



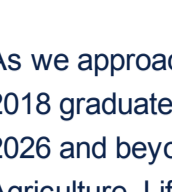
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Vice President & Dean Burgess

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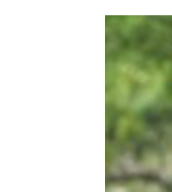
As we approach Spring Commencement, I am confident we have fully prepared our 2018 graduates for the next chapter in their lives. But what about the classes of 2022, 2026 and beyond? And how will the University of Arizona and our entire enterprise – Agriculture, Life and Veterinary Sciences, and Cooperative Extension – continue to serve our students, state and the world in a decade or two?

On April 24, faculty, staff and appointed professionals engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of the [new UA Strategic Plan](#), which proposes ideas that would touch every corner of this statewide campus. Thank you to all of those who have participated in this dialogue to date. We are some of the most diverse constituents of the university, and your thoughtful contributions can help shape a Strategic Plan which will serve our stakeholders well.

Our foundation going forward must be based on trust. Trust and an open dialogue in which we challenge one another to try something new and discard what isn't working.

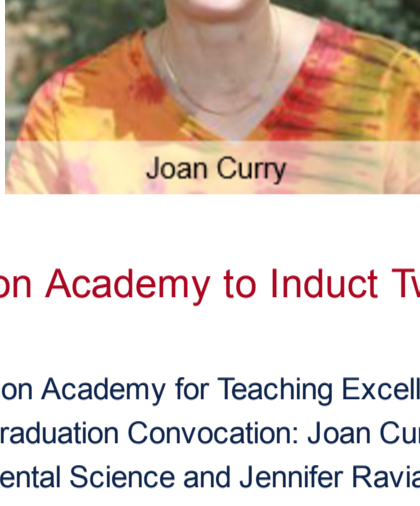
I trust that this plan will be of value and will be implemented strategically by university leadership. I expect that it will allow us to break the barriers of distrust and make our bureaucratic processes more effective and efficient.

Thank you for all that you do.

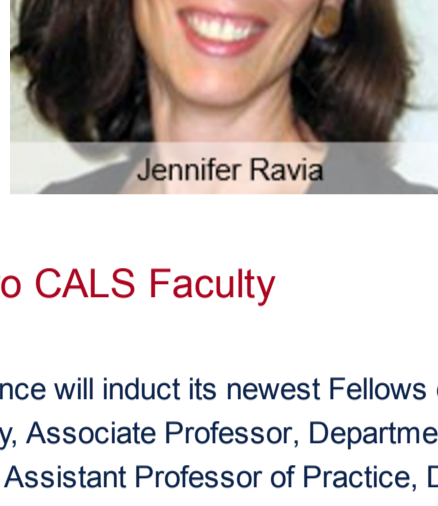


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Joan Curry



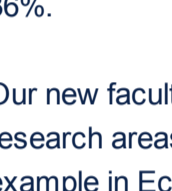
Jennifer Ravia

Bart Cardon Academy to Induct Two CALS Faculty

The Bart Cardon Academy for Teaching Excellence will induct its newest Fellows during the May 2018 CALS Graduation Convocation: Joan Curry, Associate Professor, Department of Soil Water and Environmental Science and Jennifer Ravia, Assistant Professor of Practice, Department of Nutritional Sciences. Curry and Ravia join nine current Fellows and four Emeritus Fellows in the Cardon Academy.

Membership in the Cardon Academy is more than honorific – it carries the expectation of active service in Academy programs and workshops. Since being formed in 2010, the Cardon Academy has been offering workshops, training and support for teaching excellence in CALS. With its newest Fellows, incoming chair Jennifer Ricketts believes that the Academy is well poised to further amplify its support for pedagogical innovation. Curry and Ravia offered “creative and new ideas as to what the Cardon Fellows could do as a service to the college,” Ricketts noted. “Although each were unique in their approach, both offered ideas that will resonate throughout the entire faculty of the college.”

The Cardon Academy was endowed by a CALS graduate and named for an outstanding teacher and advisor, Dr. Bart Cardon, who was particularly inspirational during the benefactor's academic career. With a genuine dedication toward student learning and the student experience, Curry and Ravia are continuing with that tradition. “Both are leaders in classroom innovations and evidence based teaching and pedagogies,” offered James Hunt in his role on the Academy membership committee, “the reality is they're stellar.”



Associate Dean Antin

RESEARCH UPDATES

Continued Research Growth

The CALS research enterprise continues to grow. Unprecedented faculty hiring since 2014 has expanded total tenure track and continuing eligible faculty research FTE by 36%.

Our new faculty have increased research capacity across all units in existing research areas of inquiry, and have also brought new initiatives to the College, for example in Ecosystems Genomics through the University funded cluster hiring process.

