Office of the President

President's Updates
November 2, 2026, Faculty Senate

- We announced that we are freezing tuition rates for resident undergraduate students for the fourth consecutive year, and this year we're also freezing tuition for nonresident graduate students and all graduate students.

- We held our Service Awards Ceremony for the first time since the pandemic.

- The U of A retained top rankings as we were once again named a "Best Value College" by Princeton Review, and Times Higher Education again placed us the no. 1 public research institution in the southwest, and no. 21 among all U.S. public colleges and universities.

- Arizona basketball players will wear Carvana patches on their jerseys as part of a $12.75 million sponsorship deal.

- Arizona Football opened the season 6–1, its best start since 2014, and earned a No. 22 national ranking in the Associated Press poll. And our two-time defending national champions in Arizona Triathlon captured first place at the NCAA West National Qualifier, with four student-athletes finishing in the top 10.

- Institutional Policy & Projects partnered with the Office of Public Safety to release the 2026 University Safety Survey Report in early October.

- University Compliance published the 2026 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, the annual report that provides information to the university community and helps everyone stay safe on campus.

- University Privacy launched new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training in EDGE Learning. The annual HIPAA training was updated to reflect current best practices.

- The Office of Public Safety has held "Safety Strolls" with the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic, and the ASUA executive team and senators. A wide variety of safety tools and concepts were addressed.

- U of A hosted congressional legislative staff from Washington, D.C. for an Oct. 5-7 campus visit focused on AI, healthcare, and other strategic university priorities.

- During Homecoming, I delivered a State of the University address, which drew about 650 attendees and generated good enthusiasm for the future of the University.

- We also celebrated the official conclusion of the Fuel Wonder Campaign. The campaign's final fundraising total reached an extraordinary $3.1 billion. Through this campaign, donors established: more than 100 new endowed faculty and leadership positions, nearly $750 million in support of research priorities across the University, and created 820 new scholarships, expanding access and opportunity for students. The University's endowment grew by more than

$620 million, strengthening the institution for future generations.

- We celebrated Dr. Geoffrey Gurtner for his election to the National Academy of Medicine.

- The university publicly announced its newest promotion, Sandstorm, a week-long celebration of our excellence in environmental research. The new Sandstorm website and teaser video launched ahead of the Nov. 6 football game that will highlight our faculty and research.

- In partnership with ABOR and Enrollment Management, Arizona Online has successfully enrolled 55 students and awarded $114,000 in scholarships through the Arizona Comeback Initiative, surpassing the grant's goal of 40 students. With the current momentum, we expect to finish the grant having brought nearly 100 former UA students who had stopped out back to complete their degrees.

- Tech Parks Arizona is being recognized as one of the top innovation districts in the nation, according to a national report from the George W. Bush Institute-SMU Economic Growth Initiative.