In Brief: Donation for Citations, UA Cares extended, LGBTQ+ cultural logo, latest articles on The Conversation

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Pay your parking fines with cereal and milk

You can clear up a parking citation and help fight hunger once again this semester through Parking & Transportation Service’s biannual Donation for Citations campaign. The effort allows people to pay off eligible citations by donating food items to the Campus Pantry. The fall 2022 campaign runs through Friday.

“We’re happy to partner with the Campus Pantry again this year with our Donation for Citations campaign,” said Jim Sayre, executive director of Parking & Transportation Services. “The goal of the pantry is to reduce food insecurities in the Wildcat community and we’re proud to support that effort.”

Citations of $50-$60 can be paid off with a donation of one 19-ounce cereal box and one 32-ounce container of non-refrigerated soy or almond milk. Citations of $85-$95 can be cleared with two boxes of cereal and two containers of milk.

Those who want to participate can book an appointment to do so online.

Last year, more than 2,150 pounds of food were collected during the fall and spring semesters.

The UA Cares Campaign has been extended

University President Robert C. Robbins has announced that UA Cares, the University’s annual workplace giving campaign, has been extended through Nov. 11. The campaign, which began Sept. 30, was originally slated to end on Nov. 4.

“This year’s campaign has been historic in the sense that we sponsored over 100 service projects and have increased employee awareness of community needs,” said Nick Hilton, assistant director in the Office of Government and Community Relations and coordinator of UA Cares: “That’s pretty neat and I get the feeling that folks appreciate the extra opportunity to get involved in making the world better.”

Donors can choose to have their gifts support any department, college, program or initiative through the University of Arizona Foundation or local nonprofit organizations through the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. Employees can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring payroll deduction through UAccess using the UA Cares tile on the employee homepage. Community members who don’t use UAccess can donate online at any time.

Read more about the campaign on the UA@Work website.

University unveils LGBTQ+ cultural logo

The University has released its fifth cultural logo, this time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. The launch was timed to coincide with National LGBT History Month in October.

Like the other logos, the LGBTQ+ version features the shape of the Arizona Wildcat head made up of dozens of icons representing the LGBTQ+ community. The logo will be featured on branded merchandise that will soon be available at University BookStores. Sales of that merchandise will help benefit the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in the Student Union Memorial Center.

The logo joins previously released Hispanic Heritage, Native American Heritage, Asian, Pacific Islander and Desi American Heritage and Black History cultural logos.

Read about social media misinformation and speaking slippups on The Conversation

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Experts grade Facebook, TikTok, Twitter, YouTube on readiness to handle midterm election misinformation

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Dam Hee Kim, assistant professor, Department of Communication

Oct. 24, 2022
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Cecile McKee, professor, Department of Linguistics

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