA Online, Distance and Continuing Education moved into their new space at The Refinery building in the UA Tech Park at The Bridges. They join their UArizona colleagues from Tech Launch Arizona and UA Applied Research Corporation.
- Additionally, our institution was part of the Desert & Pacific Region I-Corps Hub proposal, (in collaboration with ASU (lead institution), NAU, UCSD, University of Hawaii, University of Idaho, Boise State University, and UNLV) and was selected for funding. This five-year, \$15M grant will expand and improve UArizona's ability to vet and launch startups based on deep technology and puts our region on the map among only a handful other Hub grants.