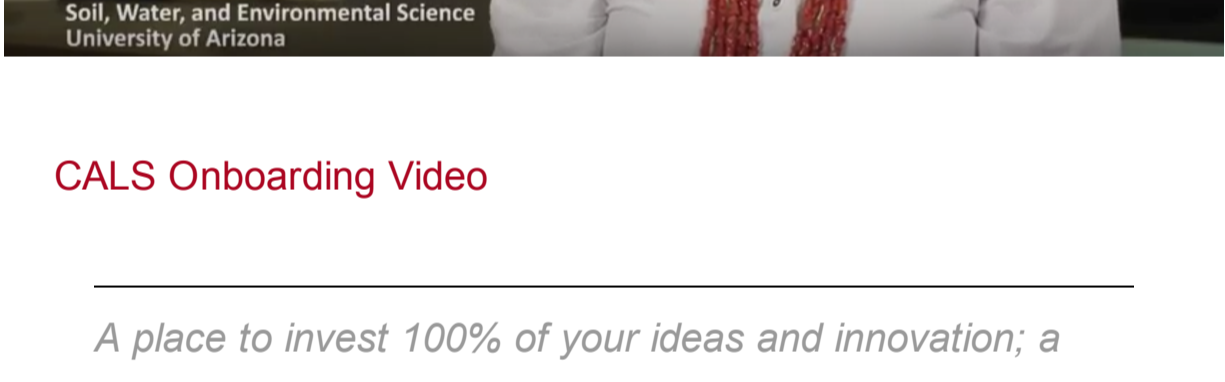
Several “leading indicator” metrics reflect our increasing research capacity.

- Over the past four years, the total value of new proposals submitted has increased by 50%, to 467 million dollars in FY2017, the last year for which we have full year data. From 2014 to 2017, the total value of new awards received increased by 26% to 78 million dollars.
- Although 2017 was a highly unusual year due to the new federal administration and resulting federal agency reluctance to issue new awards, data through three quarters of 2018 show that we are on a record pace for new awards received.



Associate Dean Ratje

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION UPDATES



CALS Onboarding Video

A place to invest 100% of your ideas and innovation; a place where all voices matter and where all pull toward common goals.

This vision is the backdrop that sparked the first-ever CALS onboarding video. Meant to orient employees to our mission, impact, and culture, I encourage all employees and partners to watch it: <https://youtu.be/vnOtrUTV-YM>. My special thanks to Cody Sheehy of CALS Communications & Cyber Technologies and Heather Roberts-Wrenn for their production and leadership in its creation. We have a grand mission that animates our college: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

CALS has reached 85% compliance with the anti-harassment and discrimination trainings, and 33% of our units have achieved 100% compliance. Great job to everyone! This is another demonstration of our commitment to one another, our commitment to a safe and supportive workplace. We continue to work toward 100% compliance.

Upcoming Events

May 7

Faculty Council Town Hall with Executive Council

May 11

[Spring Commencement](#)

