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Vice President & Dean Burgess COLLEGE UPDATES

Let's recognize and celebrate what you've done! President Robbins featured these prominently at an [ABOR meeting last fall](#).

[#1 global ranking in Water Resources](#)

[#1 national ranking in M.S. Agriculture and Resource Economics. #15 among all M.S. Economics programs](#)

[#2 national ranking \(normalized\) in Family Studies and Human Development](#)

[#20 global ranking in Plant & Animal Sciences and #35 for Environment/Ecology](#)

[#24 U.S. graduate program in Biological/Ag Engineering](#)

[#98 global ranking in Life Sciences](#)

Since the RCM budget tool was implemented, CALS has been hugely successful with almost \$7M in RCM revenue and \$14.2M in non-RCM revenue – all of which is directly invested in your academic units. See [Semiannual Update slides](#) and [webcast recording](#).

This means that, in our teaching mission, SCH are up 21%; CALS Gen Ed course enrollments are up 54%; and First-Time Full-Time undergraduate student retention is up 5.6% to 85.6% (UA = 82.5%). Assistant Dean for Graduate Education Kirsten Limesand has transformed graduate student services. We have 100% TA funding; new student recruiting and development programs; five new residential undergraduate degrees; and three new Arizona Online and distance undergraduate degrees. The Arizona Science Engineering & Math Scholars program is a model at UArizona.

In our research mission, Pre Award Services no longer polices but partners. We've hired 23 Research FTE on RCM revenue. When all other main campus RCUs showed research declines, we've increased 23.2% in federal research expenditures with 49% increase in F&A return, with only 72% to 90% of research FTE. When RCM started, CALS research expenditures were the same as the Colleges of Engineering and Optical Sciences, today our expenditures are the same as these two colleges COMBINED.

WELL DONE!

[Read More from Shane's Blog](#)



Associate Dean Staten CAREER & ACADEMIC SERVICES UPDATES

CALS Career Center

The [CALS Career Center](#) is poised to become the national model for competency-based career and entrepreneurial leadership development in colleges of agriculture and life sciences.

Matt Mars, new Center Director, is leading the effort to advance this vision by building stronger collaborations with academic units with the aim of more firmly integrating the entrepreneurial mindset into college-wide curricula and with the community to build and enhance strategic partnerships.

Bridget Radcliff, new Assistant Director, and **Valeria Martinez**, Career Development Coordinator, are developing and growing partnerships with employers and campus partners to find professional opportunities for students, in addition to building resources and programs that foster student success and retention and support the cultivation of the entrepreneurial mindset for all CALS students.

[Share our Spring 2020 Workshops calendar!](#)



Associate Vice President Antin RESEARCH UPDATES

Assistant Dean for Research

The CALS Research Office is seeking an Assistant Dean for Research to replace Dr. Sangita Pawar, who has become the University's Vice President, Research Operations. The Assistant Dean for Research will work closely with the Associate Dean for Research, College leadership and research administration staff to advance and support the research mission of the College, oversee training programs and workshops, the pre award approval process, compliance, and activities of the Dean's Research Advisory Council.

The successful candidate will be a tenured faculty member with a demonstrated record of research accomplishment. Desired attributes include excellent interpersonal and leadership skills, strong personal values, and a willingness to put the success of others before theirs. This will be a part time position (up to 0.5FTE).

Please go [here](#) for additional information about the position and the application process. (Log in using your NetID credentials, and click on Career Center." Search for "req546" to find this internal job posting.)



Associate Vice President Ratje FINANCE, ADMIN. & OPERATIONS UPDATES



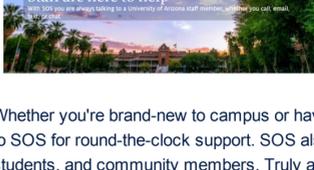
Winter Budget and Planning Retreat

On January 14, thirty-seven leaders from CALS and Cooperative Extension attended the Winter Budget and Planning Retreat. These meetings are held twice each year to share and plan. This year, all colleges on campus are facing serious financial questions. Due to increased taxes and a mid-year budget reallocation implemented by the UA, budgets in CALS and Extension have been and will be significantly impacted for at least the next two fiscal years. Leaders across the division will be responding with the strategic goals firmly in mind.

Please view the retreat's agenda, presentation, and other materials [here](#). NetID login is required.

Upcoming Events

- March 10-12**
[Range Livestock Nutrition Workshops in Benson, Prescott and Holbrook](#)
- April 2-3**
[GR Ideas Summit](#)
- April 9**
CALS Inaugural Scholarship Reception and Dinner



The SOS Program

What is SOS?
Support. Opportunity. Success. is for UA students who find themselves facing questions or issues and are unsure about where to go for help.

Whether you're brand-new to campus or have been around for a while, just reach out to SOS for round-the-clock support. SOS also supports UA staff, faculty, prospective students, and community members. Truly anyone can use SOS.

Where is SOS?
You can find staff at the Gallagher Theater in the Student Union, 10-3, M-F. Staff are available during normal business hours and during key times of the year will be available at extended hours.

Who Answers SOS Questions?
There are now 3 full time staff members and a graduate assistant who works directly with SOS, but the program has many more staff participants due to its collaborative nature. When you send SOS an e-mail, call or visit, your concern may be heard by just the SOS staff or topic experts around campus as we determine how best to help you.

- Text SOS to 97779
- Visit the website or chat with us at <https://sos.arizona.edu>
- Email: sos@email.arizona.edu

Why SOS?
We want the University of Arizona to be a welcoming environment to all students and believe there is a place and fit for every Wildcat. Each student's path to success will look different, but they have the opportunity to thrive here. We want to help all students figure out what being a Wildcat looks like for them. Sense of belonging is enhanced when students know that there is someone who can answer any question they may have, who they can turn to, and what resources they have access to at their university. We have free materials on SOS, growth mindset, and sense of belonging for you to share with students, staff and faculty. If you are interested in promotional materials, or a presentation please fill out this Qualtrics survey: https://uazipsona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zROuTDH6jxnwh

In the News

[Why Parents Should Be Cautious When Using Household Disinfectants](#)
Consumer Reports

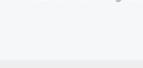
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Science Friday

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