In Brief: Staff Council forum, Giving Day record, Outstanding Faculty Awards

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Robbins, Arnold to speak at Staff Council forum

University President Robert C. Robbins and interim Chief Financial Officer John Arnold will take part in a Feb. 27 forum being held by the University of Arizona Staff Council. The hybrid meeting will take place in the Health Sciences Innovation Building and on Zoom. Registration is required[1] for in-person and online participation.

Robbins and Arnold will discuss and answer questions about the next steps in the University's financial action plan[2]. The forum will be moderated by Melanie Madden, Staff Council chair and program manager for curricular affairs in Academic Administration.

The meeting will take place from 3:30-5 p.m. Those who register can submit questions in advance. A similar forum, attended by University leaders and shared governance representatives, was held Jan. 29.

The Staff Council is a shared governance organization that represents University Staff and Classified Staff. The council meets via Zoom[3] the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year. Meetings are open to all employees.

More information about the Staff Council can be found on the council's website[4]. Anyone interested in becoming a Staff Council representative can apply online[5]. Those who want more information can contact Madden[6].

Giving Day donors set a record

The University of Arizona Foundation is celebrating its most successful Giving Day[7] yet, with donors from all 50 states contributing more than $5.7 million to hundreds of University causes. The more than 1,900 gifts included participation from 176 first-time donors.

"Thank you to the campus community for participating in Giving Day 2024," said Krista Voth, director of annual giving at the University of Arizona Foundation. "It was inspiring to see so many faculty and staff contribute not only by giving but by sharing the campaign on social media and working behind the scenes to help make the day a success."

Giving Day, held on Feb. 14 this year, is an annual 24-hour fundraising initiative during which donors can make gifts to any University of Arizona Foundation fund. This year marked the fourth Giving Day and the first to be connected to the $3 billion Fuel Wonder fundraising campaign, which launched its public phase[8] in November.

Those who still wish to make donations[9] can do so online.

University to honor outstanding faculty

The Office of the Provost will hold the annual Outstanding Faculty Awards[10] ceremony on Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. at Crowder Hall in the School of Music.

Dozens of faculty members will be honored at the ceremony, including new Regents Professors, University Distinguished Professors and University Distinguished Outreach Faculty.

"The Outstanding Faculty Awards recognize our faculty for their achievements and contributions to our students and community," said Ronald W. Marx, interim senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Their service to teaching, research and mentorship helps further the University's legacy of excellence in education and exploration. Congratulations to our esteemed faculty."

This event is free and open to everyone. RSVPs are appreciated[11], but not required. Colleges and units can find information, images and social media assets to promote the event[12] in a toolkit created by Presidential Events and University Ceremonies.

Learn more about the newest Regents Professors[13] in a story on the University news website. Learn more about the other honorees[14] on the Outstanding Faculty Awards website.

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