Jun. 4-9

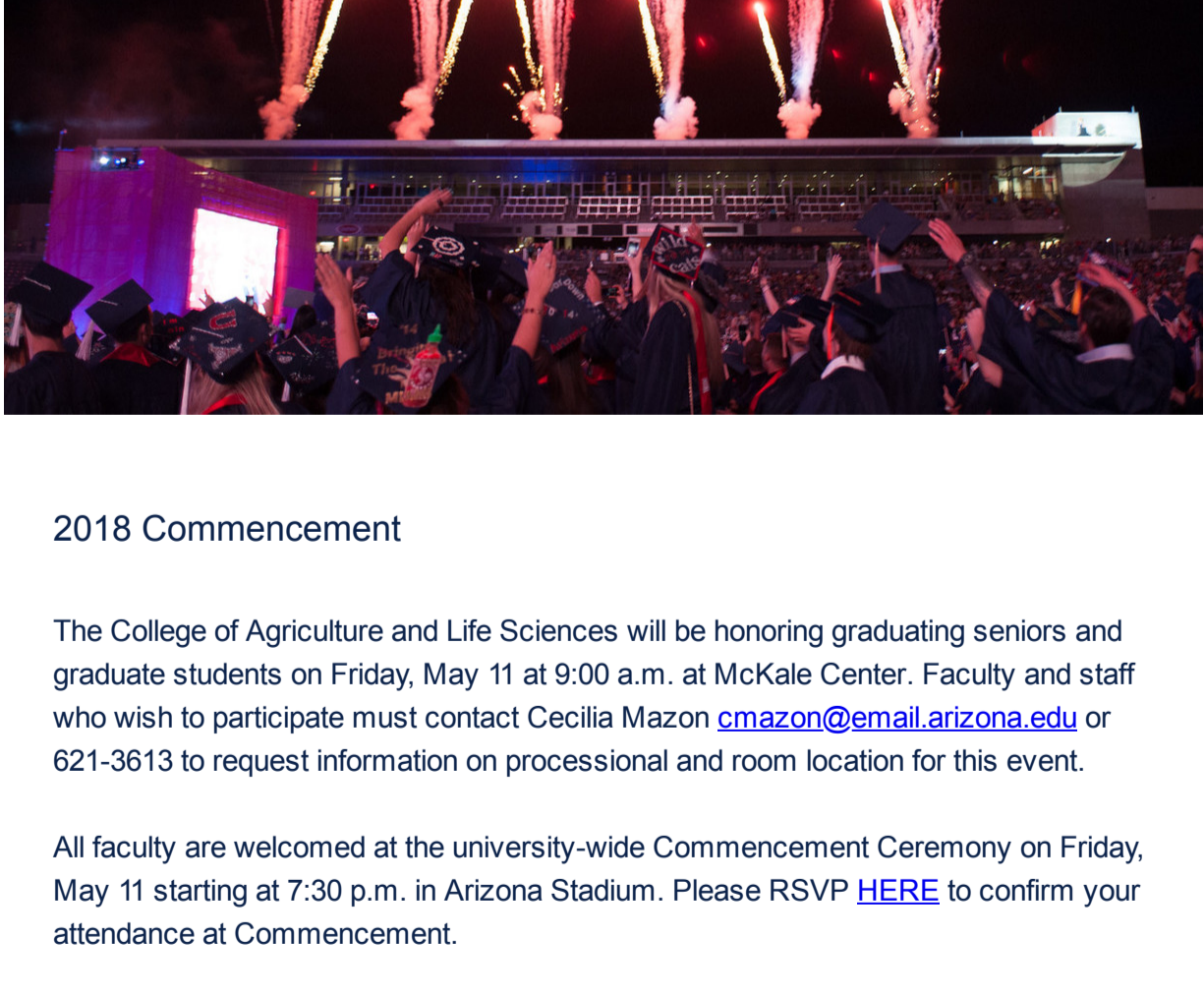
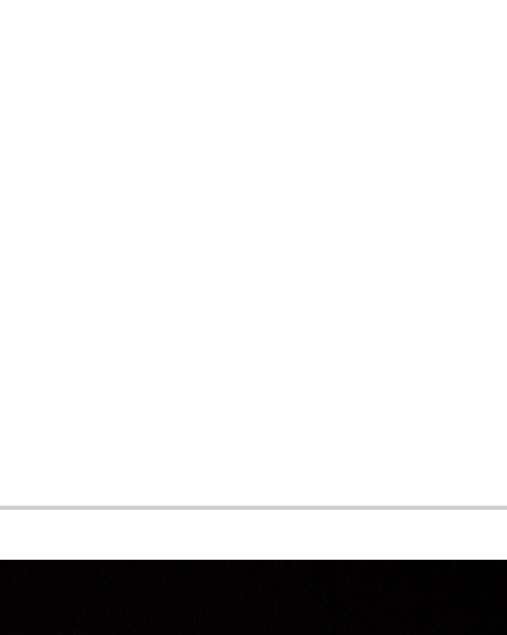
[Summer Agricultural Institute](#)

Aug. 7-8

Cooperative Extension Conference

Aug. 21

State of the College meeting



2018 Commencement

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be honoring graduating seniors and graduate students on Friday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. at McKale Center. Faculty and staff who wish to participate must contact Cecilia Mazon cmazon@email.arizona.edu or 621-3613 to request information on processional and room location for this event.

All faculty are welcomed at the university-wide Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 11 starting at 7:30 p.m. in Arizona Stadium. Please RSVP [HERE](#) to confirm your attendance at Commencement.

The details of the Commencement evening are as follows:

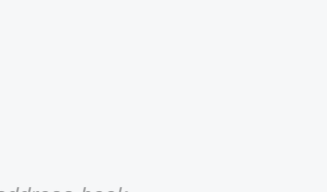
LOCATION: Bear Down Kitchen, located in the Lowell-Stevens Football Facility at the corner of Cherry Ave. and Enke Dr., next to Gate 2

TIMELINE:

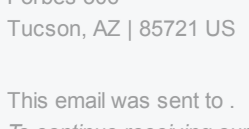
- 6:00 p.m. Faculty Check-In & Reception. Heavy appetizers will be served.
- 7:00 p.m. Faculty Line Up in Full Regalia
- 7:30 p.m. Ceremony Begins. Estimated to last no longer than 90 minutes.

Additional information is available at: <https://commencement.arizona.edu/faculty-participation-instructions>

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