

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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Celebrating Black History Month

- The university will celebrate the legacy, culture and accomplishments of the Black community throughout Black History Month with speakers, celebrations and performances.
- The university's Black History Month offerings will showcase how the community has helped shape the worlds of entrepreneurship, music, literature, scholarship and more. As a university committed to the core value of inclusion, showcasing the history and accomplishments of Black Americans in numerous fields such as medicine, engineering, the sciences, the arts and more is crucial to our mission.
- A list of some of the major upcoming events can be viewed [here](#).

Fundraising

- At the end of December our total gifts and commitments are \$152 million for this fiscal year and last year at the same time we were at \$132 million. We are nearing the \$2.2 billion mark for our Fuel Wonder Campaign.

Arizona Public Media Breaks Ground on New Headquarters

- Arizona Public Media broke ground last month on the Paul and Alice Baker Center for Public Media, a new facility within the University of Arizona Tech Park at the Bridges.
- Once completed, the state-of-the-art building will feature upgraded production and broadcast technology, improved community engagement spaces and create new opportunities for more original local content for and about Southern Arizona.
- A \$65 million capital campaign will fund the project, and AZPM donors and their estate gifts have already raised more than \$56 million for the project.
- Our students, incredible journalism department, and faculty will all benefit from this project. Service to our community is a big part of what we do as a land grant university. This is going to be an iconic, futuristic building that will be the envy of our peers around the country.

Research, Innovation & Impact (RII)

- RII has reported that we closed Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) with a final National Science Foundation (NSF) higher education research and development (HERD) ranking of \$955 million in research activity, a new record by a significant margin. This once again places us among the nation's top 20 public universities and is a significant point of pride for our university because the research work behind this rank makes essential contributions to advancing society, driving innovation, strengthening our communities, growing our economy and workforce, and tackling the complex challenges we face. Continuing this level of activity and impact requires ongoing collaboration on submissions to both government and private funders, and support for this work is a core function of RII and many campus partners.
- Our faculty researchers' commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation is reflected in the nearly 15% growth from FY2022's expenditures of \$824M. This places us, once again, among the nation's top 20 public universities. Additionally, the university ranked #1 in astronomy and astrophysics expenditures, according to HERD, a status that the university has maintained every year since 1987.