



President's Updates

November 3, 2025, Faculty Senate

- On October 24, I participated in an uplifting discussion with regents and Banner Health leadership about the **U of A – Banner partnership** as we [celebrated 10 years and shared initial results of an economic impact study](#). Banner leaders also attended the Arizona Football game on October 11, hosting a tailgate for Banner employees and community partners here in Southern Arizona. Planning is underway to sustain our success over the next ten years.
- **Federal compact:** We have received an overwhelmingly positive response to my [message on the university's feedback to the federal government](#) about their proposal to advance excellence in higher education. I appreciate the messages we have received, and I thank our shared governance partners and others for engaging in the deliberation process.
- I have enjoyed several **engagements with our colleges and centers** throughout the fall. Most recently, I [visited the College of Medicine - Tucson](#), which gave me the chance to hear from some of our top biomedical and healthcare researchers. Other visits this semester have included excellent tours of the [College of Veterinary Medicine](#), [Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine](#), and [W.A. Franke Honors College](#). I also was very pleased to help **celebrate faculty accomplishments** at the [fifth annual Luminaries awards](#).
- **The UA Foundation has reported the best quarter of fundraising in U of A history**, with \$76.4 million in new gifts and commitments closed from July 1 through October 1. The previous best quarter was \$57.2 million in FY 24.
- **Arizona Athletics** has announced a \$5 million from R. Ken Coit, naming the Director of Athletics position, and a \$4.4 million estate gift from alumnus Paul Miscenti, which will benefit all student-athletes.
- On October 20, **Community Relations held a community partner lunch** with more than 50 local leaders. I was very pleased to help host the event, providing an update on our strategic imperatives following this group's engagement in their creation at a February 2025 meeting. Provost Prelock also joined to share details of her implementation work throughout campus.
- On-campus interviews have concluded for this year's **Arizona Legislative Internship Program (ALIP)**, with 27 of 47 U of A candidates invited to the second round of interviews at the state legislature. GCR continues to work with our students to ensure we have a strong showing during the 2026 Legislative Session.
- **University Communications and Marketing** coordinated a visit and filming with U of A alumna and host of "Today," Savannah Guthrie. The segment is expected to air on NBC on November 5 and across U of A and NBC digital channels leading up to that date.
- The **Office of Public Safety (OPS)** held multiple Safety Strolls over the last month, including with the Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Council. Each was well attended, with 40-50 students per session. Additionally, OPS reports increased adoption of the SafeCats mobile app based on feedback and informal surveying of the attendees during these events.
- The university [previously shared guidance for our research community](#) regarding the federal shutdown. Questions can be sent to sponsor@arizona.edu.